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Covenant



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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

August 4, 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

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

Gabriel

Marcia Thom-Kaley, pianist

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 100

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

All: Worship the Lord with gladness; come before the Lord with joyful songs.

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is God who made us and we are God's;

All: we are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.

Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and God's courts with praise; give thanks to God and praise God's name.

All: For the Lord is good and God's love endures forever; God's faithfulness continues through all generations.

*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 Corporate Prayer of Confession

Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

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: The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, pg. 14- Traditional

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Marcia Thom-Kaley

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 9

(pew Bible NT, p. 183-184)

"Renewing our Covenant"

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

Be Okay

Lauren Daigle

Marcia Thom-Kaley, soloist

*You're gonna be okay You're, you're gonna be okay
Oh, the sun will keep on risin' in that old familiar way
And every little thing is gonna be okay*

*You're gonna be alright Darlin', you're, you're gonna be alright
'Cause the stars'll keep on shinin' through the darkest night
And you can know you're gonna be alright*

*Lift your eyes to the hills Remember where your help comes from
Lift your eyes to the hills You'll never face a valley alone*

*'Cause even when your heart is breakin'
And you've gone and lost your way
You're, you're gonna be okay*

*You're gonna be okay
I know that you're, you're gonna be okay
Not a care in this whole world can take that truth away
You're, you're gonna be okay*

***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

Hold to God's Unchanging Hand

Wilson/Eiland

Marcia Thom-Kaley, 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.



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, August 4

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

Monday, August 5

IMPACT Week: Pursuing Change, Being Changed

Tuesday, August 6

IMPACT Week: Pursuing Change, Being Changed
7:00 pm Scouts - Troop 49

Wednesday, August 7

IMPACT Week: Pursuing Change, Being Changed
12:30 pm Al-Anon meeting
7:00 pm Scouts – Troop 7

Thursday, August 8

IMPACT Week: Pursuing Change, Being Changed
5:00 pm Pizza and Service

Friday, August 9

IMPACT Week: Pursuing Change, Being Changed

Saturday, August 10

IMPACT Week: Pursuing Change, Being Changed

Sunday, August 11

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

WALK WITH GOD- Every Sunday afternoon @ 4:00 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. The time together is 45 minutes to an hour and very worth it. If you have any questions, contact Noël Thomas.

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 Monday, August 19; however, preparations are required the week of August 12 to cover the organ console and place protection over the pews. What does this mean? We will need to move the location of Sunday worship to the Fellowship Hall starting Sunday, August 18. All other church ministries (Office, Sunday School, Bible Studies, etc.) will continue as scheduled in their regular spaces during this time.

Notes for Today's Worship

Ushers and Greeters:

Mary Ann and Dave Tate,
Marilyn Hartman, and
Gwen Maddox

Communion Preparer:

Diane Stroud

Worship Workshop Leader:

Whitney O'Brian

Sound and Video Technicians:

Will Absher and Catherine Adams

Lemonade and Cookies Host:

Gwen Maddox

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Thank you to Diane Stroud for
serving in July!

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Worship, Grow, Love, Serve

Pray with us during IMPACT week: August 5-10

Thanks to all who have signed up to serve; we are looking forward to an amazing week of serving together in our community! We invite your prayers for all the experiences that will take place, all the relationships that will be created and deepened, all the community partners who we are partnering with, for our neighbors we will walk with, and for God to be present in big and powerful ways! May God's presence lead and guide our hands as we serve with love, grace, and joy. (If you haven't signed up to participate, but want to join, we still have a few opportunities with spots for you to serve. See the sign-up form linked through the QR code below.)

IMPACT Week Pizza & Service Night – August 8 @ 5:00 pm

Let's enjoy a pizza meal (provided by FPC), then join together for a variety of different service projects for our community. We will be packing meals for the ladies at Miriam's House signing birthday cards and making lunches to be given to Veterans at Monument Terrace. Sign up on the QR code to the right so we know how much pizza to buy and supplies to prepare.



Back-to-School Season is upon us!

We invite and covet your prayers as we prepare for Back-to-School season! 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 a school or administrative staff, we are praying for you! If you are a parent or student, we are praying for you too!*

Shared below are the dates that our central Virginia students will return to classrooms for specific prayer:

August 5—Blue Ridge Montessori School and Central Virginia Governor's School

August 12—Appomattox and Bedford County Schools, Elizabeth's Early Learning Center, Montessori Children's House, New Covenant Rhetoric School (High School), and New Vistas Schools

August 13—Campbell County Schools

August 14—Amherst County Schools, Liberty Christian Academy, and New Covenant Grammar & Middle Schools

August 19—CVCC, Compass Academy, FPC Weekday School, Liberty University, Timberlake Christian Schools

August 20—Lynchburg City Schools

August 21—James River Day School and Onward Christian Academy

August 22—Peakland Preschool and University of Lynchburg

August 26—St. John's Preschool and Sweet Briar College

SPARK SUNDAY- SAVE THE DATE- September 8

2 Corinthians 9:8 says, "And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." Throughout the month of August and leading into this fall, we, as a church community, will be seeking to learn from and live into this text. *Spark Sunday on September 8 will be a big part of this journey together: Spark Sunday celebrates the launch of a new program year involving the life and ministries of First Presbyterian Church.* From the core of our covenant relationship with God and one another, opportunities to learn and live through worship, education, outreach, and a variety of office/admin support ministries, are available for all to connect and engage with all God is doing in this time and place.