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## Welcome to First Presbyterian Church-Lynchburg, VA

Today is Scout Sunday and as a church community we are grateful to be joined by all the scout leaders, scouts, and families of Cub Pack 7, Troop 7, and Troop 49. So much of scouting is built on the values and virtues embraced and taught through the church. See the bulletin cover for a list of those. For decades, First Presbyterian Church has partnered in ministry with scouting through the sharing of space, Eagle Scout projects, God and Country and PRAY classes, and of course, popcorn, cookie, and bake sale fundraisers. As we gather for worship today, we do so as ONE in celebration of the grace of God enabling our relationship to be everything it has become.

To all who are visiting this morning, know that it is a joy to be with you and I pray you know just how loved and important you are. You are loved by God unconditionally and you are a very important part of God's mission for the church in the world. Whether you are here today because of scouting or for some other reason, I pray you know you matter and are welcome here.

As God's children and Jesus' disciples here at First Presbyterian, we believe it is important to take seriously God's commandment and Jesus' teachings to love God, love one another, and love our neighbors. We don't all look alike, act alike, or think alike. We don't all read the Bible the same way. We bring different questions and carry different burdens. Still, every Sunday we are called by God to worship together as one unified community. Our worship style leans more traditional and seeks to remain true to our Reformed heritage. At the same time, we seek to bring our faith into conversation with the world around us and the events of our lives. We do our best to sing with joy and pray with honesty. Hospitality is paramount, and relationships with one another is holy. That's why we gather for fellowship, cookies, and lemonade in the Narthex after worship. We hope you will join us in sharing the love, joy, and peace of Christ with one another during this time.

If you're looking for a perfect church, although there are many wonderful things happening in the life and ministries of First Presbyterian, perfect is not in the cards. We're real people. We do the very best we can, but we don't always get it right. We understand how much we all need grace in our lives. And we believe that God's love, which never gives up and never let's go, is for everyone. We truly believe this a place for all God's children to be a part of celebrating God's grace and inspiring the next generation for Christ.

Run the Race, Fight the Fight, Keep the Faith, Rev. Dr. Peter Thompson

#### **Building Hospitality**

There are several supports available to worship participants should they be needed: Hearing-assist devices and Large Print Hymnals can be found in the Narthex; Ushers are available and willing to assist you in finding your way or answering other questions; Wayfinding signs are also posted at all intersections throughout the building.

#### **Welcoming Children**

Just as Jesus welcomes the little children to come, so we welcome children of all ages in worship. We believe we are better when all members of God's family are included! In order to make the worship service as welcoming for our littlest ones as possible, we provide worship carts with a variety of resources to make a worship bag. After the children's moment, 4 years to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade aged children are invited to participate in worship workshop in room 101 or stay for the remainder of worship. It is always a joy to have your children and all the wiggles, giggles, questions, noises, and insights they bring. If you have any questions about how to enhance your child's worship experience, or if you're looking to get involved with our children's ministries, please contact Dr. Marcia Thom-Kaley (marcia@fpcly.org) or Catherine Adams (communications@fpcly.org).

#### Interested in joining?

If you'd like to be here in a more official capacity, you are invited to join First Presbyterian as a member. Everyone who is part of our community is treated the same. Joining isn't about special treatment, but rather about a commitment you make to following Jesus alongside others trying to do the same. New member gatherings take place throughout the year based on interest. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Rev. Dr. Peter Thompson (peter@fpcly.org) or Alex Collier (alex@fpcly.org).

## **Scout Sunday**

February 11, 2024

\*Those who are able, please stand.

All are invited to join together in saying liturgy printed in bold.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude Prelude W. H. Harris

Cory Whittier, Director of Music and Organist

Choral Introit Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee Beethoven

Chancel Choir

**Welcome and Announcements** 

\*Hymn #343: Called as Partners in Christ's Service

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#### CELEBRATING PARTNERSHIP IN MINISTRY WITH SCOUTING

Litany of Scouting as a Partner in Ministry

Leader: Celebrating the glory of God,

All: we praise and honor God today by worshipping joyfully through singing,

proclaiming, and sharing the good news;

Leader: we celebrate God's grace,

All: the unmerited favor of God's goodness and generosity given to us for salvation

and true life:

Leader: we celebrate the call of God for us to inspire the next generation for Christ,

All: to be faithful disciples, teachers, and witnesses to God's word, will, and way.

