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Welcome to First Presbyterian Church- Lynchburg, VA

Grace and peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ!!! It is so wonderful to be together as we worship God this morning. The beauty of God's goodness and glory surrounds us! God's mercy is new every morning! The joy of the Lord shines like the noonday sun! I pray today that you will feel and experience God's presence with you and that the rest of this day is filled with opportunities for you to live into God's light and love in all you do and with all you may be with.

Today in worship we are invited to recall the story in the gospels referred to as the "Transfiguration of the Lord." If you look up into the chancel of the sanctuary, the large stained-glass window that appears is an artistic rendering of this event. "Transfiguration" refers to a change in form or appearance. At the Transfiguration of the Lord, we celebrate the revelation of divine glory in the human life of Jesus Christ. Jesus' radiant appearance on the mountaintop evokes consuming fire of the glory of the Lord at Mount Sinai. Standing with Moses and Elijah, Jesus represents the fulfillment of the law and the prophets. The transfiguration looks back to Jesus' incarnation and baptism, as God again claims him as a beloved child. The transfiguration also looks forward to his death and resurrection, as the one who is lifted up on the cross will reveal the glorious victory of God.

Many opportunities abound here at First Presbyterian Church of Lynchburg to engage, impact, and expect. Engage in the life and ministries of God's church and mission. Impact our neighbors by sharing the love and light of Christ. Expect God's faithfulness and goodness to unfold before our very eyes. We welcome and encourage all to walk together in being who God has created us to be in this time and place. God has blessed us and bestowed on us many gifts and we acknowledge the call and responsibility we have to share those blessings and gifts with one another. We try but we don't always get things right; therefore, we give thanks for God's gifts of grace and forgiveness and acknowledge the importance of offering grace to one another. May God continue to fill us and use us to bring glory to God's kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven.

Run the Race, Fight the Fight, Keep the Faith,
Rev. Dr. Peter Thompson

Building Hospitality

Our building is a wonderful resource. 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. In addition to locations, 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. 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 (downstairs below the library) 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?

First Presbyterian has welcomed 20 new members over the last year, and we are ready to welcome more. 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... Transfiguration of the Lord

March 2, 2025

*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

Brethren We Have Met to Worship

arr. Pethel

Welcome and Announcements

Litany for Transfiguration of the Lord

Blessed is the Lord our God, who revealed the law to Moses.

The Lord our God is holy!

Blessed is the Lord our God, who has spoken through the prophets.

The Lord our God is holy!

Blessed is the Lord our God, who came to us in Jesus Christ.

The Lord our God is holy!

The one who spoke and called light out of darkness now shines in our hearts.

The Lord our God is holy!

The one who comes and does not keep silence now speaks in our midst.

The Lord our God is holy!

Now we have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The Lord our God is holy!

*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

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by your own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.
Please take a moment for Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! The one who calls light out of darkness now shines in our hearts to reveal the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

All: **In the name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God! 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: The Apostles' Creed**

Hymnal, pg. 14

***Sharing the Love, Joy, and Peace of Christ**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading: Luke 9:28-43

"The Greatness of God"

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

God is Our Refuge

Allen Pote

*God is our refuge and strength
A present help in times of trouble
Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
Though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear.*

*Come and behold the work of the Lord
The awesome acts of God
He is in the midst of his people, in all the earth
He is the word, we are his hands, he will lead us
He is the air, we are his song,
We will celebrate his presence all the day long.
He is the rain, we are the stones, he will cleanse us.
He is the air, we are his song,
We will celebrate his presence all the day long.*

***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 and Benediction**

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S SERVICE

***Hymn #145: Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!**

Marion

Rejoice, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
your festal banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain:

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go.
From youth to age, by night and day,
In gladness and in woe. [Refrain]

At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest,
the pilgrims find their home at last,
Jerusalem the blest. [Refrain]

Then on, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
your festal banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King. [Refrain]

Called Congregational Meeting

Postlude

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

arr. Greer

*Fed by the Word that has been read, sung, and proclaimed,
Inspired by the presence of God who is with us in this place and with us wherever it is we are,
Let us all now depart from this time together, empowered and encouraged on the wings of the Holy Spirit
who gives us the courage, strength, and hope we need each and every day.*



2025... A Year to... ENGAGE IMPACT EXPECT

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, March 2

- 9:30 am Sunday School Classes for all ages
- 10:15 am Coffee, Lemonade, Goodies, and Cookies
- 10:45 am Worship with Communion (Sanctuary)
- 11:45 am Called Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 pm Walk with God
- 5:00 pm Meeting in the Middle -MS Youth Group
- 5:00 pm For Real -HS Youth Group

Monday, March 3

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

Tuesday, March 4

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

Wednesday, March 5

- 9:00 am FPC Weekday School
- 10:00 am *Immerse* Bible Study
- 12:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service (Chapel)
- 12:30 pm Al-Anon meeting
- 6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service (Chapel)

Thursday, March 6

- 7:00 am *Colin Caldwell* Men’s Bible Study
- 9:00 am FPC Weekday School
- 6:00 pm Chancel Ringers Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 9

- 9:30 am Sunday School Classes for all ages
- 10:15 am Coffee, Lemonade, Goodies, and Cookies
- 10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)... *Baptism (Nygaard)*
- 4:00 pm Walk with God

Pastor on Call... March 2 to March 9

Rev. Dr. Peter A. Thompson- 336.269.7270

Members Helping Members... March

Betsy Jones- 434.384-7633 & Judie Cleland 434.444-2797

Called Congregational Meeting – TODAY

The Session has called a congregational meeting for today immediately following worship for the purpose of electing the 2025 Nominating Committee. Nominees to serve include Becky Giles (Chair), Martin Knight, Donna Whitehouse, Laurie Sommardahl, and Donnie Ore. All are welcome to stay and participate, however, only active members are eligible for voice and vote.

