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# Welcome to First Presbyterian Church- Lynchburg, VA

Whether you are at First Presbyterian for the first time, a repeat visitor, or a long-time member...

Whether you are familiar with reformed traditions or find some of it a bit different...

Whether you grew up Presbyterian or Baptist or Episcopalian or Lutheran or Methodist or Jewish or Agnostic...

Whether you are in search of comfort or wanting to be challenged...

Whatever reason brought you to worship today, you are welcome here. As God's children and Jesus' disciples, we believe it is important to take seriously God's commandment and Jesus' teachings to love God, love one another, and love our neighbors. We don't all look alike, act alike, or think alike. We don't all read the Bible the same way. We bring different questions and carry different burdens. Still, every Sunday we are called by God to worship together as one unified community. Our worship style is traditional and true to our Reformed heritage. At the same time, we seek to bring our faith into conversation with the world around us and the events of our lives. We do our best to sing with joy and pray with honesty. Hospitality is important, and friendship is holy. That's why we gather for fellowship, cookies, and lemonade in the Narthex after worship. We hope you will join us in sharing the love, joy, and peace of Christ with one another during this time.

If you're looking for a perfect church, although there are many wonderful things happening in the life and ministries of First Presbyterian, perfect is not in the cards. We're real people. We do the very best we can, but we don't always get it right. We understand how much we all need grace in our lives. And we believe that God's love, which never gives up and never let's go, is for everyone. We truly believe this a place for all God's children to be a part of celebrating God's grace and inspiring the next generation for Christ.

Run the Race, Fight the Fight, Keep the Faith,

Rev. Dr. Peter Thompson

## Building Hospitality

Our building is a wonderful resource. It can also feel like a labyrinth when you are learning your way around. A few key locations may be helpful to you: Accessible Restrooms can be located down the main hallway from the Foyer. The Elevator is also located down the main hallway from the Foyer. The Nursery is located on the ground floor just outside the elevator. In addition to locations, there are two supports available to worship participants should they be needed: Hearing-assist devices and Large Print Hymnals can be found in the Narthex. Ushers are available and willing to assist you in finding your way or answering other questions. Wayfinding signs are also posted at all intersections throughout the building.

## Welcoming Children

Just as Jesus welcomes the little children to come, so we welcome children of all ages in worship. We believe we are better when all members of God's family are included! In order to make the worship service as welcoming for our littlest ones as possible, we provide worship carts with a variety of resources to make a worship bag. After the children's moment, 4 years to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade aged children are invited to participate in worship workshop in room 101 or stay for the remainder of worship. It is always a joy to have your children and all the wiggles, giggles, questions, noises, and insights they bring. If you have any questions about how to enhance your child's worship experience, or if you're looking to get involved with our children's ministries, please contact Dr. Marcia Thom-Kaley ([marcia@fpcly.org](mailto:marcia@fpcly.org)) or Catherine Adams ([communications@fpcly.org](mailto:communications@fpcly.org)).

## Interested in joining?

If you'd like to be here in a more official capacity, you are invited to join First Presbyterian as a member. Everyone who is part of our community is treated the same. Joining isn't about special treatment, but rather about a commitment you make to following Jesus alongside others trying to do the same. New member gatherings take place throughout the year based on interest. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Rev. Dr. Peter Thompson ([peter@fpcly.org](mailto:peter@fpcly.org)) or Alex Collier ([alex@fpcly.org](mailto:alex@fpcly.org)).

# Service of the Lord's Day

August 13, 2023

*From the beginning of the early church, God's people have met to worship on the first day of the week, the day Christ Jesus rose from the dead. We **gather** to praise the Triune God, confess our sin, and seek God's grace. We **hear** the good news of the gospel and are invited to **respond** to that good news in prayer, mission, offering, and celebrating the Lord's Supper. We are **sent** forth to glorify God through the service of daily living.*

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

**All are invited to join together in saying liturgy printed in bold.**

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Adagio

F. Mendelssohn

*Cory Whittier, Director of Music and Organist*

## Welcome and Announcements

**\*Hymn #461: God is Here!**

Abbot's Leigh

God is here! As we Your people meet to offer praise and prayer,  
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts  
Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;  
Here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,  
Here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold,  
Here, as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore  
What it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt  
Keep us faithful to the gospel, help us work Your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;  
We, who cannot live without You, We adore you! We believe!

## Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

**Loving God, we want to be faithful followers of Christ in our hearts; please forgive our disobedience. We want to be faithful followers of Christ in our actions; please forgive our bad choices. We want to be faithful followers of Christ in our words; please forgive the mean things we say. We want to be faithful followers of Christ throughout our lives; help us, God, to be more loving to you and all your children everywhere.**

## Silent Prayer of Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation; the old life has gone and a new life has begun.

All: **In Christ, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

Hymn #579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

**\*Affirmation of Faith: Romans 8:1, 28, 38-39**

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

### **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**Children's Moment**

Catherine Adams

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament Reading:** 1 Samuel 3:1-18

(pew Bible OT, p. 247)

**"Age is but a Number"**

Rev. Dr. Peter Thompson

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**Commissioning of College Students**

**Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer**

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory**

**Just as I Am, Without One Plea**

C. Elliott

*Terry Zatrepalek, Marcia Thom-Kaley, Soloists*

*Just as I am, without one plea but that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!*

*Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!*

*Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!*

*Just as I am, Thy love unknown has broken every barrier down;  
Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!*

**\*Doxology**

Hymn #592

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

## WE GO OUT IN GOD'S SERVICE

### \*Hymn #525: Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

#### Chorus

Here am I, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

#### Chorus

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide, Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give My life to them, Whom shall I send?

#### Chorus

### \*Benediction

*May today there be peace within. May you trust that you are exactly where you are meant to be.  
May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith in yourself and others.  
May you use the gifts that you have received and pass on the love that has been given to you.  
May you be content with yourself just the way God has created you.  
Let this knowledge settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance,  
praise and love. It is there for each and every one of us.*

### Postlude

#### Rondeau

J. Mouret

*Cory Whittier, Director of Music and Organist*

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*We encourage all to share the love, joy, and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ with one another. All are also encouraged to join in the Foyer for lemonade and cookies.*

*The rosebud on the communion table is given to the glory of God in celebration of the birth of Josephine Mae "Josie" Burks on July 5, 2023. Her parents are Carrie & Sam Burks. Grandpa is Jody Sprinkle (Director of Facilities here at FPCLY).*



**Vision:** Draw Near to God

**Mission:** Celebrate God's Grace and Inspire the Next Generation for Christ

*Worship Joyfully. Grow Spiritually. Love Boldly. Serve Faithfully.*

## This Week at First Presbyterian Church

For a full calendar listing and more information, please visit our website [www.fpclly.org](http://www.fpclly.org).

### Sunday, August 13

9:30 am      Worship (College Commissioning)  
10:45 am      Lemonade and Cookies

### Monday, August 14

*FPC Weekday School teacher work week begins*

2:00 pm      Canterbury Crew  
7:00 pm      Scouts - Troop 7

### Tuesday, August 15

*Foley-Baker organ installation in the Sanctuary & Narthex*

11:30 am      *Embracing Grief: Renewing Joy* class  
7:00 pm      Scouts - Troop 49

### Wednesday, August 16

*Foley-Baker organ installation in the Sanctuary & Narthex*

12:30 pm      Al-Anon Meeting

### Thursday, August 17

*Foley-Baker organ installation in the Sanctuary & Narthex*

### Friday, August 18

*Foley-Baker organ installation in the Sanctuary & Narthex*

### Saturday, August 19

*Foley-Baker organ installation in the Sanctuary & Narthex*

### Sunday, August 20

9:30 am      Worship  
10:45 am      Lemonade and Cookies  
12:00 pm      Session Meeting

### ***Embracing Grief: Renewing Joy* - Tuesdays at 11:30am**

If you have experienced the loss of a loved one (whether it's been in the last couple of weeks or last couple of years), this class is an opportunity to embrace your grief with the support and encouragement of others walking on the same journey. This 13-week class is led by FPCLY's Parish Associate, Rev. Nancy Dawson, who has experienced her own grief in recent years. The class is enhanced by professional videos discussing the grief response, small group conversations around personal experiences, and individual study using a workbook.

To join the class or ask any questions, please contact Nancy at [nancy@fpclly.org](mailto:nancy@fpclly.org) or (804) 399-9545.

