



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

celebrating & inspiring



1215 Virginia Episcopal School Road
(434) 384-6231 · www.fpclly.org · e-mail: info@fpclly.org
<https://www.facebook.com/firstpresoflynchburg/>
LIVE Video Streaming on www.fpclly.org at 9:30 a.m.
LIVE Radio Broadcast on WLNI 105.9 FM at 9:30 a.m.



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 9, 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

Songs Without Words Op.19, No.1

F. Mendelssohn

Claudia Patterson, piano

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 103

Leader: Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being; praise his holy name.

All: Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

Leader: Praise the Lord, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.

All: Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.

Leader: Praise the Lord, all his works everywhere in his dominion.

All: Praise the Lord, O my soul.

*Hymn #482: Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe Den Herren

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, forgive us our sins. Forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our age, the sins of our soul and the sins of our body, our secret and our whispering sins, our presumptuous and our careless sins, the sins we have done to please ourselves, and the sins we have done to please others. Forgive us the sins that we know, and the sins that we know now; forgive them, O Lord, forgive them all because of your grace and goodness.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are assured that there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive, no hurt so terrible God cannot heal.

All: **God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free. Through the love of God, our sins are forgiven, and we can be at peace. Thanks be to God.**

*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: 1 Peter 5:1-11

(pew Bible NT, p. 235)

"My Prayer for You"

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

Be Thou My Vision

D. Dobrinski

Cory Whittier, bell tree; Claudia Patterson, piano

*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 #540: God Be with You Till We Meet Again

Randolph

God be with you till we meet again; Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a Shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; Unseen wings protecting hide you,
Daily manna still provide you: God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; When life's perils thick confound you;
Put unfailing arms around you: God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; Keep love's banner floating o'er you,
Smite death's threatening wave before you: God be with you till we meet again.

***Benediction**

Postlude

Postlude on "Praise Ye the Lord"
Cory Whittier, Director of Music and Organist

C. Phillips

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 loving memory of Betty Jo Hamner (November 23, 1928 to June 2, 2024) by her family. Arrangement by Meg Long.



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 9

- 9:30 am Worship
- 10:45 am Lemonade and Cookies
- 1:00 pm Memorial Service – Betty Jo Hamner
- 4:00 pm Christina Cosby Ordination Service
- 4:00 pm Walk with God

Monday, June 10

- 6:00 pm Scouts – Cub Pack 7
- 7:00 pm Scouts – Troop 7

Tuesday, June 11

- 7:00 pm Scouts - Troop 49

Wednesday, June 12

- 12:30 pm AI-Anon meeting
- 6:00 pm Called Session Meeting

Thursday, June 13

- 7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, June 14

- 5:00 pm Craighill/Carr Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, June 15

- 4:00 pm Craighill/Carr Wedding

Sunday, June 16

- 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@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

Notes for Today's Worship

Ushers and Greeters:

Gary & Beth Williams, David Cheatham, Nathan Gowen, and Diane Stroud

Worship Workshop Leader:

Catherine Adams

Sound and Video Technicians:

Will Absher & Catherine Adams

Lemonade and Cookies Host:

Judy Stowers

Last week, our communion prepares were inadvertently left off our worship notes. They were Jenny Osinga and Noël Thomas.

Pastor on Call:

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

Members Helping Members

June:

Jackie Hill (434) 665-6552
Ida Perkins (434) 258-8872

Connect with us!

Phone: (434) 384-6231

Email: office@fpcly.org

Website: www.fpcly.org



@firstpresoflynchburg

FPC Lynchburg

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.
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

All are invited to a special Ordination Service for Christina Cosby – TODAY, Sunday, June 9 @ 4:00pm

For those who may not know, Christina is a former youth from the First Presbyterian family who went on to Princeton Seminary. Christina now serves the PC(USA) with the Office of Public Witness in Washington, D.C. and at the May 4th Presbytery of the Peaks meeting was approved for ordination 😊. All are welcome to come and celebrate this special opportunity.

