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# Welcome to First Presbyterian Church- Lynchburg, VA

Grace and peace to you!!! It is a joy to be with you this morning 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. Whatever reason brought you to worship today, I pray you know you matter and are welcome here.

Today is the Second Sunday in the season of Lent, an Old English word meaning springtime. The season of Lent is a time for growth in faith- through prayer, spiritual discipline, and self-examination in preparation for the commemoration of the dying and rising of the Lord Jesus Christ. Lent is a season of 40 days- remembering the flood in Genesis, Moses' sojourn at Sinai, Elijah's journey to Mt. Horeb, Jonah's call to Ninevah, and Jesus' testing in the wilderness. Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 14, and concludes with the Great Easter Vigil, March 30. Not included in the 40 days are Sundays, as the Lord's Day is a celebration of Christ's resurrection. Throughout Lent, we are called to a pilgrimage of prayer, in which we learn to be God's people once more. Therefore, I invite you in the name of Christ, to observe a holy lent by self-examination and penitence, by prayer and fasting, by works of love, and by meditating on God's word. In our observance and service, God brings us back to God's heart, opens our eyes to God's presence in the world and frees our hands to lead others to the wonders of God's grace.

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. 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

Our building is a wonderful resource. It can also feel like a labyrinth when you are learning your way around. A few key locations may be helpful to you: Accessible Restrooms can be located just outside the Fellowship Hall doors. The Elevator can be accessed from this level on the hallway near the Weekday School Offices. The Nursery is also located on this level in the hallway near the Weekday School Offices. 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](mailto:marcia@fpcly.org)) or Catherine Adams ([communications@fpcly.org](mailto: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](mailto:peter@fpcly.org)) or Alex Collier ([alex@fpcly.org](mailto:alex@fpcly.org)).

# Service of the Lord's Day... Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2024

Our call to Worship God today looks and feels a little different than usual. Yes, because we are gathered in the Fellowship Hall instead of the Sanctuary, but even more so because of our invitation to encounter God and one another through IMPACT: Pursuing Change, Being Changed. Today, we will begin with a time of fellowship and gathering and that will then lead us into a time of hearing from several FPCLY congregants who have experienced God's mission and ministry in partnership with our neighbors here in Lynchburg and our brothers and sisters in Malawi. Their testimonies of God's work in and around them will be interspersed with hymns, prayers, scripture readings, and other liturgy.

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

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

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

### Fellowship

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### Prayer of the Day

### \*Hymn #438: Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Dennis

Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne We pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear,  
And often for each other flows The sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free;  
And perfect love and friendship reign Through all eternity.

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### Children's Moment

Marcia Thom-Kaley

Children ages 4 to 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade are invited to join together in Room 101 for Worship Workshop.

### Bell Anthem

### When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Arr. K. McChesney

*Chancel Ringers*

### New Testament Reading: John 13:1-17

### "When We Serve"

Diane Stroud  
Bonnie Miles  
Marilyn Hartman

Breakout Question:

When was a time you were unexpectedly served? What was your response?

**“When We Serve”**

Catherine Adams  
Tracy Baker  
Dickie Stowers

Open Reflections of “When We Serve”

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

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

**WE GO OUT IN GOD’S SERVICE**

**\*Hymn: Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love**

Chereponi

Jesu, Jesu

Refrain

Je - su Je - su fill us with your love, show  
us how to serve the neigh - bors we have from you.

Verses

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends,  
2. Neigh - bors are rich and poor,  
3. These are the ones we should serve,  
4. Kneel at the feet of our friends,  
Si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,  
Neigh - bors are black and white,  
These are the ones we should love.  
Si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet,  
Mas - ter who pours out him - self for them.  
Neigh - bors are near and far a - way,  
All are neigh - bors to us and you.  
This is the way we should live with you. D.C.

