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Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, January 17, 2021

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Elegy

G. Thalben-Ball

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn: God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM Rhondda

God of grace and God of glory, on Thy people pour Thy power;
Crown Thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn Thy Christ, assail Thy ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving Thee whom we adore, serving Thee whom we adore.

Prayer of the Day and the Lord's Prayer

Doxology: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Old Hundredth

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. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Lesson:

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Gospel Lesson:

John 1:10-18

"Homecoming"

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Covenant

Hymn: Baptized in Water

Bunessan

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;
Heirs of salvation, trusting the promise, faithfully now God's praises we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ, our King;
One with His rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praises we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children, joyfully now God's praises we sing.

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

"Something in the Water"
Robert & Whitney O'Brian

James/Underwood/de Stefano

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S SERVICE

Prayer of Dedication and Benediction

Choral Benediction: 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.

Postlude

Toccata on "Hymn to Joy"

M. Thallender

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

WALK WITH GOD will meet today at 4:30 p.m. in the front parking lot. All are invited and encouraged to come be inspired with a brief devotional and friendly walk to the end of Peakland Place and back to the church.

RAEFP (FOOD PANTRY) NEWS The Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry recently received a grant from the Greater Lynchburg Community Foundation for \$7,953 to continue providing personal hygiene bags for each of our Food Pantry families. Thanks to this generous grant, each family receives a bag containing toilet tissue, laundry soap, dishwashing soap, toothpaste, and bar soap, in addition to food for three meals a day for three days. In 2020, RAEFP provided food and hygiene items to 1,550 families. FPC continues to support this important community mission with volunteer hours and financial support.

MALAWI MISSION: Our hopes of returning to Africa for a mission to come alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ in Malawi this June are being put on hold until safer travel guidelines can be administered. The plan will be to reassess the possibility of travel with a group every three months with a goal of scheduling a trip six months in advance of departure. We ask that all continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ in Malawi and for God to help prepare and call the right team of people from Lynchburg to go and participate. Please stay tuned for updates on organizational planning and educational meetings happening soon. Please reach out to Bill Perkins or the church office if you are interested in more information about Malawi Mission.

FAMILY-CENTERED WORSHIP EVENT GOING VIRTUAL. Join us NEXT Sunday, January 24th at 3:00pm for song, dance, a message, and virtual BINGO. This event will take place over Zoom. Please RSVP at this link (<https://forms.gle/piNxxctLXtvYk3ZB7>) by Friday, January 22. All Zoom and bingo information will be sent via email the day of worship. All are welcome to grow, learn, and discover together! Invite your friends and family! Future family centered worship events will take place on February 28, March 21, and April 18!

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 January (phone only):

Ginny McCraw (434) 528-1927 and Sally deNoird (434) 384-8153

"Rooted and Reaching" Campaign Status: We have now raised over \$2.6 Million in pledges to date!

Thank you to the over 180 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 call the church office at 434.384.6231 to schedule.

Annual Stewardship Campaign Status: We have now received 185 pledges totaling close to \$630,000 for our 2021 Operating Budget! 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@fpclly.org.