Leader: Celebrating a joyful partnership in ministry with scouting,

All: we give thanks to God for opportunities of exploration, discovery, and growth:

Leader: opportunities to celebrate the call of God for all of us to be

All: trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty,

brave, clean, and reverent;

Leader: opportunities to celebrate the call of God for all of us

to honor our commitment to God and others,

All: to do our best, to do our duty, to help other people at all times,

and to help ourselves be physically fit, mentally awake, and morally straight.

Leader: We celebrate the role scouting plays to help develop necessary skills for life

All: through listening and learning, communication and collaboration,

experiment and experience;

while camping, canoeing, hiking, knot tying, serving, and team building.

Leader: We celebrate growth through individual and group accomplishments

All: recognized by badges, pins, awards, and stages climbed.

Leader: May God continue to empower and give favor to God's holy work through the joyful

partnership in ministry between First Presbyterian and scouting.

All: All praise, honor, and glory belong to God!

Leader: Let us now pray together...

All: Wonderful God, Give us clean hands, clean words, and clean thoughts.... Teach

us to work hard and to play fairly. Forgive us when we are unkind and help us to help others. Send us strength to do a good turn each day and help us to do your will in all areas of our life. We pray in the name of Jesus, the ultimate example of

how to faithfully fulfill God's will and way. Amen.

#### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment Catherine Adams

Choral Anthem Heavenly Light A. Kopylow/Wilhousky

Chancel Choir

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!

**Prayer for Illumination** 

New Testament Reading: Luke 5:1-11 (pew Bible NT, p.62)

"When We Have Jesus" Peter Thompson

#### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer** 

Minute for Scouting Erika Milhorn (Troop 49 Life Scout)

Call to Offering Offertory Anthem

#### **Sweet Little Jesus Boy**

R. MacGimsey

Marcia Thom-Kaley, soloist

Sweet little Jesus boy, born in a manger Sweet little Holy Child, we didn't know who You were Long time ago it seems You were born Born in a manager Lord, sweet little Jesus boy Didn't know You'd come to save us all To take our sins away
Our eyes were blind, we did not see We didn't know who You were You have shown us how And we are trying
Master You have shown us how Even as You were dying
This world treats You mean Lord Treats me mean too
But that's how things are done down here We didn't know it was You Didn't know You'd come to save us all To take our sins away
Our eyes were blind, we did not see We didn't know who You were

\*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 #399: We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

Dunlap's Creek

\*Benediction and Choral Amen

Postlude God of Grace, and God of Glory P. Manz

Cory Whittier, Director of Music and Organist

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The Chancel Flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of William W. Clarkson by Elizabeth Clarkson.



Vision: Draw Near to God

Mission: Celebrate God's Grace and Inspire the Next Generation for Christ

Worship Joyfully. Grow Spiritually. Love Boldly. Serve Faithfully.

# This Week at First Presbyterian Church

For a full calendar listing and more information, please visit our website www.fpcly.org

#### Sunday, February 11

9:00 am	Nursery	Care
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9:30 am Worship (Scout Sunday) 10:45 am Lemonade and Cookies 11:00 am Sunday School classes

12:00 pm College Cares4:00 pm Walk with God

#### Monday, February 12

9:00 am FPC Weekday School

10:00 am Presbyterian Women Horizon Circle

2:00 pm Canterbury Crew 6:00 pm Scouts – Cub Pack 7 7:00 pm Scouts – Troop 7

#### Tuesday, February 13

9:00 am FPC Weekday School 7:00 pm Scouts - Troop 49

#### Wednesday, February 14

9:00 am FPC Weekday School
10:00 am Immerse Bible Study
12:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service
12:30 pm Al-Anon meeting
6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service

### Thursday, February 15

7:00 am Colin Caldwell Men's Bible Study

9:00 am FPC Weekday School6:30 pm Chancel Ringers Rehearsal

7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

#### Friday, February 16

9:00 am FPC Weekday School

#### Sunday, February 18

9:00 am Nursery Care 9:30 am Worship

10:45 am Lemonade and Cookies 11:00 am Sunday School classes

12:00 pm College Cares 4:00 pm Walk with God

### **Notes for Today's Worship**

#### **Worship Leaders:**

Matt East and Frank Whitehouse

#### **Ushers and Greeters:**

Scouts (Cub Pack 7, Troop 7 & 49) Tom Capps, John Osinga, and Persis and John Tinsley

#### **Worship Workshop Leaders:**

Cameron and Sam Howe

#### **Sound and Video Technicians:**

Lloyd Agnew & Catherine Adams

#### **Lemonade and Cookies Hosts:**

Middle School Class

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#### **Pastor on Call:**

Rev. Dr. Peter Thompson (336) 269-7270

# Members Helping Members February:

Cathy Oakes (434) 384-9403 Betty Blue (434) 384-6420

#### **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/carenurture.html.

### Connect with us!

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## Partner with God by Giving to FPCLY

- 1. Place your gift in the offering plate today.
- 2. Mail checks to FPCLY, 1215 V.E.S. Road, Lynchburg, VA 24503.
- 3. Use a credit card online at fpcly.org.
- Download and use the *Vanco Mobile Faith* App on your phone.
- Set up an automatic bank draft or bill pay.

