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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

July 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

Suite No. 11 - Allemande
Claudia Patterson, pianist

Handel

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: Ephesians 1:3-4

Leader: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

All: who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.

Leader: For he chose us in him before the creation of the world

All: that we might be holy and blameless before God.

*Hymn #341: Blessed Assurance, Jesus in Mine!

Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight.
Angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]

Perfect submission, all is at rest. I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with His goodness, lost in His love. [Refrain]

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and turn them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. We praise you for setting us free to choose you above all else and to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ, and we pray we can faithfully fulfill your call upon us through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

All: **Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. By God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and can be at peace.**

*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 nothing, *nothing and no one at all*, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Marcia Thom-Kaley

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21

(pew Bible NT, p.193)

"Filled with all the fullness of God"

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

The Lord's Prayer
Claudia Patterson, pianist

Albert Hay Malotte

*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 #343: Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Beecher

*Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.*

*Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,
blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.*

*Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,
help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.*

*So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.*

*Benediction

Postlude

Tambourin

Elisabetta de Gambartini

Claudia Patterson, pianist

*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 celebration of
Dave and Mary Ann Tate's 55th Wedding Anniversary on July 26.*



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, July 28

- 9:30 am Worship (Two Cents-a-Meal)
- 10:45 am Lemonade and Cookies
- 4:00 pm Walk with God

Tuesday, July 30

- 7:00 pm Scouts - Troop 49

Wednesday, July 31

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

Sunday, August 4

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

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!

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.

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 or by tagging @firstpresofflynchburg on Facebook or Instagram!

Back to School Season is upon us!

We invite and covet your prayers as we prepare to step into the month of August! Many from our community will begin the transition into the new school year. We ask your prayers for teachers, administrators, bus drivers, support staff, parents, and students as they return to the rhythm to getting up early, riding yellow buses, class schedules, after school activities, and all that life sends their way in between. If you are on school or administrative staff, we are praying for you! If you are a parent or student, we are praying for you too!

Notes for Today's Worship

Worship Leaders:

Alex Collier, Claudia Patterson

Ushers and Greeters:

Laura Crumbley, Helen Gilmer,
Yn Do Jones, Elizabeth Clarkson and
Denise McDonald

Worship Workshop Leader:

Whitney O'Brian

Sound and Video Technicians:

Lloyd Agnew & Ken Slusher

Lemonade and Cookies Hosts:

Marilyn Hartman and Yn Do Jones

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

Worship, Grow, Love, Serve

IMPACT week – August 5 – 10

Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to serve with your church community out in the community where you live! You have a few more days to sign up *using the boards in the Narthex or by scanning your phone camera over the QR code to the right*. Below is just a snippet of the few remaining slots:



- Go on a tour of the *Presbyterian Cemetery* with Noël Thomas, Beth Williams, and Susan Craighill.
- Serve a meal and engage in conversation with neighbors at the *Park View Café* (new opportunity).
- Organize furniture and/or build ramps with *Interfaith Outreach Association*.
- Enjoy eating **pizza and** then participate in a variety of **service** activities in the Fellowship Hall.
- Assist with yard work at the grounds of *Miriam's House* on Magnolia street.
- Get your creative juices flowing by signing and/or creating birthday cards for FPC members.
- Visit some of our church family at *Westminster Canterbury* or those in their own homes.
- Assist in cleaning the WDS spaces before the teachers return on Monday, August 12.

WALK WITH GOD- Every Sunday evening @ 4 pm

Are you looking for a group of folks to fellowship with? Are you looking for an opportunity to get some steps in? Why not do both and join the Walk with God walking group on Sunday evenings. The communion of friends is enriching and the walk down Peakland Place is doable for all. Time together is 45 minutes to an hour and very worth it. If you have any questions, please connect with Noel Thomas.

SPARK SUNDAY- SAVE THE DATE- September 8

Spark Sunday is a Sunday each Fall reserved to celebrate the launch of a new program year involving the life and ministries of First Presbyterian Church. From Worship, Music, Education, Outreach, and a variety of office/admin support ministries, there is a place for all to engage and connect with all God is doing in this time and place. Please stay tuned for more info!

CHANCEL PROJECT UPDATE!!

A new design for the chancel has been approved by Session and we have received confirmation of an expected start date for reconstruction of August 19. This date will be when Jamerson-Lewis plans to get construction underway, however, preparations are required the week of August 12 to cover the organ console and place protection over the pews. What does this mean? First, it means a new chancel is coming later this Fall! Second, it means we will need to move the location of Sunday worship to the Fellowship Hall. Therefore, the last Sunday of worship in the Sanctuary before construction will be Sunday, August 11. The first Sunday of worship in the Fellowship Hall will be Sunday, August 18. All other church ministries (Office, Sunday School, Bible Studies, etc.) will continue as scheduled in their regular spaces during this time.

You are loved! Have a great week!