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Welcome to First Presbyterian Church- Lynchburg, VA

Happy Eastertide!!! It is a joy to have you here this morning and I pray you know just how loved and important you are. You are love 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 for the first time, a repeat visitor, or a long-time member...whether you are familiar with reformed traditions or find some of it a bit curious...whether you have grown up in the church or are finding your way back...whether you are in search of comfort or wanting to be challenged... whatever reason brought you to worship today, 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

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 down the main hallway from the Foyer. The Elevator is also located down the main hallway from the Foyer. The Nursery is located on the ground floor just outside the elevator. In addition to locations, there are two 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 2nd 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).

Service of the Lord's Day

April 28, 2024

*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

Prelude

Berceuse

L. Vierne

Cory Whittier, Director of Music and Organist

Choral Introit

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Beethoven

Chancel Choir

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn #267: All Things Bright and Beautiful**

Royal Oak

Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful:
The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings:
God made their glowing colors,
God made their tiny wings. (Refrain)

The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset, and the morning
That brightens up the sky, (Refrain)

The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
God made them every one. (Refrain)

God gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well. (Refrain)

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Silent Prayer of Confession

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.**

*Thine Is the Glory

Hymn # 122

Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son; Endless is the victory Thou o're death has won.

*Affirmation of Faith: Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear; though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Catherine Adams

Choral Anthem

Lux Aeterna

M. Hayes

Chancel Choir

*Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine,
cum sanctis tuis in aeternum,
quia pius es.*

Requiem aeternam

dona eis, Domine,

et lux perpetua luceat eis.

*May light eternal shine upon them, O Lord,
with Thy saints forever,
for Thou art kind.*

Eternal rest

give to them, O Lord,

and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Prayer of Illumination

New Testament Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

(pew Bible NT, p. 241)

"So That You Would Also"

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

Pie Jesu

A. Lloyd-Weber

Amy Pugh, soloist

*Pie Jesu,
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
Dona eis requiem.*

*Pious Jesus,
Who takes away the sins of the world,
Give them rest.*

*Agnus Dei,
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
Dona eis requiem,
Sempiternam
Requiem.*

*Lamb of God,
Who takes away the sins of the world,
Give them rest,
Everlasting
Rest.*

***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 #376: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

Hyfrydol

***Benediction and Choral Hallelujah**

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit, let us find the promised rest;
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Postlude

Rigadoun

A. Comprá

Cory Whittier, Director of Music and Organist

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.

The Chancel Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Rebekah and Michael Trexler on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary on April 27.



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.

Sunday, April 28

- 9:00 am "A Place of Welcome" Garden Dedication
- 9:30 am Worship (Two cents-a-meal)
- 10:45 am Lemonade and Cookies
- 11:00 am Children and Youth Sunday School classes
- 11:00 am Town Hall Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 4:00 pm Walk with God

Monday, April 29

- 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, April 30

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

Wednesday, May 1

- 9:00 am FPC Weekday School
- 12:30 pm Al-Anon meeting

Thursday, May 2

- 9:00 am FPC Weekday School
- 6:30 pm Chancel Ringers Rehearsal
- 7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 3

- 9:00 am FPC Weekday School

Saturday, May 4

- 9:00 am Presbytery of the Peaks (St. Andrew PC- Lynchburg)

Sunday, May 5

- 9:30 am Worship (Communion & Baptism Sunday)
- 10:45 am Lemonade and Cookies
- 11:00 am Sunday School classes
- 4:00 pm Walk with God

Notes for Today's Worship

Ushers and Greeters:

Peter, Gracie, Abbie, & Virginia
Baldwin and Kathryn Overstreet

Worship Workshop Leader:

Gwen Maddox

Sound and Video Technicians:

Diane Stroud & Catherine Adams

Lemonade and Cookies Host:

Becky O'Brian

Pastor on Call:

Rev. Dr. Peter Thompson
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Members Helping Members

April:

Persis Tinsley (434) 258-1029
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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, please share it directly, write it on a 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 fpclly.org/ministries/care-nurture.html. We are praying with and for you!

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Worship, Grow, Love, Serve

LAST CALL for Vacation Bible School Registration -

We are going on a VBS camp adventure with God at *Camp Firelight!* We are calling children, youth, and adults to participate in a fun-filled week of Bible stories, crafts, games, and music from June 3 -7! *Our 4-yea28r-old class has reached capacity and the 3 year-old class is close, but all other classes have plenty of space.* Scan the QR code to the right to register by April 30th. If you feel God's call for you to teach or serve, please reach out to Marcia by email, marcia@fpclly.org.



G. Rudolph Leonard Scholarship Grant Applications are DUE by THIS Friday, MAY 3rd at 3:00pm!

This grant is available to active members of any Presbyterian Church that is located within a nine-mile radius of Lynchburg, VA. Applicants may be preparing for undergraduate or graduate study at a four-year accredited college, university, or theological institution. The scholarships will be awarded on merit and financial need taking into consideration each applicant's academic record and test scores, community, school, church activities, and other extracurricular activities. Contact finance@fpclly.org for the guidelines and application.

Youth Sunday is coming on May 12 – Mother's Day!

We're excited for our children and youth to prepare and lead worship on May 12th. They have been writing and preparing various components of worship with our newest members (confirmation class of 2023-24) leading the way. Our young children will provide a couple of musical offerings. As a part of this service, age-appropriate bibles will be distributed to children entering Kindergarten, 3rd grade, 5th grade, and 12th grade.

Sister Stories Luncheon – Sunday, May 19 @ 12:00pm

Our lives are made up of a series of stories. Each year, our Presbyterian Women host a luncheon as a place to gather and share our stories to learn from and grow with one another. This year's featured speaker is Bonnie Miles. Bonnie is a faithful member of the choir, enjoys travel, and has a passion for bats. She will share about her travels, life experiences, and a few things she's learned about bats along the way! The catered lunch is \$10 payable at the door. Please RSVP, using the signup sheet on the table in the front hall or online by May 12th!

Chancel Project Update

It has been about a month since we updated you on the status of the Chancel Project, so we thought we'd share details. During the first week in April, we received the revised rebuild concepts, a timeline for completion, and an approximate overall expense projection. After review from the Facilities team, a Called Session meeting was held on April 14 to review the price quote, the rebuild timeline, and the architectural concept. After extensive discussion, the Session felt it prudent to go back to the architect and construction team with adjustments to the concept design, construction timeline, and materials to allow cost savings. As a result, we remain in a prayerful holding pattern until more information is gleaned. We will continue to worship in the Sanctuary with the support of the livestream and radio broadcasts. As soon as we have additional information about the next steps, we will be sure to keep you informed.

Have a great week! You are loved!