# Worship, Grow, Love, Serve

#### Ash Wednesday Services – THIS Wednesday, February 14 @ 12pm and 6pm

Gather in the Chapel for a service of repentance as we step into the season of Lent, which prepares us for the celebrations of Easter. 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.

#### Lenten Education Resources – available after worship today and February 18

As we approach the Lenten season, head to the table in the Narthex provided by the Education Initiative and pick up an educational resource for your journey through Lent. For adults, we have a devotional book called The Hope of Easter – 40 Days of Reading and Reflection and for children a 40-day kid-friendly activity devotional called Every Day of Lent and Easter – A book of Activities for Children.

# FPCLY INTPACT WEEKEND SCHEDULE - FEBRUARY 22-25

#### THURSDAY SUNDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY 9:30 - 11am 9:30 - 10:30am 11:45am - 1pm 10am - 12pm **Park View Food for** Park View Food for Lunch @ W.C. **Sunday Worship** Thought Bags @ **Families Pantry Prep** -Join Staff at -Includes Warehouse -Sort and prep the Westminster Canterbury testimonies & -Great for all ages! Pack for lunch and devotion Pantry for Saturday updates from Malawi bags at the PV with residents at W.C. distribution trip and local Warehouse partners 11am - 1:30pm 1pm - 3pm 9:30am - 12:30pm **Lunches for Veterans** Visits @ W.C. Noon - 1:30pm **Daily Bread Lunch** @ Monument Steps -Visit with our FPCLY Fellowship Meal Service -Serve prepared members who cannot - A time of food, -Pack and serve lunches lunches to Veterans consistently get to fellowship, and to neighbors downtown that gather downtown church hearing more about on Fridays the IMPACT of being 11:30am - 2:30pm 5:30 - 7pm together as a Park View Food for Pizza & Service 12 - 3pm congregation Families Pantry **Park View Clothing** -Pizza dinner, then Assistance Connection various service projects -Assist with shopping and -Sort and hang clothes (food prep for Miriam's organization at the Pantry to prepare for Monday (Thursday - Sunday) House, Lunches for hours Veterans, and Daily Visiting Home-4 - 6:30pm Bread; writing note Centered Members **Coldest Night of the** 2 - 4pm cards; etc.) -Staff will connect Year Walk **RAEFP Starter Bags** you with a home--Fundraiser walk to -Pack the bags centered FPCLY support Miriam's House's Rivermont Area member and can goal to end **Emergency Food Pantry** help arrange a time homelessness in uses to assist folks in for you to visit during Lynchburg. 2k and 5k our area the weekend. options along Rivermont. Great for all ages!

Our IMPACT events are designed to present new and different ways for folks to get involved in the FPCLY and Lynchburg-area communities. Service to others is a major part of our calling as people of faith, and these opportunities provide a wide range of locations, activities, and age-appropriate options for us to explore that call. We invite you to consider participating in one or more activities alongside other FPCLY folks and our community partners.

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Activity

Most Strenuous Activity

= Least Strenuous Activity

Sign-up boards will be available in the Narthex through February 18<sup>th</sup> as well as on-line through Sign-Up Genius. You only need to sign up in one place: names from the sign-up board will be transferred to Sign-Up Genius and vice versa. Contact Alex Collier, Director of Outreach (alex@fpcly.org) with any questions!



# Clark Spiritual Growth Initiative presents



Workshop featuring viewing of Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age documentary with a professional panel discussion

SATURDAY, MARCH 9 9:00AM - 12:30PM

1215 VES ROAD LYNCHBURG, VA 24503

Questions? Contact Marcia@fpcly.org or call (434) 384-6231.

FREE Admission. Space is limited. Light refreshments will be provided.

Scan the QR code or call (434) 384-6231 to register!



The Clark Spiritual Growth Initiative, established in 2018 by Elinor Ann and Joe Clark, supports an annual program with the purpose of promoting unique spiritual and family growth opportunities through insightful and meaningful educational experiences. It's with gratitude to the Clark family that we can offer this powerful screening and discussion to support and encourage the families of the Lynchburg community with God's love and grace.