



The flashbacks,
Make no callbacks.
The tears turned to ash,
Back on track.
This tiny flame
I claim.

Pulse reads strong,
Troubles long gone,
Grudges let go,
Replaced with inner glow.

The wound was a scar,
Now as a birthmark.
All is forgiven on my end of the storyline,
With this place roots intertwined,
Pure gold.
Forever told.
Forever hold.

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church- Lynchburg, VA

Whether you are returning to worship here at First Presbyterian Church of Lynchburg for the thousandth time or are here today for the first time, we pray you will feel welcome and at home. If you should have a need of any kind in which someone can help, please don't hesitate to ask an usher or greeter or fellow congregant. Someone would be happy to assist.

Note for families with Children: Children are welcome to stay and participate in worship, especially today as many children will be helping to lead worship. Whereas a time of worship workshop is normally offered following the children's moment, today there will be no worship workshop during this time. Should you need any additional support, the nursery is available for ages 0 to 3, the Children's Library is open with the service streamed live, and/or worship carts with learning and exploratory resources are available in the Narthex.

About today's worship experience: Over the past few months the children and youth of the church have been exploring God's light within themselves and today's worship experience is an expression and offering to God through their writings, prayers, and reflections. To begin today's service, William Lloyd Kittrell, III- a HS Senior at New Covenant School, lights the peace candle as a symbol of the journey to find and share God's light. A special thank you to members of the Education Initiative for the guidance they provided to the children and youth in preparation for today's worship.

<i>Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession</i>	<i>written by Ella Grace Thompson (4th Grade)</i>
<i>Assurance of Pardon</i>	<i>written by Leland Landes (HS Senior)</i>
<i>Affirmation of Faith</i>	<i>written by Aaron Dendy (HS Junior)</i>
<i>Bible Story for Children's Moment adapted from "The Jesus Storybook Bible," by Sally Lloyd-Jones</i>	
<i>Prayer for Illumination</i>	<i>written by Sam Thompson (4th Grade)</i>
<i>"The Glow"</i>	<i>written by Gracie Baldwin (8th Grade)</i>
<i>Minute for Mission</i>	<i>written by Rosa East (9th Grade) and William East (6th Grade)</i>
<i>Prayers of the People</i>	<i>written by Libbie Sommardahl (HS Junior)</i>
<i>Prayer of Dedication</i>	<i>written by Meredith Borel (5th Grade)</i>
<i>Benediction</i>	<i>written by Aaron Dendy</i>
<i>Bulletin Cover Design</i>	<i>illustrated by Gracie Baldwin</i>
<i>Ushers and Greeters</i>	<i>Taylor Cleland (9th Grade), Darby Byrne (7th Grade), Gracie Baldwin, Abbie Baldwin (8th Grade)</i>
<i>Carnations</i>	<i>Josie Milam (4th Grade), Lizzie Milam (4th Grade), Ella Grace Thompson, Virginia Baldwin (5th Grade), Meredith Borel, Sam Thompson</i>
<i>Mentors</i>	<i>Becky Giles, Elsie Howerton, Bob Thomas, Laura Crumbley, Barrett Thompson, Marcia Thom-Kaley, Peter Thompson</i>

*Chancel Flowers today are given by the College Cares Ministry to the glory of God,
in remembrance of Elaine Samples Lambach, Hannah Lambach's mother
and Anita Delene Messer McAllister, Abigail McAllister's mother,
and in honor of all mothers today, especially the mothers
of the children of FPCLY, our church's treasures.*

Service of the Lord's Day... Youth Sunday

May 14, 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

Call to Worship

William Lloyd Kittrell, III

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Prelude

May Song

Alle Vögel

Lizzie Milam- violin

"Jesus Loves Me"

Traditional

William Knight (Kindergarten), Abbie Ferrell (3rd Grade), Carrington Borel (2nd Grade) - bells

Choral Introit

"I've Got That Joy!"

G. W. Cooke

Children's Sunday School Choir

Welcome and Announcements

Barkley Cleland (5th Grade)

Presentation to Mothers

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!!

*Hymn: These Treasured Children

Puer Nobis

1. These treasured children present now, are
2. Our ancient story we shall tell, till
3. We long to trust as children do and
4. Come, Holy Spirit, help us be a
5. Then, tender God, each child embrace. God,

bound to us by sacred vow: with love, we make a
these our children know it well with in their souls and
so entrust our days to you. In their young lives we
nurture - building - community. Em - power us to
give them blessings, grant them grace. Sur - prise them, God, with

heart - felt claim to wel - come them in Je - sus' name.
minds and hearts, for this is where their jour - ney starts.
clearly see a les - son in hu - mil - i - ty.
re - al - ize God's king - dom through our chil - dren's eyes
won - ders still, and gen - tly guide them to your will.

Call to Confession

Charlie Landes (9th Grade)

God invites us all who love God, trust God, and worship God to open our secrets to God. Those parts of ourselves that we hide in shame, the worries we carry, the fear that robs us of God's peace. Bring it all to God, lay your burdens down, and pick up the light of grace.

