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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 30, 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

"My Tribute"

Arr. Glenda Austin

Marcia Thom-Kaley, Pianist

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: *Come to worship Almighty God.*

All: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Leader: *We are called to be still and know that God is God*

All: We marvel that God knows us and cares for us and we rejoice this day in the love of God.

***Hymn #430: Come Sing, O Church, in Joy**

Darwall's 148th

Come sing, O church, in joy. Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now And praise the Lord!

Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme
Empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now
And praise the Lord!

Let courage be our friend, let wisdom be our guide,
As we in mission magnify the Crucified!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now
And praise the Lord!

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed O'er the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now
And praise the Lord!

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

O God, whose ways are not our ways, we confess that we have ignored your commandments. We have chosen our own standards instead of seeking ultimate good. We have substituted our illusions for your truth. Our words and actions have hurt others and turned us from you. Forgive us, merciful God, and help us to do your will. 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. Amen.

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.**

*Gloria Patri

Hymn #579

*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: Romans 8:1, 28, 38-39

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Catherine Adams

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading: Mark 5:21-43

(pew Bible NT, p. 39)

"Keep On Believing"

Nancy Dawson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

"I Believe"

E. Drake, J. Mendelsohn, A. Stillman

Marcia Thom – Kaley, soloist

*I believe for every drop of rain that falls, A flower grows
I believe that somewhere in the darkest night, A candle glows
I believe for everyone who goes astray
Someone will come to show the way
I believe, I believe*

*I believe above the storm, the smallest prayer, Will still be heard
I believe that someone in the great somewhere, Hears every word
Every time I hear a newborn baby cry
Or touch a leaf or see the sky
Then I know why I believe*

*Every time I hear a newborn baby cry Or touch a leaf or see the sky
Then I know why I believe*

*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 #282: If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

Wer Nur Den Lieben Gott

If thou but trust in God to guide thee,
With hopeful heart through all thy ways,
God will give strength, whate'er betide thee,
And bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
Builds on the rock that nought can move.

Only be still, and wait God's leisure
In cheerful hope, with heart content
To take whate'er thy Keeper's pleasure
And all-discerning love hath sent;
No doubt our inmost wants are clear
To One who holds us always dear.

Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways,
But do thine own part faithfully;
Trust the rich promises of grace,
So shall they be fulfilled in thee.
God never yet forsook at need
The soul secured by trust indeed.

*Benediction

Postlude

"Standing on the Promises"
Marcia Thom-Kaley, pianist

Russell Kelso Carter

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.

The Chancel flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Harriet T. Ramsey by her daughter, Brennan Lollis.

The monthly Two Cents-a-Meal Offering will be collected in baskets located at each of the doors as you exit the Sanctuary. You are encouraged to give to this specific ministry as you are able.



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, June 30

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

Tuesday, July 2

7:00 pm Scouts - Troop 49

Wednesday, July 3

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

Sunday, July 7

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

The Church Offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4 for the Independence Day holiday.

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@fpcls.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 fpcls.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@fpcls.org or by tagging @firstpresoflynchburg on Facebook or Instagram!

Notes for Today's Worship

Ushers and Greeters:

Noël and Bob Thomas,
Nathan Gowen, Maurice Hickson,
and Gary Williams

Worship Workshop Leader:

Gwen Maddox

Sound and Video Technicians:

Will Absher & Catherine Adams

Lemonade and Cookies Hosts:

Marilyn Hartman and Yn Do Jones

Pastor on Call:

Rev. Nancy Dawson
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Worship, Grow, Love, Serve

FPCLY Staff Serving the Greater Church Body

Throughout July, two of our staff will step out of the office to serve alongside other Presbyterians in unique leadership roles!

- *Rev. Dr. Peter Thompson* will be participating in the 2024 PC(USA) General Assembly hosted in Salt Lake City, Utah from June 29 – July 5. Peter will be serving on the GA Entities Coordination committee which helps perform business on behalf of six PC (USA) agencies including the Presbyterian Mission Agency, Presbyterian Foundation, and Board of Pensions. Please be in prayer for Peter, his prayerful discernment in decision making, and the discernment of the entire PC(USA).
- *Alex Collier*, Director of Outreach, will be leading the recreation programs at Montreat Youth Conference for high schoolers from July 4 - 20. Leading Rec is a major passion for Alex, as he believes it is far more than just games: he believes these times are an important first step of moving and laughing together that can open the door for when conversations and topics get more difficult. We invite your prayers for Alex while he reaches and serves alongside youth, leaders, and other church families.

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.

Contact the church office at (434) 384-6231 if you would like to sign up to serve!

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.

You are loved! Have a great week!