Notes for Today

Coffee, Lemonade, Goodies, and Cookies:
Deb Goode

Ministers:
Congregation Gathered

Worship Leader/ Preaching:
Rev. Dr. Peter A. Thompson
Senior Pastor/ Head of Staff

Key Scripture:
Luke 9:28-43

Message Title:
“The Greatness of God”
Transfiguration of the Lord

Music Leaders/ Accompaniment:
Joshua O’Dell
Director of Music and Organist

Josh Davis
Percussion

Sarah Abell
Trumpet

Chancel Choir
Choral Anthem

Ushers and Greeters:
Caskie Giles, Becky Giles, Jenny Osinga
Mark Strosnider, Nancy Strosnider, Jake Dahl

Worship Workshop Leaders:
Pat Adams, Sarah Short

Communion Preparers:
Becky Giles

Video and Sound Technicians:
Jody Sprinkle

Chancel Flowers Today:
Chancel Guild

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WHEN EVERYONE LEADS...

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! To Cathy Oakes, Marilyn Hartman, Rev. Dr. Nancy Dawson, Meg Simpson, Joan Roberson, Lou Mekanik, Marilyn Bellaire, Dorothy Niles, Trenea Koroneos, Betty Anne Ebert, Sue Redmond, Diane Stroud, Mary Burger, Judy Stowers, Brenda Sanzone, and many more who serve on and share Care and Nurture with so many in our congregation.

Ash Wednesday Service- March 5 @ Noon and 6 pm

All are encouraged to gather in the Chapel this Wednesday for a service of repentance as we begin the season of Lent! This is a day we acknowledge our individual and collective humanity, our need for repentance, and our need to refocus our lives on God.

Sweet Hour of Prayer... Women of the church (and friends), join Kara Byrne in the chapel for a time of peaceful prayer for family, friends, faith, and future. We will meet each Sunday during Lent, from 5:15-6:15, beginning Sunday, March 9.

Daily Bread receives Grant from Presbyterian Women

Did you know? Lynchburg Daily Bread was founded by FPCLY in 1982. A relationship of transformation and transaction is maintained this day. In 2024, Tracey Dixon, director of Lynchburg Daily Bread, asked to pursue a *Thank Offering Grant* supported by Presbyterian Women (a very competitive process), specifically, to add a backup generator to ensure the safe storage of food in a power outage. Downtown power outages have been devastating in the past, wiping out hundreds of pounds of meat, as well as hurting fruit and produce. Laura Crumbley, 2024 Moderator, Presbyterian Women and Nearhood Leader with the Presbytery Team wrote the cover letter for the application and it was announced this week that LDB was awarded the grant!!! LDB provides more than 280,000 meals to the Central VA community meeting a critical need every day of the year.

PW Spring Luncheon – March 30

Join PW for lunch and a guest speaker on Sunday, March 30. Dr. Joe Pond will report on “Plastic People: They Are Us!” – a review of plastic pollution and how it affects us. \$10 fee for lunch and the program, and please RSVP on the sign-up sheet on the hallways table by March 24th.

First Pres Presents: “It Might as Well Be Spring: a Recital of Opera and Musical Theatre Favorites” on Sunday, March 30 @ 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Dr. Marcia Thom-Kaley, Grace Meade, and Bennett Umhau will be featured.

FPCLY LEADERSHIP

Session

Diane Stroud- Clerk of Session,
Education (Chair)
Denise McDonald- Finance Dev. (Chair)
Nancy Strosnider- Finance
Mary Ann Tate- Personnel (Chair)
Marilyn Hartman- Outreach/ C&N
Sam Howe- Cong. Engagement (Chair)
Martin Knight- Facilities (Chair)/
Nominating
John Osinga-Worship (Chair)
Kathryn Overstreet- Education/
Weekday School Board Session Rep
David Cheatham- Personnel
Caskie Giles- Finance/ Facilities
Bucky Neal- Worship

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Tom Pettyjohn, Vice-President
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Trustees, Session

Other

David Tate, Finance (Chair)
Cathy Oakes, C&N (Chair)
Gary Williams, S&O (Chair)
Bill Perkins, Malawi Mission Partnership
Marilyn Hartman, Presbyterian Women
Becky O’Brian, Chancel Guild
Arline Ore, Wedding Guild
Joan Roberson, Bereavement
Becky Giles, Nominating (Chair)
Sue Thornton- Redmond & Diane Stroud,
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