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Worship... Service of the Lord's Day

February 12, 2023

Whatever brought you to worship today, know that you are welcome and loved.

Building Hospitality: Our building is a wonderful resource. It can also feel like a labyrinth when you are learning your way around. Ushers are available and willing to assist you in finding your way to restrooms, elevator, or nursery. Wayfinding signs are also posted at all intersections. Hearing-assist devices and large print hymnals are also available in the Narthex for any who may need this assistance.

Welcoming Children: Just as Jesus welcomes the little children to come, so we welcome children of all ages in worship. In order to make worship as welcoming for our little ones as possible, worship carts are available with a variety of resources to create a worship bag to take to your seat. After the Children's Moment, children 4 years old through 2nd grade are invited to participate in Worship Workshop in room 101 or stay for the remainder of worship. If needed, Nursery (in Room 8) is available for children 3 and under.

**Those who are able, please stand.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude	Andante Religioso from Sonata No. 4	F. Mendelssohn
Choral Introit	This is the Day	D. Moore
Welcome and Announcements		
*Hymn #430: Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!		Darwall's 148 th

Come sing, O church, in joy. Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now And praise the Lord!

Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme
Empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now
And praise the Lord!

Let courage be our friend, let wisdom be our guide,
As we in mission magnify the Crucified!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now
And praise the Lord!

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed O'er the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now
And praise the Lord!

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge that we are often more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove all the obstacles preventing us from being your faithful representatives to a broken world and awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name.

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: Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A's 60-61

I am righteous before God only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Without any merit of my own, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, and as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is accept this gift with a believing heart. When I say that through faith alone I am righteous, it is not because I please God by the worthiness of my faith. It is because only Christ's satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness make me righteous before God, and because I can accept this righteousness and make it mine in no other way than through faith.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Catherine Adams

Choral Anthem

Day by Day

M. How

*Day by day, dear Lord, of the three things I pray:
To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
follow thee more nearly, day by day.*

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading: Micah 6:6-8

(pew Bible OT, p.866)

"Do. Love. Walk. Faithfully"

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

Offertory

Beck/Courtney

Braden Jorosz, Soloist

*With what shall I come before the Lord, And bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, Shall I come before Him with yearling calves?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, With ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give my first-born for my transgressions, The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
He has shown you, O man, He has shown you what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you But to do justice and to love kindness,
And to walk humbly with your God?*

***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 #421: The Church of Christ in Every Age**

Wareham Lm

The church of Christ, in ev'ry age beset by change but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage, and keep on rising from the dead.

Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry
For shelter and for bread to eat, and never live until they die.

Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.

For Christ alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood,
And teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.

We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord,
to care for all, without reserve, and spread Christ's liberating word.

***Benediction**

***Choral Amen**

***Postlude**

Toccata from Suite Gothique

L. Boellmann

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 Narthex for lemonade and cookies before participating in one of the many spiritual growth opportunities available for all ages.

Worship, Grow, Love, Serve

Youth & College Cares Activities - TODAY, Sunday, February 12 @ 11:45 a.m.

Middle Schoolers will meet in Room 126 for lunch and outreach activities for folks in the Lynchburg community. **High Schoolers and College-aged young adults** will meet in the Fellowship Hall for an intergenerational lunch and a lesson in crepe making with FPC's *Presbyterian Women*.

First Pres Presents Fine Art Series Concert - Saturday, February 18th @ 4:00 p.m.

We welcome the Liberty University Chamber Singers, one of the premier chamber choral ensembles in Virginia, into the Sanctuary for a diverse program of choral works from composers like Copland, Jasperse, Leavitt, and McCarthy. This concert is free and open to the public. A free-will offering will be received at the concert's conclusion.

Ash Wednesday Services – Wednesday, February 22 @ 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the 40-day (excluding Sundays) Lent season. This is a day that we acknowledge our individual and collective humanity, our need for repentance, and our need to refocus our lives on God as we prepare for the hope and mercy of Easter.

Fellowship Potluck Dinner – Wednesday, February 22 @ 5:30 p.m.

Come to the Fellowship Hall for a time of fellowship and good food! Please bring a favorite dish (entrée, side, or dessert) to share, as you are able! Contact Alex Collier, Director of Outreach, for more information.

Coldest Night of the Year Walk – Saturday, February 25th @ 5:00 p.m.



We are honored to again partner with Miriam's House by hosting a team in the *Coldest Night of the Year* walk. This is a nation-wide event to raise awareness (and funds) for local organizations working to end homelessness. If you would like to join the FPC team and walk (2k and 5k options available) or support our team financially scan the QR code to the left with your phone camera. You can also contact Alex Collier for more details!

Malawi Trip – June 2023

Interested in hearing more about our partnerships in Malawi and/or the group trip there in late June?

Reach out to Alex Collier (alex@fpcly.org) or Bill Perkins (wwbillperkins@gmail.com) for more information! We will be booking plane tickets in the coming weeks, so we'd love to hear if you have an interest in going!

You're Invited to Host "Lemonade and Cookies!"

We LOVE the opportunity to stay after worship and visit with folks while enjoying lemonade and cookies. It's a great way to connect and engage with others! We cannot do it without the hospitable hands of this community. If you would like to lend a hand as a host one Sunday, sign up using the QR code to the right or contact the church office.



**** Please view the calendar at www.fpcly.org or call the church office for more information. ****

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