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Worship... Service of the Lord's Day

January 22, 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

Priere

L. Boellmann

Choral Introit

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Beethoven

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn 389: O Jesus, I Have Promised**

Nyland

O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near:
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
But, Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, Thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee
That where Thou art in glory there shall Thy servant be.
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved one another or our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy 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: Colossians 1:15-20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Catherine Adams

Choral Anthem

Heavenly Light

A. Kopylow/Wilhousky

*Sent from heaven, thy rays were given on great and small to shine, O light Divine!
May each soul in sorrow's night see the heavenly light!
Thou blessing all creation, lead us to our salvation!
All those whose feet may falter, lead unto the sacred altar!
Oh, shine from above, Divine light of love! Show us the way unto our God, we pray!
Thou our beacon and guide shalt be! Light Divine, we praise Thee!*

New Testament Reading: 1 John 4:1-6

(pew Bible NT, p.240-241)

"Champions of THE Cause"

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

In Christ Alone
Marcia Thom-Kaley, Soloist

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*In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All Here in the love of Christ I stand.
In Christ alone! - who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid Here in the death of Christ I live.
There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine Bought with the precious blood of Christ
No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.
On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand.*

***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 435: We All Are One in Mission**

Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvoegelein

*We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission compels us from above
To plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.*

*We all are called for service to witness in God's name;
Our ministries are different, our purpose is the same:
To touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace
So every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.*

*Now let us be united and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word.
We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.*

***Benediction and Choral Benediction**

Postlude

Tuba Tune in D

C. S. Lang

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

***NEW* Sunday Class Offering now available @ 8:30 a.m. (Martin-Gifford Room)**

Class leaders are Katy and Chal Nunn

In this new class called *Coffee & Conversation*, we will dig into Jesus' call for us to love our enemies—what does it mean; how do we do it; why is it sometimes so hard; what is a culture of contempt; and how can we overcome contempt. This discussion-based book study will use Arthur Brooks' book, *Love Your Enemies*, as a foundational resource to ignite conversation. A copy of the book can be purchased on Amazon; if you need assistance getting the book, please contact Marcia. The coffee will always be hot and ready!

“Middle School Night Out!”- Wednesday, January 25 @ 5:30 p.m.

Basketball – Linkhorne vs Sandusky followed by dinner at Mi Patron. Please let Marcia know if you would like to join us! marcia@fpclly.org or (434) 610-7784.

Fellowship Potluck Dinner – Wednesday, January 25th @ 5:30 p.m.

Join us in 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 for more information.

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

We are honored to partner with Miriam's House by again hosting a team in the Coldest Night of the Year fundraiser 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 to support our team financially, contact Alex for more details!

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 of the community, into the wonderful singing space of the First Presbyterian Sanctuary. The group will present a varied program of impressive choral literature spanning the ages, under the direction of Dr. Wayne Kompelien. Admission is free and a free-will offering will be available.

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, hover your phone over the QR to the right and sign up!



Malawi Trip – June 2023

Thanks to those that joined us last week for the informational meeting. If you weren't able to join us and have questions, please reach out to Alex Collier or Bill Perkins. We are hoping to purchase plane tickets the first week of February for this trip in June.

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

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