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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 Third 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 on the hallways 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 2nd grade aged children are invited to participate in worship workshop in room 15 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).

Service of the Lord's Day... Third Sunday in Lent

March 3, 2024

Our call to Worship God today looks and feels a little different than usual. On the one hand that is because we are gathered in the Fellowship Hall instead of the Sanctuary. On the other hand, and more importantly, it is because of our invitation to the Lord's Table. Today, we will begin with a time of fellowship and gathering and that will then lead us into a time of celebrating the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Our time around the table 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 #507: I Come with Joy

Dove of Peace

I come with joy, to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved and free,
in awe and wonder to recall, His life laid down for me,
His life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord, His presence always near,
is in such friendship better known, we see and praise Him here,
we see and praise Him here.

Together met, together bound we'll go our different ways,
And as His people in the world we'll live and speak His praise,
we'll live and speak His praise.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Marcia Thom-Kaley

Children ages 4 to 2nd Grade are invited to join together in Room 15 for Worship Workshop.

New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

"When We Come as Guests Invited"

Peter Thompson/ Erik Koroneos

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Choral Anthem

Let Us Break Bread Together

Let Us Break Bread

Chancel Choir

*Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.*

Celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S SERVICE

*Hymn #514: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy.
Bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain:

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again; pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again; pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Christ is able to make us one. At the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. [Refrain]

Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share. God (Emmanuel) everywhere! [Refrain]

Congregational Meeting

*Benediction

*Offering of our Tithes and Offerings
Visitor Information (Friendship Pads near the exit of the FH)
Passing the Love, Joy, and Peace of Christ
Lemonade and Cookies*

*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.fpcls.org.

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

Monday, March 4

- 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, March 5 – Church Offices Closed (Primary Election)

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

Wednesday, March 6

- 9:00 am FPC Weekday School
- 10:00 am *Immerse* Bible Study
- 12:30 pm Al-Anon meeting

Thursday, March 7

- 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 8

- 9:00 am FPC Weekday School

Saturday, March 9

- 9:00 am CSGI *Screenagers* Workshop

Sunday, March 10

- 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 Leader:

Erik Koroneos

Ushers and Greeters:

Becky and Bill Semones
Becky and Caskie Giles

Worship Workshop Leader:

Kelly Knight

Communion Preparers:

Diane Stroud and Erik Koroneos

Lemonade and Cookies Host:

Judy Stowers

Pastor on Call:

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

Members Helping Members

March:

Judie Cleland (434) 444-2797
Betsy Jones (434) 941-7401

Thanks to Cathy Oakes and Betty Blue for serving as MHM in February!

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

Connect with us!

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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

Called Congregational Meeting – TODAY immediately following worship

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for today immediately following worship 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 TODAY after worship

Over the next four 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

Last call to register for this awesome 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 5th grade and above are invited too. Use the QR code to the right to register!



First Pres Presents Chancel Choir Concert Date changed to April 23

Our final *First Pres Presents* concert of the 2023-2024 series has been moved to Tuesday, April 23 at 7:00pm. Please update your calendar and get ready for this special concert! More details to come!

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*! Registration will launch on the website starting March 15th.

Fellowship Hall Worship Location – March 10 & 17

We will worship 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 a reminder, NEXT Sunday, March 10 is when we “spring forward” one hour to start daylight savings time. Don't forget to change your clocks so you don't miss any worship or education opportunities!

Exciting things to look forward to!

March 24	9:30am	Palm Sunday Worship	4:00pm	Holy Week Walk
March 28	6:00pm	Maundy Thursday Seder Meal		
March 29	6:00pm	Good Friday Service		
March 31	7:00am	Easter Sunrise Service	9:30am	Easter Worship