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Worship... Transfiguration of the Lord

February 19, 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

Prelude on "Nettleton"

C. Christiansen

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Rise and Shine! and Peace like a River
FPCLY Sunday School Kids; Russ Hovda, Bass

Prayer of the Day

***Hymn #376: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

Hyfrydol

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit, let us find the promised rest;
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ we behold your transforming light, yet we continue to live in darkness. Preoccupied with ourselves, we fail to see your work in the world. We speak when we should listen; we act when we should reflect. Forgive us, God. Empower us to live in your light and to walk in your ways for the sake of him who is the light of the world, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

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 power, 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

Choral Anthem

Fairest Lord Jesus

C. Schalk

*Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O Thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.
Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, Robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, Who makes the woeful heart to sing.
Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, And all the twinkling starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer Than all the angels heav'n can boast.
All fairest beauty, heavenly and earthly, Wondrously, Jesus, is found in Thee;
None can be nearer, fairer or dearer, Than Thou, my Savior, art to me.
Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be Thine.
and I shall keep it unto the end.*

New Testament Reading: Mark 11:15-18

(pew Bible NT, p.47-48)

"Love and Reconciliation"

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Minute for Education

**Call to Offering
Offertory Anthem**

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J. S. Bach

Harrison Reed, Soloist

*Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
Holy wisdom, love most bright
Drawn by Thee our souls aspiring
Soar to uncreated light
Word of God, our flesh that fashioned.
With the fire of life impassioned.
Striving still to truth unknown
Soaring, dying round Thy throne*

***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 #434: Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples**

Kingsfold

Today we are all called to be disciples of the Lord,
To help to set the captive free, Make plow share out of sword,
To feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast,
To serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.

God made the world and at its birth ordained the human race
To live as stewards of the earth, responding to God's grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud, we sow not peace but strife,
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud that threatens all of life.

Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream,
With righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease,
A world that was created for a harmony of peace.

May we in service to our God act out the living Word,
And walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord
To God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.

***Benediction and Choral Benediction**

***Postlude**

Postlude on "God of Grace, and God of Glory"

P. Manz

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.

*Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory and celebration of the life of
Mary Amelia "Amy" Basten Heppner.*

Worship, Grow, Love, Serve

Session Meeting - Today @ 12:00 p.m. (Officers' Room)

Fellowship Potluck Dinner – THIS Wednesday, February 22nd @ 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 (alex@fpclly.org), Director of Outreach, for more information.

FPCLY is Hosting the LYH Junior League Blood Drive – Saturday, February 25th

We're thankful to have the building space to share with groups in our community. Next weekend, we will host the Lynchburg Junior League as they partner with the Red Cross for a lifesaving blood drive. There are a few more donation spots remaining from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you're interested and eligible to donate blood, head to redcrossblood.org to sign up.

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

Sign up by Wednesday, February 22!



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 or contact Alex Collier for more details!

FPC Weekday School Jersey Mike's Fundraiser – Tuesday, February 28th from 5 – 8 p.m.

Support the First Presbyterian Weekday School with an easy dinner from Jersey Mike's at 3901 Old Forest Road! The restaurant will donate 15% of all sales (dine in or take out) during the 5 – 8 p.m. time window to the Weekday School. This fundraiser will support the teachers and staff in their efforts to provide a kind, loving educational experience for children to learn and grow!

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 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.



If you're interested, but not sure how it works, let us know and we will connect you to a veteran Lemonade and Cookie host!

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

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