### **Notes for Today's Worship**

#### **Worship Leader:**

Martin Knight

#### **Ushers and Greeters:**

Dickie Stowers, Becky & Caskie Giles, and other FPCLY community members

#### **Worship Workshop Leaders:**

Rebekah and Michael Trexler

#### **Sound and Video Technicians:**

Diane Stroud & Catherine Adams

#### **Lemonade and Cookies:**

Diane Stroud & Gwen Maddox

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#### **Pastor on Call:**

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#### **Members Helping Members**

##### **August:**

Sally deNiord (434) 384-8153

Diane Stroud (434) 384-8607 or  
(434) 485-3712

#### **Prayer Cares and Concerns**

If you have a prayer request to share with the pastor or staff, you can write it on the blue prayer card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate (or the prayer box off the front hallway) or share your request online at [fpclly.org/ministries/care-nurture.html](http://fpclly.org/ministries/care-nurture.html).

## Connect with us!

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## Partner with God by Giving to FPCLY

1. Place your gift in the offering plate today.
2. Mail a check to FPCLY, 1215 V.E.S. Road, Lynchburg, VA 24503
3. Use a credit card online at [fpcly.org](http://fpcly.org).
4. Download and use the *Vanco Mobile Faith* App on your phone.
5. Set up an automatic bank draft or bill pay.

# Worship, Grow, Love, Serve

## ***Fearless: a weekday Bible study starting August 23 and 24***

Fear comes in many different shapes, sizes and forms, and the truth is we all fear something or someone. Scripturally, the phrase “do not fear” or “do not be afraid” appears enough for us to have a daily reminder; however, being fearless is difficult. Let’s talk about it in an honest and truthful way guided by the presence of the Holy Spirit, God’s word, and excerpts from *Fearless: Imagine Your Life Without Fear* by Max Lucado.

- *Immerse Bible Study*, Wednesdays starting August 23 at 10:00am
- *Colin Caldwell Men’s Bible Study*, Thursdays starting August 24 at 7:00am

## **First Pres Presents Concert Series Kicks Off on August 26 @ 4:00pm**

For the first FPP concert, we will serve as hosts for the *Seven Hills Chamber Music Festival*. This amazing group of young and talented musicians will share a bounty of works in small groups and as solos in a performance entitled *Powerful Passages*. This concert, free and open to the public, will feature the works of Mendelssohn, Beethoven, Frank Bridge, and a world premiere of *Achilles Heel* by Evan Fein.

## **Spark Sunday coming soon – September 10**

Mark your calendars because it’s almost time to begin a NEW program year! *We look forward to Sunday School classes for all ages and Walk with God returning to Sunday programming on September 10<sup>th</sup>.*

## **Back to School Season is here!**

Many from our community will begin the transition into the new school year in the days and weeks ahead. We ask your prayers for teachers, administrators, bus drivers, support staff, parents, and students and all education personnel as they return to the rhythm to getting up early, riding yellow buses, class schedules, after school activities, and all that life sends their way in between. *If you are on school or administrative staff, we are praying for you! If you are a parent or student, we are praying for you too!*

Shared below are the dates that our central Virginia students will return to the classroom for your prayers.

**August 14**—Bedford County Schools, New Covenant Rhetoric School (High School), and Blue Ridge Montessori School

**August 15**—Lynchburg City Schools

**August 16**—New Covenant Grammar and Middle Schools, Campbell County Schools, Liberty Christian Academy, and Amherst County Schools

**August 21**—FPC Weekday, St. John's Preschool, & Peakland Preschool and Liberty University, Sweet Briar College, & Central Virginia Community College

**August 23**—James River Day School

**August 24**—University of Lynchburg and Randolph College

**August 28**—Virginia Episcopal School

\*\*\*Many of our church family college students will begin their school years at various points throughout the month. Let us pray continuously for them.\*\*\*

***Walk with God*** will not meet during August!





# College Cares Ministry

## 2023-2024

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| <i>ABIGAIL MCALLISTER</i> | <i>SWEET BRIAR COLLEGE</i>                             |
| <i>BETSY MOHNKERN</i>     | <i>UNIVERSITY OF LYNCHBURG</i>                         |
| <i>BRADEN JAROSZ</i>      | <i>LIBERTY UNIVERSITY</i>                              |
| <i>CECE CONSTANTINO</i>   | <i>SWEET BRIAR COLLEGE</i>                             |
| <i>HANNAH LAMBACH</i>     | <i>RANDOLPH COLLEGE</i>                                |
| <i>KATIE GRUSH</i>        | <i>SWEET BRIAR COLLEGE</i>                             |
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