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Christ the King / Reign of Christ Sunday, November 22, 2020

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude Finale: Andante Sostenuto (Sonata No. 6) F. Mendelssohn

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn: Open My Eyes That I May See

Open My Eyes

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth Thou hast for me; place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see; open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth Thou sendest clear; and while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see; open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere; open my heart, and let me prepare love with Thy children thus to share. Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see; open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Prayer of the Day and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn: Glory Be to the Father

Gloria Patri

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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Lesson: Psalm 100

Questions at the Table

New Testament Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23

"Hope" Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. *Refrain*

Refrain: On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood; when all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found, dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. *Refrain*.

Prayers of the People

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem Offertory Beck/Courtney

Thomas Cass, Soloist

With what shall I come before the Lord, And bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, Shall I come before Him with yearling calves?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, With ten thousand rivers of oil?

Shall I give my first-born for my transgressions, The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He has shown you, O man, He has shown you what is good.

And what does the Lord require of you But to do justice and to love kindness,

And to walk humbly with your God?

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S SERVICE

Hymn: God Be with You Till We Meet Again

God Be with You

God be with you till we meet again, By His counsels guide, uphold you, With His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

Benediction

Postlude Postlude on "Now Thank We All Our God"

F. Bock

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Session has called a **Congregational Meeting** for **Sunday, December 6 at 9:30 A.M.** following Outdoor Worship for two purposes. The first purpose is to recommend that the congregation concur with Rev. Chad McCain's intent to dissolve his call as Associate Pastor for Service and Outreach at First Presbyterian Church of Lynchburg effective November 30, 2020 with gratitude to God for his ministry among us and praying that God be at work to fully restore his health and well-being. The second purpose is to nominate and elect Dan Grabeel, Jackie Hill, Rick Milam, Stannard Preston, Ken Slusher, Dickie Stowers, Bob Thomas, and Michael Trexler to serve First Presbyterian Church of Lynchburg as Ruling Elders in the Class of 2023.

THAT'S AWESOME!!! Our FM Transmitter has arrived to assist with our outside worship of Prayer & the Word! Every Sunday at 9:00 A.M. we will continue hosting an outside worship in the front parking lot. Cold weather? No problem. Rain or Snow? No problem. Simply tune your radio to 92.7 FM in the parking lot. Our new FM Transmitter will be turned on to help you stay warm and dry in your car while still being able to see worship leaders and hear the Word of God read and proclaimed. Worship will be around 30 minutes.

THAT'S AWESOME!!! Live Video Streaming Update for Online Worship. Our new Live Video Streaming equipment has been installed for the Sanctuary and we look forward to launching this new platform for Live Worship beginning next Sunday, November 29! Instead of tuning into Facebook, we will invite you to the home page of our website, www.fpcly.org, to access the "Worship Now" video link. It will lead you to a live streaming broadcast of worship through youtube.com. The video will remain available on the website for viewing or reviewing at an alternative time and be posted to Facebook.

Offices and Facility: The church offices will be closed this Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving Holiday AND Friday, December 4.

Reopening update from Session: Your FPCLY Staff and Session continues to review the possibility of reopening the sanctuary for worship on Sunday mornings as well as the rest of the facilities without appointment or reservation throughout the week. As of Tuesday, November 17, the FPCLY Staff and Session acknowledges that nothing new has developed with the status of the virus to cause us to change our current protocols. We will continue to put safety first and stay the course as we have been following. The Staff and Session still feel strongly that to reopen the sanctuary at the level desired for effective worship, there needs to be better control of the virus with a stop of rapid spreading and much lower risk of transmission throughout Virginia for at least a two week period, an effective vaccine administered and distributed, or more effective ways to implement reopening within direct compliance of CDC guidelines. We are committed to continuing to review and assess progress of the pandemic and will be flexible to the possibility of opening as soon as possible.

Pastoral Care and Prayers: If you have an emergency and need to talk with Peter, please call him directly. Members Helping Members are also available by phone.

Pastor on Call:

Peter Thompson (336) 269-7270

Members Helping Members for November (phone only): Katy Nunn (434) 384-0011 and Treena Koroneos (434) 944-9014

"Rooted and Reaching" Capital Project Campaign- Rooted in a rich history and rooted in our devotion to God, we are reaching for the future and all God offers us and all we might offer others. God is doing great things in the life and ministries of First Presbyterian Church and 2020 is going to be a pivotal year in the history of the church. With opportunities to increase our benevolence support and efforts, improve ministry support, replace the steeple, renovate the organ, repair a variety of other facility needs, and enhance endowment sustainability, we pray you will be praying for First Presbyterian and how you can participate in this campaign initiative. If you have any questions, please contact Kathryn Pumphrey (Kathryn.pumphrey@gmail.com) or Bobby O'Brian (redimixer@lrmcc.com).

"Rooted and Reaching" Campaign Status: We have now raised over \$2.3 Million in pledges to date. Thank you to the over 100 of you who have already pledged. We very much appreciate your participation and leadership at FPCLY in this way. If you have not yet pledged, WE STILL WELCOME YOUR PARTICIPATION! Our goal is to contact each family of First Presbyterian Church in the next few weeks, so when you are contacted by a fellow member to schedule a personal visit regarding the "Rooted and Reaching" Capital Projects Campaign, we would be honored if you said "Yes" to the visit. If you would like to schedule your visit with a volunteer visitor sooner rather than later, email glendon@fpcly.org or call the church office at 434.384.6231 to schedule.

Annual Stewardship Campaign Status: We have now received 117 pledges totaling over \$436,000 for our 2021 Operating Budget. This is approximately 1/3 the total number of pledges and 2/5 the money needed to effectively do all God is calling us to do. Thank you to all who have turned in their pledge and we look forward to continuing our coming together in this way. Since packets and pledge cards are accompanied by a visit concurrent with the Capital Projects Campaign, the process is taking a little longer to complete this year. If you have not yet been visited or called, please remain patient. We want to include everyone as best we can. If you would like to initiate a date and time for a visit, we invite you to call the church office at 434-384-6231) or email at office@fpcly.org.