

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 18, 2019

**Those who are able, please stand.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Silent Prayer of Preparation

This is the day you have made, Lord. Help us to rejoice in it and be glad! Remind us of the privileges we enjoy as your people: to come to you in these moments, to confess our sins, to receive forgiveness and give it, to pray and sing and listen, to renew our fainting spirits, to rest in all your promises. Open our eyes to see you. Open our ears to hear your Word. Visit us through your Holy Spirit and help us to celebrate our faith. Amen.

Prelude

I Believe

Drake, Graham, Shirl, and Stillman

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Isaiah 40:1, 28-30

Leader: "Comfort, oh comfort my people," says our God. Haven't you been listening?

All: God doesn't come and go. God lasts.

God is creator of all we can see or imagine.

Leader: "Comfort, oh comfort my people," says our God. Haven't you been listening?

All: God doesn't get tired out, doesn't pause to catch breath.

God knows everything, inside and out.

Leader: "Comfort, oh comfort my people," says our God. Haven't you been listening?

All: God energizes those who get tired and grow impatient.

Those who wait upon God get fresh strength.

*Hymn #411

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

*Prayer of Adoration and the Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 16

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess, as members of your body the church, that we have not always done our part in setting the example you call us all to. We are too often inclined toward restlessness, impatience, frustration, ambition, and pride, which can give rise to anger, revenge, discord, and bitter feelings between others and us. Too often we have offended and grieved you in our inability to wait and be patient on your loving and gracious providence. Have mercy on us and forgive us, God. Grant us the courage to "be still" and know that you are God. Through Christ, our Prince of Peace, Lord, and Savior. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! The Lord is faithful in all his words and gracious in all his deeds. The Lord is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

All: While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God.

*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

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside still waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Kathleen Lifsey

Following the Children's Moment, children ages 3 to 7 are welcome to participate in a combined Worship Workshop experience in the Chapel and Room 101 (off of Chapel) on the first floor.

These children will be brought back to the Narthex at the end of worship.

All children 3 and under are welcome in the Nursery. Please see blue pew card for more information.

Prayer for Illumination

"Conditioned to Pray: Impatience"

Peter Thompson

Psalm 46, Colossians 3:2-4, Psalm 23, Psalm 121

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn #260

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Prayers of the People

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

G. Neumark

Hymn 282

*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 #391

Take My Life

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

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday, August 18

9:15 a.m. Spiritual Growth (Chapel)
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
12:00 p.m. Backpack Program Volunteer Meeting (Chapel)
5:00 p.m. FPCLY Night @ MayLynn's (Boonsboro Rd.)

Tuesday, August 20

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Library)
6:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting (Officers' Room)
7:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting (Officers' Room)
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Scout Room)

Wednesday, August 21

12:00 p.m. Open Chapel (Chapel)
12:30 p.m. Al-Anon (Martin-Gifford Room)

Thursday, August 22

7:00 a.m. Colin Caldwell Men's Bible Study (Martin-Gifford Room)
11:45 a.m. Westminster Canterbury Luncheon with Staff (Fauber Room)

Pastor on Call: Peter Thompson (336) 269-7270 and Chad McCain (617) 304-9802

Members Helping Members for August: Lynn Shelton 384-3742 and Brenda Sanzone 384-0416

Chancel Flowers: Given to the glory of God and in celebration of the life of Joan Thompson Martin.

The rosebud on the baptismal font today is in celebration of the birth of William Prater Burton, Jr., born on August 7, 2019. His parents are Sara & Buck Burton, and grandparents are Betsy & Jeb Burton.

"Food For Thought" Backpack Volunteer Meeting: For those interested in assisting with the food packing of the meals, please meet in the Chapel at noon, following worship today.

Chancel Choir, Chancel Ringers, and KidMin! Music rehearsals will begin as follows: Chancel Choir: August 29, 7:15 p.m.–8:59 p.m., in the Choir Room. Chancel Ringers: September 5, 6:30 p.m.–7:10p.m., in the Bell Room. KidMin (children's music opportunity for Grades K-5): September 8, 5:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m., Room 126. *If you are interested in participating in one of these rewarding music opportunities, please contact Cory Whittier at cory@fpcly.org, or the church office.* All are welcome!

Spark Sunday, September 8: Our program theme is "At the Table": when do we come to the table, why do we go to the table, and how do we get there? The invitation is from our host, and our host (and hope) is the Lord. Join us at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast and to be spiritually fed, as we introduce, inform, and inspire you, and our guests, about all that is happening at FPCLY. Worship to follow at 10:30 a.m.

5,000 for Fort Hill is a continuation of our "Food for Thought" backpack program. This year we have committed to increasing our sponsorship from 12 to 24 students. To help meet this goal, we are asking for your help by raising 5,000 servings (approved food list card located in the Narthex) to feed the children of Fort Hill Community School during the year. Donations will be collected in the alcove of the Officers' Room now through August 31.

Jubilee "Top Chef": an interactive multi-course cooking competition between the best chefs in Central VA. Who will be crowned Top Chef? Guests will enjoy tasting-size apps and entrées. Saturday, 9/7/2019, 7-9 p.m. Tickets are \$125 each and going fast! Proceeds benefit Jubilee. Call 845-0433 or <http://www.lynchburgtickets.com/topchef>

Memorial Gifts

In Memory of Dr. Francis "Jensie" Teague, Jr., Alice Loftin
In Memory of Dr. Francis "Jensie" Teague, Jr., Cathy Capps
In Memory of Dr. Francis "Jensie" Teague, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Sam Johnston
In Memory of Theodore H. "Gene" Campbell, Jr., Bonnie Overacre
In Memory of Theodore H. "Gene" Campbell, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Bert Graham
In Memory of Bob Ryan, Mr. & Mrs. Sam Johnston

Many events, programs, and meetings are occurring at FPC; we encourage you to view the church calendar on www.fpcly.org, the hallway bulletin board, and sign-up table just off the Foyer for all the upcoming activities.



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