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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 are holy. That's why we gather for fellowship, cookies, and lemonade 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 just outside the Fellowship Hall doors. The Elevator can be accessed from this level on the hallway near the Weekday School Offices. The Nursery is also located on this level in the hallway near the Weekday School Offices. Ushers are available and willing to assist you in finding your way or answering other questions. Wayfinding signs are also posted at all intersections throughout the building.

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 1 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).

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

November 10, 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

Share the Love, Joy, and Peace of Christ with others!

Prelude

Blessed Assurance

arr. McMichael

Heather Hurd- flute, John Crawford- cello, & Josh O'Dell- piano

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of the Day and Lord's Prayer

We praise you, great God, for you are ruler of the universe and have sent your Son to be the all in all- Prophet, Priest, and King- for all your people. We rejoice that he has triumphed over all the powers of this world and governs the nations in justice and righteousness. We celebrate his victory in his life, death, resurrection, and ascension to honor and might at your side. By your Spirit, claim our complete loyalty, establish Christ's rule in every land and in every heart. Accept our homage as we offer our lives in the serve of Christ's kingdom. He is Lord forever and ever. We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray, Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

***Hymn: Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies**

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Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise, Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn Unaccompanied by Thee;
Joyless is the day's return Till Thy mercy's beams I see,
Till they inward light impart, Cheer my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine; Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, radiancy divine; Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more Thyself display, Shining to the perfect day.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Marcia Thom-Kaley

"Christ the PROPHET"

Erik Koroneos

John 1:1-5, 14

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

His Eye is on the Sparrow

arr. Schram

Chancel Choir

*Why should I feel discouraged, Why should the shadows come,
Why should my heart be lonely, And long for Heav'n and home,
When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is He:
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.*

*Refrain: I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,
For His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.*

*Let not your heart be troubled His tender word I hear,
And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;
Though by the path He leadeth, But one step I may see;
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.*

*Whenever I am tempted, Whenever clouds arise,
When songs give place to sighing, When hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to Him, From care He sets me free;
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.*

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S SERVICE

*Hymn: Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Regent Square

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious, Binding all the church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever, And our confidence alone.

Here bestow to all Your servants What they ask of You to gain,
What they gain from You forever With the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in Your glory Evermore with You to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father, Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, Ever Three and ever one;
One in might and one in glory While unending ages run.

*Benediction

*Postlude

This is My Father's World

arr. McMichael

Heather Hurd- flute, John Crawford- cello, & Josh O'Dell- piano



Session Leadership

Diane Stroud, Clerk of Session
Becky Giles- '24, Education, Cong. Development
Elsie Howerton- '24, Education/ Weekday School Board
Gary Williams- '24, Outreach/ S&O/ Cong. Development
Peter Baldwin- '25, Worship
Nathan Gowen- '25, Finance
Denise McDonald- '25, Outreach/ Cong. Development
Mary Ann Tate- '25, Personnel
Marilyn Hartman- '26, Outreach/ C&N
Sam Howe- '26, Outreach/ Cong. Development
Martin Knight- '26, Facilities
John Osinga- '26, Worship
Kathryn Overstreet- '26, Education/ Weekday School Board

Staff Leadership

Alex Collier, Director of Outreach
Rev. Dr. Nancy Dawson, Parish Associate
Susan Hall, Financial Manager
Maria Karalekas, Director of FPC Weekday School
Joshua O'Dell, Director of Music and Organist
Kim Ryan, Nursery Care Provider
Jody Sprinkle, Director of Facilities
Dr. Marcia Thom- Kaley, Director of Education
Rev. Dr. Peter Thompson, Senior Pastor



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Vision: Connect, Engage, and Draw Near to God and Others
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, November 10

- 9:30 am Worship (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:30 am Lemonade and Cookies
- 11:00 am Sunday School Classes
- 4:00 pm Walk with God
- 5:00 pm "The Greatest Gift" Advent Study
- 5:00 pm Meet in the Middle and For Real (MS & HS Youth)

Monday, November 11

- 9:00 am FPC Weekday School
- 6:00 pm Scouts - Cub Pack 7
- 7:00 pm Scouts - Troop 7

Tuesday, November 12

- 9:00 am FPC Weekday School
- 7:00 pm Scouts - Troop 49

Wednesday, November 13

- 9:00 am FPC Weekday School
- 10:00 am *Immerse* Bible Study
- 12:30 pm Al-Anon meeting

Thursday, November 14

- 7:00 am *Colin Caldwell* Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 am FPC Weekday School
- 2:00 pm *GriefShare* Class

Sunday, November 17

- 9:30 am Worship (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:45 am Lemonade and Cookies
- 11:00 am Sunday School Classes
- 12:00 pm Stated Session Meeting (Officers' Room)
- 4:00 pm Walk with God
- 5:00 pm "The Greatest Gift" Advent Study
- 5:00 pm College Cares Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday Morning Schedule Change

Beginning Sunday, November 24, 2024, our main congregational worship will begin at 10:45 am with a time of fellowship preceding at 10:15 am. This new time for worship will continue through Advent, Christmas, and into the New Year!