Hospitality for Primary Election – Tuesday, June 18

First Presbyterian has served as an election site for many years. Part of our role as hosts is to organize volunteers to greet, guide, and assist voters around the building. We are looking for volunteers to greet voters at the door and guide them to the voting spot for the June 18th Primary Election. **We are looking to fill a few more slots (each shift is 2 hours in length).** It's an important task that we ask you to consider volunteering to assist FPCLY in being a welcoming polling location while still being a safe church facility for our staff. Use the QR code to the right or reach out to the church office (434) 384-6231 to sign up.



You're invited to join 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 five 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 June 23, July 21, and August 4 & 18. Contact Cory at cory@fpcly.org if you have any questions!

Save the Date: Reception for Cory Whittier, Director of Music/Organist – June 23

Cory's last Sunday at First Presbyterian Church is Sunday, June 23. Join us in celebrating Cory and his faithful leadership of the music ministry with a reception immediately following worship on June 23. At the reception, we will give Cory a "love offering" as we share our thanks and appreciation.

- **If you would like to contribute a dish**, please add your name and dish on the sign-up sheet (located on the table off the main foyer) by NEXT Sunday, June 16.
- **If you would like to write a card**, please mail it to the church or place it in Susan Hall's mailbox by NEXT Sunday, June 16. The cards will be collected and given to Cory at the reception.
- **If you wish to contribute to the "love offering,"** you may mail checks or hand deliver cash to the church (Attn: Susan Hall) or give online at fpcly.org or using the QR code to the right. You can place a gift in the offering plate, but please ensure that it's in an envelope with a note for "Cory's love offering."



IMPACT Week Ahead: SAVE THE DATES – August 5 - 10

We are excited for our third annual week of transformational IMPACT with service opportunities throughout Lynchburg and our own church community. A full calendar and sign-up options will launch in late June!

You are loved! Have a great week!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

THANK YOU TO OUR ADULT VOLUNTEERS & YOUTH HELPERS!

Teachers and Support Staff



Blair Absher
Catherine Adams
Patricia Adams
Terry Adams
Mary Beth Baker
Monroe Baldwin
Laura Borel
Kara Byrne
Cathy Capps
Alex Collier
Stephanie Clark
Susan Craighill
Gina Durkee
Kinkadee Garland
Bill Gayle
Becky Giles
Nancy Ann Gowen
Susan Hall
Russ Hovda
Yndo Jones
Scott Kaley
Sally Leslie
Gwen Maddox
Abigail McAllister

Madeleine McAllister
Bobby McCurley
Connie Messerschmidt
Rick Milam
Celeste Noble
Cathy Oakes
Whitney O'Brian
Jenny Osinga
Kathryn Overstreet
Beth Patty
Kim Ryan
Jody Sprinkle
Diane Stroud
Noël Thomas
Barrett Thompson
Peter Thompson
Cory Whittier
Beth Williams
Michelle Wyman





Youth Helpers

Abbie Baldwin
 Gracie Baldwin
 Virginia Baldwin
 Meredith Borel
 Darby Byrne
 Barkley Cleland
 Dayla Cline
 Miriam Cline
 Sally Dawson
 William East
 Elise Elhardt
 Kayden Elhardt
 Luke Elhardt
 Riley Grubbs

Gracie Lichford
 Jeb Milam
 Lizzie Milam
 John Short
 Caroline Smith
 Ella Grace Thompson
 Sam Thompson
 Addie Whittier
 Avery Wiebe
 Harper Wiebe
 Rowan Wiebe
 Elsa Wolff
 Layla Woods



Snack Team

Grace T. Aguilera
 Sharon Baldwin
 Marilyn Bellaire
 Heather Daniel
 Rachel Davenport
 Nancy Dawson
 Debbie Goode
 Jean Hannon
 Marilyn Hartman
 Linda Harwell
 Sharon Hovda
 Brennan Lollis
 Olivia Nelsen
 Abby Pinkard
 April Shuck



Decorating Team

Scout Troop 7 (6)
 Gracie Baldwin
 Matt East
 Brentz East
 Gracie Lichford
 Ray O'Brian
 Whitney O'Brian

Bill Perkins
 Dave Tate
 Mary Ann Tate
 Beth Williams
 Gary Williams
 Jolene Wyman
 Michelle Wyman

**VBS WAS MADE
 POSSIBLE THROUGH THE
 GREAT LEADERSHIP OF
 MARCIA THOM-KALEY!**

