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Welcome to First Presbyterian Church- Lynchburg, VA

Grace and peace to you!!! I wanted you to know how much of a joy it is to have you here 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. Therefore; 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

First, our Hospitality and Welcome Desk is a great source of information and all visitors, repeat visitors, and members too, are encouraged to stop and interact with the host or hostess present today. Second, our building is a wonderful resource, however, 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. Wayfinding signs are also posted at all intersections throughout the building. Third, 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. Fourth, please ask anyone with a nametag or wearing a robe if you need assistance in finding your way or answering other questions.

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

June 23, 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

Prelude on "Sweet Hour of Prayer"
Cory Whittier, Director of Music and Organist

Arr. C. Whittier

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song;

All: sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Leader: Sing to the Lord, praise his name;

All: proclaim his salvation day after day.

*Hymn #150: Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Madrid

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, Before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice; Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend; To us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end; Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not always loved you with a pure heart, nor have we always loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not always done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. Create in us a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

All: The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. By God, through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and can be at peace. Amen.

*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: Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A's 32, 34**

I am called Christian because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity. We call him "our Lord" because- not with gold or silver, but with his precious blood- he has set us free from sin and from the tyranny of the devil, and has bought us, body and soul, to be his very own.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Marcia Thom-Kaley

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading: Mark 4:35-41

(pew Bible NT, p. 39)

"Quiet! Be Still!"

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn #419: How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord**

Repton

How clear is our vocation, Lord, When once we heed Your call:
To live according to Your word, And daily learn, refreshed, restored,
That You are Lord of all And will not let us fall.

But if, forgetful, we should find Your yoke is hard to bear,
If worldly pressures fray the mind And love itself cannot unwind
Its tangled skein of care: Our inward life repair.

We mark Your saints, how they became In hindrances more sure,
Whose joyful virtues put to shame The casual way we wear
Your name, And by our faults obscure Your power to cleanse and cure.

In what You give us, Lord, to do, Together or alone,
In old routines or ventures new, May we not cease to look to You--
The cross You hung upon-- All You endeavored done

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

How Can I Keep from Singing?

B. Ellingboe

Summer Choir

*My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real, tho' far off, hymn that hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since love is lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?
Thru' all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing!
It sounds and echoes in my soul. How can I keep from singing?
What tho' the tempest 'round me roar, I hear the truth. It liveth.
What though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night, it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since love is lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?*

***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 #435: We All Are One in Mission**

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We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission compels us from above
To plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service to witness in God's name;
Our ministries are different, our purpose is the same:
To touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace
So every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word.
We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

***Benediction**

Postlude

Toccata

G. Mushel

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 today for a celebration reception hosted by the Personnel Committee. This reception is for Cory Whittier, who has served as the Director of Music and Organist here at FPCLY for the last seven years. We are grateful to him and his family for their gracious, inspirational, and faithful ministry among us. Our prayers go with them as they return home to Idaho Falls to be closer to family.



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, June 23 – Cory's last Sunday at FPCLY

- 9:30 am Worship
- 10:45 am Reception for Cory Whittier and family
- 4:00 pm Walk with God

Tuesday, June 25

- 7:00 pm Scouts - Troop 49

Wednesday, June 26

- 12:30 pm Al-Anon meeting
- 7:00 pm Scouts – Troop 7

Thursday, June 27

- 11:45 am Staff Devotion and Lunch at Westminster Canterbury

Saturday, June 29

- 11:00 am Susan Getter Memorial Service

Sunday, June 30

- 9:30 am Worship
- 10:45 am Lemonade and Cookies
- 4:00 pm Walk with God

Prayer Chain

Would you like to be a part of a group that engages in on-going prayers for our community? If so, consider joining our prayer chain! Each week our staff sends an email communication with prayers and praises for that week. Contact alex@fpclly.org to be added to the list.

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!

Traveling somewhere this summer?

We'd love to see photos of your summer adventures whether you enjoy a staycation or travel somewhere far or whether you go on a solo journey or the whole family is involved! You can share any photos by emailing communications@fpclly.org.

Notes for Today's Worship

Ushers and Greeters:

Sally and Bob Leslie,
Nathan Gowen, Bob Thomas,
and Gary Williams

Worship Workshop Leader:

Nancy Ann Gowen

Sound and Video Technicians:

Diane Stroud & Catherine Adams

Lemonade and Cookies Host:

Personnel Committee in
celebration of Cory Whittier

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5. Set up an automatic bank draft or bill pay.

Worship, Grow, Love, Serve

Save the Date: Reception for Cory Whittier, Director of Music/Organist – TODAY after worship

Join us in celebrating Cory, his family and his faithful leadership of the music ministry for the past seven years with a reception immediately following worship.

You're invited to be a part of the summer choir!

Whether you are an experienced singer or simply love to sing, you are invited to be part of the summer choir, which sings on specific Sundays throughout the summer! The choir gathers on those Sunday mornings at 8:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary to rehearse simple anthems and then help lead worship. The dates the Summer Choir will sing are today, July 21, and August 4 & 18. Contact Cory at cory@fpcly.org if you have any questions!

Looking for ways to share your time and talents with the FPCLY community this summer? If so, consider signing up to participate in one of the leadership spots below:

- **Be a part of our usher/greeter team.** This is an important role on Sunday mornings welcoming all those who enter with a smile and warm heart and assisting them with their worship experience.
- **Step in as a Lemonade and Cookies host.** This post-worship time of community is a powerful time of connection and relationship building made possible by simple cups of lemonade and tasty treats. We are looking for hosts for Sundays throughout the rest of the year.
- **Serve as a volunteer receptionist during the week.** This team assists the staff with answering the phones, opening the doors, and other small tasks during Church Office hours. Plus, you can be the first smiling face or encouraging voice that folks connect with when contacting the church.
- **Assist with Worship Workshop.** Encourage, inspire, and teach children during this 30ish minute educational offering for 4-year-olds through 2nd graders on Sunday mornings.

Communication Emails and Updates



With all the travel that comes with summer, we want to do our best to stay connected. If you aren't already receiving our weekly "FPCLY Happenings" email newsletter or aren't already following us on any of our social media platforms, we encourage you to get connected today. The "FPCLY Happenings" email contains important information about worship each week, event and program updates, celebrations, and other congregational updates (births, baptisms, new members, projects and more); you can use the QR code to the left or follow the link on our home page to sign up. Our social media handles are noted at the top of this page. If you have questions or need help, please contact communications@fpcly.org or call the church office (434-384-6231).

You are loved! Have a great week!