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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. 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 is the first Sunday in the season of Lent, an Old English word meaning springtime. The season of Lent is a time for growth in faith- through prayer, spiritual discipline, and self-examination in preparation for the commemoration of the dying and rising of the Lord Jesus Christ. Lent is a season of 40 days- remembering the flood in Genesis, Moses' sojourn at Sinai, Elijah's journey to Mt. Horeb, Jonah's call to Ninevah, and Jesus' testing in the wilderness. Lent officially begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5, and concludes with the Great Easter Vigil, April 19. Not included in the 40 days are Sundays, as the Lord's Day is a celebration of Christ's resurrection. Throughout Lent, we are called to a pilgrimage of prayer, in which we learn to be God's people once more. Therefore, I invite you in the name of Christ, to observe a holy lent by self-examination and penitence, by prayer and fasting, by works of love, and by meditating on God's word. In our observance and service, God brings us back to God's heart, opens our eyes to God's presence in the world and frees our hands to lead others to the wonders of God's grace.

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... First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 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

O Love that Will Not Let Me Go

arr. Hopson

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn #356: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

CELEBRATING BAPTISM

Sacrament of Baptism:

Arthur Cairns Nygaard
Parents: Erik and Anne Nygaard
Session Representative: Sally Leslie

Presentation of Purpose and Promise

Questions to the Parents, Congregation, and Children

Prayer of Thanksgiving over the Water

Act of Baptism

... I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. You are now a child of the covenant, may God bless you, and keep you, and may you always be open to God's guidance.

Prayer and Welcome

Leader: Arthur has been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism. God has made him a member of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ.

All: With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Arthur into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support Arthur, and his parents Erik and Anne, to share the good news of the gospel with them, and to help them know and follow Christ.

*Hymn #304: Jesus Loves Me!

Jesus Loves Me

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Choral Anthem

Great is Thy Faithfulness

arr. Runyan & Howell

Text of Hymn #276

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 58:1-12

"Micro Movements of Faith: Repentance"

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering Offertory Anthem

Pie Jesu

Grace Mead, soprano

Latin: *Pie Jesu, Domine, dona eis requiem. Pie Jesu, Domine, dona eis sempiternam requiem.*

English: *Merciful Jesus, Lord, give them rest. Merciful Jesus, Lord, give them eternal rest.*

*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 #81: Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

St. Flavian

*Benediction

Postlude

Meditation (Chaminade)

arr. Callahan

*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.*

Lent and Easter @ FPCLY

Sundays, March 9, 16, 23, 30 & April 6

Congregational Worship @ 10:45 am (Sanctuary)

Sweet Hour of Prayer @ 5:15 – 6:15 pm (Chapel)

Wednesdays, March 12, 19, 26 & April 9, 16

Taking the Time to See... Lenten Class + Dinner @ 5:30 pm (Sanctuary... RSVP Desired)

Sunday, April 13

Palm Sunday Worship @ 10:45 am (Sanctuary)

Thursday, April 17

Maundy Thursday Seder Meal @ 6 pm (Fellowship Hall... RSVP Needed)

Friday, April 18

"Seven Last Words" Good Friday Concert @ 7 pm (Sanctuary)

Sunday, April 20

Easter Sunrise @ 7 am (Columbarium)

Flowering the Cross

Easter Worship... No Choir @ 8:30 am (Sanctuary)

Easter Worship @ 10:45 am (Sanctuary)



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.fpcl.org.

Sunday, March 9... First Sunday in Lent

- 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

Monday, March 10

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

Tuesday, March 11

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

Wednesday, March 12

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

Thursday, March 13

- 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 16... Second Sunday in Lent

- 9:30 am Sunday School Classes for all ages
- 10:15 am Coffee, Lemonade, Goodies, and Cookies
- 10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)... *Baptism (Burton)*
- 12:00 pm Stated Session Meeting
- 4:00 pm Walk with God
- 5:00 pm Meeting in the Middle -MS Youth Group
- 5:00 pm For Real -HS Youth Group

Pastor on Call... March 9 to March 16

Rev. Dr. Peter A. Thompson- 336.269.7270

Members Helping Members... March

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

WHEN EVERYONE LEADS...

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! To the Presbyterian Women, Care and Nurture, youth, Bob and Noel Thomas, John and Jenny Osinga, Alex Collier, Barrett Thompson, Marcia Thom-Kaley and all those who donated to the Meals on Wheels Birthday boxes. All items were packed and a great time of fun and learning was had by all on Sunday, March 2.

Notes for Today

Coffee, Lemonade, Goodies, and Cookies:
Tracy and Al Baker

Ministers:
Congregation Gathered

Baptized:
Arthur Cairns Nygaard
Born August 29, 2024

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

Key Scripture:
Isaiah 58:1-12

Message Title:
"Micro Movements of Faith: Repentance"
First Sunday in Lent

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

Josh Davis
Percussion

Greg Childress
Viola

Chancel Choir
Choral Anthem

Ushers and Greeters:
Nancy Strosnider, Gwen Maddox
Julie Manning, Jenny Osinga

Worship Workshop Leaders:
Laurie Sommardahl, Sarah Short

Video and Sound Technicians:
Jody Sprinkle, Lloyd Agnew, Will Absher

Chancel Flowers Today:
The flowers on the communion table are given to the glory of God and in loving remembrance of Arthur's great grandparents.

Connect with us!

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FPC Lynchburg

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 (Chapel), beginning TONIGHT.

Taking the Time to See... Beginning Wednesday, March 12th Gary and Beth Williams will lead a series of reflections based on the stained-glass windows of the Church. We will meet in the Sanctuary from 5:30 - 6pm, then transition to the Fellowship Hall for a simple dinner and conversation. All ages are welcome! Please RSVP with Alex Collier, Gary Williams, or by Sign-Up sheet at FPCLY by Monday, March 10th.

A Look Ahead to HOLY WEEK- April 13-20

- Sunday, April 13 is Palm Sunday with worship at 10:45 am
- Thursday, April 17 is Maundy Thursday with a Seder Meal at 6 pm (RSVP).
- Friday, April 18 is Good Friday with First Pres Presents "Seven Last Words" Tenebrae Concert at 7 pm.
- Sunday, April 20 is Easter with Sunrise Service at 7 am and Easter Worship at both 8:30 am (No Choir) and 10:45 am.

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 hallway table by March 24th.

First Pres Presents will open its 2025 Fine Arts Series with a vocal recital on Sunday March 30th at 4:00 PM entitled, "**It Might as Well Be Spring: A Recital of Opera and Musical Theatre Favorites.**" Featuring works by: Mozart, Handel, Delibes, Rogers & Hammerstein, and many more. Soprano- Grace Meade, Mezzo-Soprano- Dr. Marcia Thom-Kaley, and Baritone- Bennett Umhau will be the featured performers. Collectively these three amazing artists have performed in some of the finest opera houses and concert halls of both Europe and the United States as well as maintaining extensive vocal studios.

Welcome Ellie Quillen, new Communications Coordinator!

Ellie, with her many skills and talents (photography, art, design) will coordinate and deliver official messaging across internal and external channels for our Church community. Her first day is March 17. More detailed info to come!

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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David Tate, President
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Diane Stroud, Secretary
Johnny Alford, At-Large
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,
First Pres Presents (Co-Chairs)

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Susan Hall, Financial Manager
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Rev. Dr. Peter Thompson, Senior Pastor

