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Worship... Service of the Lord's Day

January 1, 2023

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Children are welcome and encouraged to remain in Worship. If needed, Nursery (in Room 8) is available for children 3 and under. Please ask an usher or greeter if you need any assistance locating the Nursery.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude **Prelude No. 5, Op. 101** C. V. Stanford

Choral Introit **Nowell** English Carol

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn 361: How Firm A Foundation** Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you are indeed the firmest foundation in which to build our lives. You are stronger. You are greater. You are higher. You are more than any other. And even though we know that and say that here and now, we still have a tendency to get distracted and place our allegiances in other lesser people and lesser things. Have mercy on us and forgive us, God, for not trusting you with our whole hearts and for not leaning on you for all good things. As we start this new year, we pray for all that you are to be at the core of who you have created us to be and that we make walk faithfully with you in all we say and all we do.

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: The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, p. 14

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Marcia Thom-Kaley

Preschoolers–2nd graders are invited to participate in a combined Worship Workshop experience in Room 101 to learn more about the practices and purposes of worship.

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

(pew Bible NT, p.174)

“Lean on Me”

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Minute for Education

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

J. S. Bach

*Break forth, O beauteous heav'nly light,
And usher in the morning;
Ye shepherds, shrink not with affright,
But hear the angel's warning.
This child, now weak in infancy,
Our confidence and joy shall be,
The power of Satan breaking,
Our peace eternal making.*

***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 379: My Hope is Built on Nothing Less**

Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand:
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]

His oath, His covenant, his blood, support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found:
dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. [Refrain]

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction**

Postlude

Venite!

J. Leavitt

We encourage all to share the love, joy, and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ with one another.

We are all Ministers

Whether you have been active in the life and ministries of FPC for 20+ years in a row, have taken a break for a while, or are new to the area, your God-given gifts and talents are wanted and needed. The heartbeat of ministry in God's church is the people who give of their time, energy, and resources. Whether it is serving in mission, teaching a class, shepherding children, leading worship, hosting a reception, ushering or serving on a committee, there are openings for you to engage.

Worship, Grow, Love, Serve

Walk with God - Today @ 4:00 p.m.

Leaders are Noel and Bob Thomas

Devotion and 45-minute walk on Peakland Place - All levels of walkers are welcome!!

Weekly Bible Study- "Singing Our Theology: A Study of Hymns"

Leader is Rev. Dr. Peter Thompson

Immerse Bible Study- Wednesdays @ 10 a.m.- Library or Zoom

Join Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87119305941?pwd=aXJhSjJLMERSdlluRXBvdTBZVmpPUT09>,

Meeting ID: 871 1930 5941, Passcode: 687683

Colin Caldwell Men's Bible Study- Thursdays @ 7 a.m.- Library or Zoom

Join Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84027169088?pwd=ZG44MDFuV3ptTVZDWW1JS1BWeDIFdz09>,

Meeting ID: 840 2716 9088, Passcode: 883182

Education Classes Resume - Sunday, January 8 @ 11:00 a.m.

Get ready for Sunday and weekday education opportunities to return! On Sunday, January 8, all classes for adults, youth, and children will be back up and running. We look forward to hallways and classrooms filled with life, laughter, and love as we discover, learn, and grow together! More information is coming soon!

Malawi Trip

Planning has started for a trip to Malawi in mid to late June 2023 to visit with and learn from our partnering churches and organizations there. If you are interested in learning more about what that trip will look like reach out to Alex Collier (alex@fpcl.org) or Bill Perkins (wwbillperkins@gmail.com).

Session Meeting- Sunday January 15 @ 12:00 p.m. in the Officer's Room

There will be a stated session meeting held in the Officer's Room on Sunday the 15th of January at noon. Please have all initiative and committee meeting minutes handed in to the Clerk of Session by January 10.

The Church Offices will be closed on Monday January 2, 2023.

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

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