

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 25, 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

Prelude on Nettleton

C. Christiansen

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Laura Bauer, Food for Thought

Call to Worship

Psalm 100

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

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

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

All: we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.

**All: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

*Hymn #482

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

*Prayer of Adoration and the Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 16

CELEBRATING BAPTISM

Sacrament of Baptism

Mary Ellen Davis
Parents: Blakley and Beth Davis
Elder: Lou Mekanik

Presentation

Questions to the Parents, Congregation, and Children

Prayer of Thanksgiving over the Water

Act of Baptism and Introduction of Mellie

Prayer and Welcome

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

All: With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Mellie 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 Mellie, and her parents Blakley and Beth, to share the good news of the gospel with Mellie, and to help her know and follow Christ.

*Hymn #304

Jesus Loves Me!

Following the Baptism, 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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

"Conditioned to Pray: Anger"

Peter Thompson

Micah 6:6-8, Ephesians 4:25-5:2, Colossians 3:8-10, 12-17

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn #403

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

*Affirmation of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A's 60-61

I am made right with God only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, as if I had been perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is to accept this gift of God with a believing heart. When I say that by faith alone I am right with God; it is not because of any value my faith has that God is pleased with me. Only Christ's satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness make me right with God. And I can receive this righteousness and make it mine in no other way than by faith alone.

Prayers of the People

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

If Ye Love Me

John 14:15-17

T. Tallis

*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 #419

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

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

*Postlude

Fanfare

J.-N. Lemmens

The Two-Cents-A-Meal offering will be collected in baskets as you leave the Sanctuary. Please give as you are able.

Worship Leader: Michael Trexler

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday, August 25

9:15 a.m. Spiritual Growth (Chapel)
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
12:00 p.m. Backpack Program Volunteer Meeting (Chapel)

Monday, August 26

10:00 a.m. PW Coordinating Team (Library)
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Scout Room)

Tuesday, August 27

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Library)
5:00 p.m. Worship & Music Committee (Officers' Room)

Wednesday, August 28

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

Thursday, August 29

7:00 a.m. Colin Caldwell Men's Bible Study (Martin-Gifford 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

Members Helping Members for September: Dorothy Niles 384-1680 and Diana Smack 384-7046

"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.–7:10 p.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>

PW Women's Fall Kick-off Dinner: "Presbyterian Women of the Peaks Top 10," Monday, September 9 at 6:00 p.m. Ashley Stanley (coming from Danville), speaking on "The Top Ten PW Hymns of All Time." Her aunt, Lynne Neese, will accompany her on piano, and the program will include a sing-along. The meal is being catered by Meriwether's and the cost is \$10. Firm reservations must be made by noon on Friday, September 6. Sign-up on table just off the Foyer.

Welcome New Members: Michael & Rebekah Trexler have been married for 45 years and moved to Lynchburg from Phoenix, Arizona. They both retired from positions with Maricopa County Superior Court, and Michael was previously with GE. Connected to First Pres. by Rebekah's maternal aunt, Elizabeth Clarkson, they are excited to be members and part of the First Pres. family.

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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