**\*Benediction**

*Offering Your Tithes and Offerings  
2 Cents a Meal Contribution  
Visitor Information  
Passing the Love, Joy, and Peace of Christ*

**Postlude**



**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.fpclly.org](http://www.fpclly.org).

### Sunday, February 25

- 9:30 am Worship (IMPACT)
- 10:45 am Lemonade and Cookies
- 11:00 am Sunday School classes
- 12:00 pm College Cares
- 4:00 pm Walk with God

### Monday, February 26

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

### Tuesday, February 27

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

### Wednesday, February 28

- 9:00 am FPC Weekday School
- 10:00 am *Immerse* Bible Study
- 12:30 pm AI-Anon meeting
- 5:30 pm Potluck Fellowship Dinner

### Thursday, February 29

- 7:00 am Colin Caldwell Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 am FPC Weekday School
- 6:30 pm Chancel Ringers Rehearsal
- 7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, March 1

- 9:00 am FPC Weekday School

### Sunday, March 3

- 9:30 am Worship (Communion Sunday)
- 10:30 am Called Congregational Meeting
- 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 Leader:**

Various voices will share from the FPCLY community.

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

Martin Knight, Scott Kaley, and Kinkadee Garland, Kendel Wickline

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

Emma and Sutton Tinsley

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

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday Schoolers

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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

#### **Members Helping Members**

##### **March:**

If you have a MHM need, please call the Church Office (434) 384-6231.

#### **Prayer Cares and Concerns:**

If you have a prayer request to share with the pastor or staff, you can write it on a blue prayer card located on the table near the Fellowship Hall doors and place it in the offering basket. Or share your request online at [fpclly.org/ministries/care-nurture.html](http://fpclly.org/ministries/care-nurture.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](http://fpcly.org).
4. Download and use the *Vanco Mobile Faith* App on your phone.
5. Set up an automatic bank draft or bill pay.

# Worship, Grow, Love, Serve

## **IMPACT Weekend**

We continue our celebration of IMPACT Weekend this morning in worship and are thankful for the 75+ folks that have served over the past few days! In worship we invite you to Pursue Change and Be Changed.

## **February Potluck Dinner – THIS Wednesday, February 28 @ 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](mailto:alex@fpcly.org)), Director of Outreach, for details.

## **Called Congregational Meeting – Sunday, March 3 immediately following worship**

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting immediately following worship on March 3 for the purposes of updating the congregation on the work of the Congregational Development Committee, provide a clear, complete and transparent presentation of our current financial challenge at FPCLY, and to make an appeal for help across all areas of Covenant Giving (time, talent, and treasure).

## **Bible 101 Sunday School Class Kicks Off a New Series on March 3!**

Over the next five Sundays, the Bible 101 class will engage in a comparative study of the four Gospels with specific attention to the Passion of Christ. This series will be co-taught by Michael Trexler and Frank Whitehouse using “The Rose Guide to the Gospels – Side-by-Side Charts and Overviews” as a supportive text.

## **Clark Spiritual Growth Initiative Screenagers Workshop – March 9 @ 9:00am**

We're excited to host this special workshop featuring a viewing of Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age followed by a panel discussion featuring Dr. Brad Malcolm, Councilman Sterling Wilder, and Presbyterian pastors Vernie Bolden, Jen Brothers, and Peter Thompson. If your family is wrestling with the use of digital devices (or are heading in that direction), you need to be at this workshop! Children in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and above are invited too. Use the QR code to the right to register online!



## **Vacation Bible School is coming! Save the date for June 3 – 7, 2024!**

Calling all children, youth, and adults! Clear your calendars for morning time June 3 - 7 as we are going on a VBS camp adventure with God at *Camp Firelight*! We're excited for children (3 years old through 5th grade) to grow and learn as participants and youth (rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders and above) and adults to grow and learn as volunteers! Registration will be available on the website starting March 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **Fellowship Hall Worship Location – March 3, 10, & 17**

If you're reading this, you're in the correct place for worship this morning! 😊 We will worship here in the Fellowship Hall for the next couple of weeks as the Jamerson Lewis and Facilities teams continue to assess and develop a repair plan for the damaged Chancel area in the Sanctuary. We are excited to worship the same God just in a different space! Thank you for your grace, patience, and understanding as we continue on this unexpected construction project journey.

*You are loved! Have a great week!*