

PAY IT FORWARD

it's about

CARING

and

sharing

IT'S ABOUT

compassion

and

kindness

it's about

GENEROSITY

it's about sacrifice...

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you get what you give

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Service of the Lord's Day

July 25, 2021

**Those who are able, please stand.*

*Children are welcome and encouraged to remain in Worship. If needed, Nursery is available for ages 0 to 3.
Please ask an usher or greeter if you need any assistance locating the Nursery.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Largo

G. F. Handel

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn #554: Let All Things Now Living**

Ash Grove

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God our creator triumphantly raise
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us
By guiding us on to the end of our days

God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night
Till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished
As forward we travel from light into light.

By law God enforces the stars in their courses,
The sun in its orbit obediently shine
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.

We, too, should be voicing Our love and rejoicing
With glad adoration, a song let us raise.
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving,
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Most gracious and most merciful God, we confess to you and to one another that time after time we have entered your presence with countless prayers but with hearts that have been closed to your grace. We have lifted our hands to you in praise, but our feet have still walked in the ways of evil. We have rehearsed your commandments but have refused to see your face in the needs of our neighbor. We pray, Lord, for your forgiveness and mercy. May we experience the healing and peace that comes from your presence and rise daily to a new life in Christ, who lives and reigns with you, and in whose strong name we pray.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

All: Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. By God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and can be at peace.

***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 46**

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though it's waters tremble with its tumult. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading: Mark 6:45-52

(pew Bible NT, p. 41)

"Kingdom Stories Worth Retelling"

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn #3: Comfort, Comfort, You My People**

Psalm 42

Comfort, comfort you my people, Tell of peace, thus saith our God;
Comfort those who sit in darkness Bowed beneath oppression's load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem Of the peace that waits for them;
Tell them that their sins I cover, And their warfare now is over.

For the herald's voice is crying In the desert far and near,
Bidding us to make repentance Since the kingdom now is here.
O that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise in meeting And the hills bow down in greeting.

Make ye straight what long was crooked, Make the rougher places plain:
Let your hearts be true and humble, As befits God's holy reign,
For the glory of the Lord Now o'er earth is shed abroad;
And all flesh shall see the token That God's word is never broken.

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

In Christ Alone
Russ Hovda, Soloist

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*In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All Here in the love of Christ I stand.
In Christ alone! - who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid Here in the death of Christ I live.
There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine Bought with the precious blood of Christ
No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home Here in the power of Christ I'll stand*

***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 #368: I've Got Peace Like a River**

I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul.

I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.

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

Postlude

Allegro Maestoso

G. F. Handel

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday, July 25

- 9:00 a.m. Outside Worship
- 9:30 a.m. "Christian Outreach" Spiritual Growth Opportunity (Chapel & Zoom, login below)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary, radio, & livestream)

Wednesday, July 28

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

Thursday, July 29

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

Sunday, August 1

- 9:00 a.m. Outside Worship
- 9:30 a.m. "Christian Outreach" Spiritual Growth Opportunity (Chapel & Zoom, login below)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary, radio, & livestream)

Pastor on Call: Peter Thompson (336) 269-7270

Members Helping Members for July: Winston Green (434) 384-5939 and Ellie Hubbard (434) 384-1586

Members Helping Members for August: Janice Berkley (434) 384-6925 and Marilyn Hartman (434) 384-7043

The rosebud on the baptismal font today is in celebration of the birth of Ellen Carter "Nellie" Nygaard, born on April 22, 2021. Her parents are Anne & Erik Nygaard and grandparents are Bob & Sally Leslie.

Interested in growing closer to God and others? How about learning more about FPCLY? We believe we are here to worship, grow, love, and serve. We welcome any opportunities to build relationships with one another and would love to walk alongside you in God's gift of life. Conversations, coffee, and church tours can be arranged by calling the church office (434-384-6231). Peter will look forward to hearing from you and talking with you soon.

Kingdom Stories Worth Retelling is our Summer Sermon Series for 2021. From June 13 to September 5, the Gospel of Mark and the Gospel of John will reveal a series of stories teaching us about the secrets of the Kingdom of God and the good news of Jesus. There is no doubt these stories are worth retelling to our children and to others, but to retell them we must know them to begin with.

Summer Spiritual Growth Opportunity July 11 to August 1: One of the primary functions of the Church is in the arena of outreach to the community, both locally and beyond. This outreach encompasses a wide range of "activity," from simply being a listening ear and partnering member all the way up through direct service. But the outreach of the Church will only hit the mark of transformative change and reconciliation demonstrated by Christ when we first understand the "why's" of outreach before diving into the "how's." In this 4-week series we will explore the "why's" as they are exemplified in Scripture, and by such organizations as the Christian Community Development Association and others. Join us for this study, conducted mostly through conversation, which will hopefully help us think afresh about what outreach could and should entail. This class will be led by Alex Collier, a former Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) with 15+ years' experience in community development, on Sunday mornings July 11 to August 1 at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel. Everyone interested or intrigued are invited!

Zoom Link, www.zoom.us, **Meeting ID:** 837 1581 2650, **Passcode:** 185031

Parking Lot Construction Update: Our back parking lot & sidewalks and our main hallway roof will be under repair and renovation over the next couple of weeks. **Please plan to enter the church through the main entrance for worship, meetings, nursery and Weekday School access, and Scouts. The rear lot and playground will be closed until further notice throughout the construction.** Thank you for your patience and understanding!

First Pres Presents: Piano Quartet, *Opus87*, in concert in the FPCLY Sanctuary. Join us Wednesday, August 18, at 6:00 p.m. to hear a variety of music as FPCLY will be one of three concert venues for *Opus87's* "Seven Hills Music Festival." All are welcome! More information about *Opus87* can be found on our website (www.fpclly.org) or at www.opus87music.com.

SAVE THE DATE: September 12, 2021. Join us in celebration and worship as we kick off the new program year!

*** Many events, programs, and meetings are occurring at FPCLY;
we encourage you to view the church calendar on www.fpclly.org for all the upcoming activities. ***