Prayer of Confession

God of love and light, maker of our universe, and source of all joy... forgive our discontented hearts. Hear our cries of fear and doubt and replace them with joy and thanksgiving. Lead us from paths of selfish goals into the life song you need us to sing. Give us opportunities to exercise our strengths in grace, love, and forgiveness of our neighbors. Let us hold the light for those who are weary, those who are angry, and those who have lost their way. Give us courage to try again. Give us hope to see the world anew. Give our hearts fire to do your will. Father, accept our silent prayers that we send up from our hearts in this time of silence.

Assurance of Pardon

Gracie Baldwin

God loved us so much that God gave God's son, Jesus, and whoever believes in God will not suffer and will always be forgiven. God didn't send Jesus into the world to condemn us for our sins, but to save us from them. Just as God forgives us, we are called to forgive others with the same compassion and grace God shows us.

*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

Abbie Baldwin

Leader: Having confessed our sins before God and one another and having received the good news of God's faithful love and grace, let us now join together in affirming our faith in God using the following words written by Aaron Dendy.

All: We believe in the light of God that shines within each of us, revealing our true selves and guiding us on our journey of faith. We believe that God's light shines through us when we show compassion to those who are hurting, when we offer hope to those who are despairing, and when we stand up for justice and righteousness in a world that can be dark and oppressive. We believe that God's light shines through us when we welcome the stranger, care for the sick, and love our neighbors as ourselves. We believe that God's light shines through us when we use our gifts and talents to build up the body of Christ, and when we share the good news of God's love and grace with all whom we meet. May the light of Christ shine through us always, and may we be faithful witnesses to God's love and truth in the world. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Althea O'Brian (8th Grade), Cullen O'Brian (8th Grade), Rosa East

Choral Anthem

"Because"

S. Edwards

Althea O'Brian and Cullen O'Brian, soloists; Marcia Thom-Kaley, piano

*Because He walked with men, I know the way
Because He calmed the storm, I'm not afraid
Because He bowed beneath all things, He lifted me above
Because He shed His blood for me, I know His love*

*And I will praise forever the Savior of the world
And I will sing together with all the Saint on earth
Because He gave to me everything He had to give
I breathe, I see, I hope, I love, I live*

*Because He conquered death, I'll live again
Because He is my friend, I'll follow Him
Because He felt all grief and pain
He makes my burden sweet
And when He comes to earth again
I'll kneel before His Feet*

Prayer for Illumination

Alex Landes (6th Grade)

Dear God, let Your words guide us on our paths and keep us all safe. Please shine Your light through all of us. In Your name we pray. Amen

New Testament Readings: Mark 4:21-25
Luke 8:16-18
Matthew 5:14-16

Josie Milam
Virginia Baldwin
Lizzie Milam

“Called To Glow”

William Lloyd Kittrell, III

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

Barkley Cleland

*Gracious and loving God, we pray for our congregation. Please hold those who are sick, grieving, worried, or feeling down in your almighty arms. We are thankful for the opportunities to learn about your word in worship and in educational classes. We look forward to being involved in outreach with our neighbors. Watch over our community. Grant patience to the children and teachers who are working and learning. We are grateful for the community helpers who keep our city safe, and we ask you to guide leaders in our city, country, and world to make decisions that benefit all of your children. We ask this in your son’s name who taught us to pray... **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.***

Minute for Mission: IMPACT

Rosa East

Call to Offering

Barkley Cleland

In response to God’s good news and the many blessings God has bestowed on each of us, let us now joyfully give back to God, God’s tithes, and our offerings.

Offertory

Lord, Here am I
Sydney Wenger, soloist

J. N. Beck

*Master Thou callest I gladly obey,
Only direct me and I’ll find Thy way
Teach me the mission appointed for me,
What is my labor and where it shall be*

Refrain: Master Thou callest and this I reply, Ready and willing Lord here am I

*Willing my Savior to take up the cross,
Willing to suffer reproaches and loss
Willing to follow if Thou wilt but lead,
Only support me with grace in my need (refrain)*

*Living or dying I still would be Thine,
Yet I am mortal while Thou art divine
Pardon whenever I turn from the right,
Pity and bring me again to the light (refrain)*

***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**

Meredith Borel

God, you have given us so many gifts and talents to use as members of the body of Christ. We use them on the athletics field, in the classroom, in our homes, and the community. Help us to use these gifts to show others the good news of Jesus to our friends, family, and neighbors today and always. Amen.