FPCLY **IMPACT** WEEK SCHEDULE – AUGUST 5–10

MONDAY, 8/5	TUESDAY, 8/6	WEDNESDAY, 8/7	THURSDAY, 8/8	FRIDAY, 8/9	SATURDAY, 8/10
MORNING					
<p>Baking Treats for "Thank You" Trays Bake at home and deliver to FPC by 8/5</p> <p>9am-11am Community Partner "Thank You" trays @FPC & deliver</p> <p>10am-Noon Birthday Cards @ FPC</p>	<p>8am-Noon IOA Furniture Warehouse</p> <p>9:30am-11:30am Presbyterian Cemetery Tour</p> <p>9:30am-12:30pm Daily Bread Lunch Service</p> <p>8am-2:30pm (Youth) Valor Farm</p>	<p>8am-Noon IOA Rebuilds (Ramp Building Warehouse)</p> <p>10am-Noon Park View Food For Families Prep</p> <p>8am-2:30pm (Youth) Valor Farm</p>	<p>8am-Noon IOA Rebuilds (House Project TBD)</p> <p>9am-11:45am Park View Food For Families: Pantry Help</p>	<p>8am-Noon Miriam's House Yard Work & Clean-Up</p> <p>11am-1:30pm Veteran's Lunches @ Monument Steps</p> <p>11am-2pm Park View Food For Thought Distribution @ Miller Park</p>	<p>9am-11:45am Park View Food For Families: Pantry Help</p> <p>9:30am-12:30pm Daily Bread Lunch Service</p>
AFTERNOON					
<p>1pm-2:30pm RAEFP Clean/Sort</p> <p>2:30pm-4pm RAEFP Starter & Hygiene Bags</p>	<p>1pm-3pm Birthday Cards @ FPC</p> <p>3pm-4pm Service @ W.C. (Intended for W.C. residents)</p> <p>4pm-6:30pm Dinner & Visits @ WC</p>	<p>1pm-3pm Birthday Cards @ FPC</p> <p>1:30pm-3pm Park View Café Prep</p> <p>3pm-6pm Park View Café Service</p>	<p>Noon-3pm Park View Clothing Connection Shopping</p> <p>1pm-3pm Tour of Park View Facilities</p> <p>5pm-7pm "Pizza and Service" Night @FPC</p> <p>7pm-8pm Choir Singing @ W.C.</p>	<p>Noon-3pm Park View Clothing Connection Prep</p>	<p>11:30am-2:30pm Park View Food For Families: Pantry Help</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Member Visits Available all week!</p>

FPCLY **IMPACT** WEEK OPPORTUNITIES

Least Strenuous	Moderate	Most Strenuous
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Baking Treats for “Thank You” Bags</u> Bake at home and deliver to FPC by 9am 8/5 • <u>Birthday Card Creation @ First Pres</u> (Mon. 10am-Noon; Tues./Wed. 1-3pm) <i>All Ages</i> Create/write birthday cards for FPC members • <u>Choir Singing @ Westminster Canterbury</u> (Thur. 7pm @ WC) – <i>All Ages</i> Join in to sing some favorite hymns @ WC • <u>Community Partner “Thank You” Trays</u> (Mon. 9-11am @ FPC) – <i>All Ages</i> Assemble trays, write notes, and deliver to community partners throughout Lynchburg • <u>Lunches to Veterans @ Monument Steps</u> (Friday 11am-1:30pm) – <i>All Ages</i> Load & deliver lunches to Veterans downtown • <u>Park View Café</u> (Wed. 1:30-6pm) 1:30-3pm – help prep dinner @ FPC to be transported to Park View 3-6pm – help package, serve, and eat dinner with neighbors at Park View • <u>Pizza & Service</u> (Thur. 5-7pm @ FPC)-<i>All Ages</i> Enjoy pizza, fellowship, and a time of service: making meals for multiple opportunities plus birthday card writing and more! • <u>Service @ W.C.</u> (Tues. 3-4pm @ W.C.) Residents of W.C. will meet to pack bagged lunches for children whose families visit Lynchburg Daily Bread - more details TBD • <u>Tour of Park View Facilities</u> (Thur. 1-3pm) Learn about all the ministries of P.V. and how they assist neighbors throughout LYH • <u>Visit Home-Centered Members</u> –<i>All Ages</i> -Tues. 4-6:30pm @ W.C. – dinner and visits -Rest of the week: your schedule, location TBD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Lynchburg Daily Bread Lunch Service</u> (Tues. & Sat. 9:30am-12:30pm @DB) <i>Ages 18+</i> Pack and serve hot lunches to folks downtown • <u>Park View Clothing Connection</u> (Thur. & Fri. Noon-3pm) Assist neighbors in shopping (Thur.); sort and hang donated clothing (Fri.) • <u>Park View Food For Thought Distribution</u> (Fri. 11am-2pm @ Miller Park) Hand out weekend meal kits to folks in and around Miller Park area • <u>Presbyterian Cemetery Tour</u> (Tues. 9:30-11:30am @ Pres. Cemetery) Learn the history and work of this beautiful space, plus the current needs - <i>All Ages</i> • <u>Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry</u> (Mon. 1-4pm @Holy Trinity Lutheran) -<i>All Ages</i> 1-2:30pm - clean and sort 2:30-4pm - pack starter bags and hygiene bags • <u>Valor Farm</u> – Middle & High School Youth (Tues. & Wed. 8am-2:30pm) Youth and adults will travel to and from Altavista to learn about and work with this Veteran support organization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Interfaith Outreach Association (IOA)</u> (Tues., Wed., Thur.: 8am-Noon) <u>Tues.</u> - Organize/move furniture @ Warehouse <u>Wed.</u> - Build ramp sections @ Ramp Warehouse <u>Thur.</u> - Join Rebuilds staff on a house repair project TBD • <u>Miriam’s House</u> (Fri. 8am-Noon @ Miriam’s House) Landscaping work and clean-up around the M.H. facility • <u>Park View Food For Families</u> (Wed., Thur., Sat. multiple shifts @ Park View) Help stock and organize shelves to prepare for shopping hours (Wed.) and assist neighbors as they shop in the food pantry (Thur. & Sat.) <p style="text-align: center;">MORE OPPORTUNITIES ARE BEING CONFIRMED!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please email alex@fpclcy.org with any questions!</p>