Notes for Today's Worship

Preaching/ Proclaiming:

Erik Koroneos

Key Scripture:

John 1:1-5, 14

Sermon Theme:

Christ the PROPHET

Ushers and Greeters:

Gary Williams, Beth Williams
Maurice Hickson, Martin Knight

Worship Workshop Leader:

Becky O'Brian

Lemonade and Cookies:

FPCLY Staff

Pastor on Call:

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

Members Helping Members

November:

Treena Koroneos (434) 944-9014
Diane Stroud (434) 485-3712

Prayer Joys and Concerns

If you have a prayer request to share with the pastor or staff, please speak with them before or after worship, call the church office, or share your request online at fpclly.org/ministries/care-nurture.html.

Worship, Grow, Love, Serve

Church Notecards for Sale!!!

The Care and Nurture committee has created packets of 8 notecards – one set features seasonal pictures of First Presbyterian Church and the other set features a sketch of the building and a few of our stained-glass windows. The packets are \$10 each while supplies last. *These packs of cards make great gifts as well as gift tags for the upcoming holiday season.*

"Share the Warmth" Coat Drive - Through November

Our friends at One Community, One Voice are once again collecting coats, hats, gloves, and blankets for men, women, and children throughout our area. A donation bucket will be outside Alex's office through the end of November. Many sizes and styles are needed--gently used or new items are welcomed!

"The Greatest Gift" Advent Study- November 3 through December 8 @ 5 pm

The Education Initiative would like to invite you to an ADVENT STUDY on Sundays from 5:00-7:00PM. This wonderful study features "The Greatest Gift," by Ann Voskamp, and explores the lineage of Jesus' family up to his birth. Kara Byrne is helping lead us to Bethlehem! The class has begun but all are still welcome to join and jump in when you are able!

College Cares is celebrating THANKSGIVING!- Sunday, November 17 from 5-7 pm

All college students, and friends, are invited to join together for a pre-thanksgiving Thanksgiving Dinner and Fellowship at Marcia and Scott's home on Sunday, November 17 from 5 to 7 pm. Please contact Marcia (marcia@fpclly.org) if you have any questions or would like to RSVP. Let us break bread and give thanks together!!!

Coping with the Holidays- Grief Share- Thursday, November 21 @ 2 pm

Grief from the loss of a loved one can be especially difficult during the holidays; therefore, we would like to invite you to come, surround yourself with community and learn helpful suggestions for coping with the lows of this time of year. Feel free to bring a snack to share. Contact Rev. Dr. Nancy Dawson, nancy@fpclly.org, with any questions.

Share God's blessings--join Covenant Giving today!

Thank you to our 116 congregants who have pledged to contribute \$423,890 toward our Covenant Giving 2025 campaign goal of \$700,000! So far 42% of our congregants have pledged, and we invite everyone to join us and help us reach 100% participation. Each and every commitment is greatly appreciated and much needed. As Christ's body, we rely on all parts of our body to be working and healthy and supportive of our church. Thank you for your consideration!

God's abundant love inspires us to give abundantly and live abundantly in Him (II Cor. :8). You are invited to join us by pledging your time, talent and treasure to support the ministry of our church. This year we ask everyone to consider prayerfully increasing their financial commitment by 8%, if possible, so that we can raise \$50,000 more than last year and meet our budget expense goal. **If you need a Covenant Giving packet**, please call 434-384-6231) or visit the Church. Susan Hall, Church Finance Manager, or others will be glad to help you. Thank you and God bless you, FPC Congregational Development Committee

Advent and Christmas @ FPCLY is COMING SOON! Mark your calendars!

PREPARING: Sunday, December 1...

Worship: 1st Sunday in Advent

REMEMBERING: Sunday, December 8...

Worship: 2nd Sunday in Advent- Christmas Play

Fellowship: Christmas Brunch

PRAISING: Sunday, December 15...

Worship: 3rd Sunday in Advent- Lessons and Carols

ENCOUNTERING: Sunday, December 22...

Worship: 4th Sunday in Advent- Outreach and Mission

CELEBRATING: Tuesday, December 24...

Carols, Communion, Candlelight (4 pm & 11 pm)