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S SERVICE

***Hymn: This Little Light of Mine**

Traditional

1. This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine let it shine let it shine
2. Hide it under a bushel, no! I'm gonna let it shine
Hide it under a bushel, no! I'm gonna let it shine
Hide it under a bushel, no! I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine let it shine let it shine
3. Don't let Satan blow it out I'm gonna let it shine
Don't let Satan blow it out I'm gonna let it shine
Don't let Satan blow it out I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine let it shine let it shine
4. Let it shine till Jesus comes I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine till Jesus comes I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine till Jesus comes I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine let it shine let it shine

***Benediction**

William Lloyd Kittrell, III

May the light of God shine brightly through you, illuminating the path ahead and bringing hope and joy to all you encounter. May you be a beacon of love and compassion, reflecting the very essence of Christ to the world around you. As Gracie Baldwin wrote in her poem 'The Glow', may you find your 'inner glow', shining with the power of God's grace, and may your light inspire others to shine as well. May the Lord bless you and keep you and may the Lord's face shine upon you now and forevermore. Amen.

Postlude

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.

Sunday, May 14 – Youth Sunday & Mother’s Day

- 8:30 am Coffee & Conversation
- 9:30 am Worship
- 10:45 am Lemonade and Cookies
- 11:00 am Sunday School Classes
- 4:00 pm Walk with God

Monday, May 15

- 9:00 am FPC Weekday School
- 2:00 pm Canterbury Crew
- 6:00 pm College Cares
- 6:00 pm Scouts - Cub Pack 7
- 7:00 pm Scouts - Troop 7

Tuesday, May 16

- 9:00 am FPC Weekday School (Pre-K Graduation Day!)
- 7:00 pm Scouts - Troop 49

Wednesday, May 17

- 9:00 am FPC Weekday School (last day of school)
- 10:00 am Immerse Bible Study
- 12:30 pm Al-Anon

Thursday, May 18

- 7:00 am Colin Caldwell Men’s Bible Study

Sunday, May 21

- 8:30 am Coffee & Conversation
- 9:30 am Worship
- 10:45 am Lemonade and Cookies
- 11:00 am Sunday School Classes
- 12:00 pm Sister Stories Luncheon
- 4:00 pm Walk with God

Notes for Today’s Worship

Worship Leaders

First Pres Children and Youth

Ushers and Greeters:

First Pres Children and Youth

Video and Sound Technicians:

Ken Slusher and Peter Thompson

Lemonade and Cookies Host:

Diane Stroud

**We will not have worship workshop
this morning.**

Pastor on Call:

Peter Thompson (336) 269-7270

Members Helping Members

May:

Jenny Osinga (434) 426-1675

Marilyn Hartman (434) 665-7043

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 fpcly.org/ministries/care-nurture.html.

Connect with us!

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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.
4. Download and use the *Vanco Mobile Faith* App on your phone.
5. Set up an automatic bank draft or bill pay.

A Note from the Education Initiative:

- Spring Sunday School Classes will conclude NEXT Sunday, May 21!
- Immerse Bible Study will conclude this Wednesday, May 17 and Colin Caldwell Men's Bible Study will conclude this Thursday May 18.

Worship, Grow, Love, Serve

Sister Stories Luncheon – Sunday, May 21 @ 12:00pm – RSVP by Monday, May 15!

Let us break bread, learn about one another, and hear from guest speaker Rev. Dr. Nancy Dawson, Parish Associate at First Presbyterian Church, as she shares about her journey on multiple professional paths before finding a special home serving as a pastor. All are invited to this catered luncheon in the Fellowship Hall! The cost is \$10 to be collected at the door. *Sign up by May 15 on the sheet on the table off the main foyer, by calling the church, or using the QR code to the right.*



Potluck Fellowship Dinner – Wednesday, May 24 @ 5:30pm

Come to the Fellowship Hall for a time of fellowship and good food! Please bring a desired dish (entrée, side, or dessert) to share, as you are able! Contact Alex Collier (alex@fpcly.org), Director of Outreach, for details.

Lemonade and Cookies will continue throughout the summer!

We're excited to keep the post worship fellowship and celebration going throughout the summer months. 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 to serve one Sunday!* 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!



Vacation Bible School: Food Truck Party – June 5 – 9

We are looking forward to the *Food Truck Party* rolling into town for VBS in just a couple of weeks. We have 112 children, 17 youth helpers, and 60 volunteers signed up for a great week of faith and fun! Please be in prayer for this special week of education and outreach!



Bibles and Barbeque Thank You!

Many thanks to all who joined us in the back parking lot last Sunday afternoon! Because of the many folks who have contributed to the Bible Sponsorship Program, we were able to distribute 20 age-appropriate bibles to our children and youth. The Education and Worship Initiatives are a great team providing food and fellowship to all!

Check out ways YOU can partner with our Malawi Mission Team! The team of 10 will depart the US on June 20 and return in two groups – one on June 29 and the other on July 8!

- Pray for the team as they continue to make plans and preparations.
- Donate the following items for our partners (soccer balls, ball pumps and needles, construction paper, used laptop computers [limit of 20 total], used SMART cell phones, and ball point pens).
- Mark your calendar for June 25th for a virtual ZOOM call with the team while they are in Malawi. More details to come in the weeks ahead.

A Note from Personnel: The Rev. Dr. Peter Thompson will begin his Sabbatical of rest, renewal, and restoration Monday, May 22. His Sabbatical will continue through July 16.