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Worship... Come Back Home Sunday

September 12, 2021

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Children are welcome and encouraged to remain in Worship. If needed, Nursery (in Room 8) 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
Choral Introit

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
O Worship the Lord

J. S. Bach
Anonymous

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn #461: God is Here!

Abbot's Leigh

*God is here! As we Your people Meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure What it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, All our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit Into open minds and hearts.*

*Here are symbols to remind us Of our lifelong need of grace;
Here are table, font, and pulpit; Here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching, Here in silence, as in speech,
Here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.*

*Here our children find a welcome In the Shepherd's flock and fold,
Here, as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant Seek in worship to explore
What it means in daily living To believe and to adore.*

Call to Confession Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world, forgive us.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation;
the old life has gone, and a new life has begun.

All: **In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*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: 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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Worship Workshop (age 4 to kindergarten) *and Gateways to Worship* (grades 1st and 2nd) ... Temporarily Suspended

Choral Anthem

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Arr. M. Hayes

Kent Bergin, Autumn Mortensen: Trumpets; Trevor Musser: Timpani

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 29:11-14a

(pew Bible OT, p. 731)

"One Step at a Time"

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering

Offertory

Voluntary in D Major

J. Stanley

*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

Hendon

*Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee,
Swift and beautiful for Thee.
Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee,
Filled with messages from Thee.*

Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as Thou shalt choose,
Every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee,
Ever, only, all for Thee.

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction**

Threefold Amen

Danish

Postlude

Toccata

G. Mushel

Share the Love, Joy, and Peace of Christ

*Lemonade and Cookies is **temporarily suspended** due to Covid concerns.*

Worship Leader: Judy Stowers

Upcoming *Worship and Music* Opportunities:

Gathering and Praise- Sundays from 4:30 to 4:55 pm- Sanctuary... **Temporarily Suspended**

Outside Worship with Word and Prayer- Next Sunday @ 8:30 am- Front Parking Lot

Service of the Lord's Day Worship- Next Sunday @ 10:30 am- Sanctuary (Live Video and Radio)

Chancel Ringers- Rehearsal on Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:15 pm- 2nd Floor Gathering Room

Chancel Choir- Rehearsal on Thursdays from 7:15 to 9 pm- Choir Room, Sundays from 9:30 to 10:10 am- Sanctuary

First Pres Presents: Farewell to the Organ Recital- Saturday, October 16, 2021 @ 4 pm- Sanctuary

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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/or church tours can be arranged by calling or emailing Peter at the church office (434-384-6231, peter@fpcly.org).

Opportunities to *Grow*:

Adult Bible Class- Sunday mornings, 9:15 to 10:10 a.m. beginning September 12

Teachers are Beth and Gary Williams

Study sources include Scripture and *Unshakable Hope: Building our Lives on the Promises of God* by Max Lucado.

Exploring God through Art (6-week workshop)- Sunday evenings, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.- Fellowship Hall

WORKSHOP FULL

I'll Take Both: Faith and Sports (4-week workshop)- **Sunday evenings, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m..... Temporarily Suspended**

Walk with God- Sunday evenings, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Leaders are Noel and Bob Thomas

Devotion and 45-minute walk on Peakland Place- All level of walkers welcome!!!

Colin Caldwell Men's Bible Study- Thursday mornings, 7:00 a.m.

Leader is Rev. Dr. Peter Thompson

Explore, Discover, and Grow in God's Word with other brothers in Christ!

Immerse Bible Study - Wednesday mornings, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. beginning September 15

Leader is Rev. Dr. Peter Thompson

Explore, Discover, and Grow in God's Word with other sisters and brothers in Christ!

Youth Groups (In Person)- Sunday evenings, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m..... Temporarily Suspended

Children (In Person)- Worship Workshop, Gateways to Worship, Sunday evenings... Temporarily Suspended

Opportunities to *Love* :

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

Members Helping Members for September: Dorothy Niles (434) 384-1680 and Diana Smack (434) 384-7046

Prayer Chain, Prayer Shawls, Cards of Encouragement: Email peter@fpcly.org or stroudiane@comcast.net

Welcome Guide, Coffee Café, Lemonade and Cookies... Temporarily Suspended

Opportunities to *Serve* :

September Outreach Focus: Snack and Supply Drive- See following pages for more info

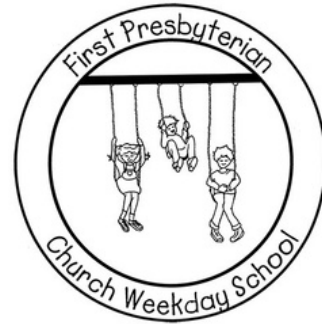
Two Cents a Meal Offering: Collection received the last Sunday of the Month during Worship

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

SEPTEMBER

SNACK AND SUPPLY DRIVE

Come, pour out your love this September as we carry out Jesus' commandment to love our neighbors. Help us collect over 5,000 individual items thru our annual Snack and Supply Drive! This drive will help support children and families in the Lynchburg community. We are partnering with Food for Thought, Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry, and our own FPC Weekday School.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Food for Thought is part of the umbrella of programs that make up Parkview Community Mission that FPCLY continues to support. FFT puts together "weekend" backpacks for children who may otherwise go without a meal during that short break from school. Items from this drive will provide supplemental snacks for between meals and needed hygiene supplies. FPCLY will be leading a packing event at FFT in October! Be part of the team that packs over hundreds of backpacks in 1.5 hours! For more information, contact Gary Williams gtwilliams1619@gmail.com!

FPC WEEKDAY SCHOOL

The FPC Weekday School operates as one of the most vibrant ministries of FPCLY and it has way since its beginning in 1946! The 2021 school year marks the beginning of our 75th year of operation providing Christian based educational opportunities for children in our community. With nearly 100 students ages 1 to 5 and nearly 25 staff filling classrooms, hallways, and playgrounds, God's love and joy abound as the next generation is inspired for Christ. If you'd like to be a guest reader, playground support, or serve another way contact katie@fpcwds.com



RIVERMONT AREA EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

Since the 1990s, First Presbyterian Church has partnered with five other churches in the Rivermont area to offer hunger relief through the RAEFP. "Clients" are referred to the RAEFP through the neighborhood churches and receive food kits. Items from this drive will help the pantry keep the pantry stocked. FPCLY also takes a turn packing starter kits, full food kits, and hygiene kits. To join the packing team or learn more, contact Tracy Baker at swee2ths@comcast.net!

REQUESTED ITEMS

cereal and fruit bars
nut and granola bars
oatmeal (single servings)
raisins (individual servings)
peanut butter or cheese crackers
tuna, vienna sausage, or chicken
pouches
canned fruit (15 oz. cans)
disinfectant wipes
baby wipes
white cardstock paper (8.5" X 11")
colored copy paper (8.5" X 11")
bars of soap/new wash cloths
toothbrush/toothpaste
feminine hygiene products
deodorant

Donations may be dropped off in the FPCLY

Main Entrance foyer:

Sundays 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Sundays, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Weekdays, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

