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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 Christ, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Special Music

Give Thanks

H. Smith

Althea O'Brian, Soloist

*Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son
And now let the weak say I am strong. Let the poor say I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us.*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Kathleen Lifsey

After the Children's Moment, children preschoolers–2nd graders are invited to participate in a combined Worship Workshop experience in Room 101 to learn more about the practices and purposes of worship.

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading: Luke 24:36-49

(pew Bible NT, p. 91)

“Impossible Possibilities: Bearing Witness”

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

College Student Commissioning

Celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

Lord, Who Knows My Heart?

D. Burton

Psalm 139

*Lord, who sees my every thought, Lord, who hears my quiet need,
Lord, who walks the path I travel, Lord, who knows my heart.
When I stand and when I sit, he is always close at hand;
Every word upon my lips he will understand.
Nowhere here in earth or heaven could I ever run away
From the God that gently guides me to the day.
If I take the morning's wings, soaring to a distant sea,
There his loving hand will meet me: Lord, who knows my heart.*

***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 343: Called as Partners in Christ's Service**

Beecher

Called as partners in Christ's service called to ministries of grace
We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace
May we learn the art of sharing side by side and friend with friend
Equal partners in our caring to fulfil God's chosen end

Christ's example Christ's inspiring Christ's clear call to work and worth
Let us follow never faltering reconciling folk on earth
Men and women richer poorer all God's people young and old
Blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission in a small or global sense
Help us bear each other's burdens breaking down each wall or fence
Words of comfort words of vision. Words of challenge said with care
Bring new power and strength for action. Make us colleagues free and fair

So God grant us for tomorrow Ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow With a calm that conquers strife
Make us partners in our living Our compassion to increase
Messengers of faith thus giving Hope and confidence and peace

***Benediction**

Postlude

Rondo in G

J. Bull

Share the Love, Joy, and Peace of Christ

Stewardship: God wants to partner with YOU!

When asked about something he has learned from being an active participant in the church, Dave Tate, long time member, Chancel Choir member, Clerk of Session, and Ruling Elder, shares, "God doesn't give you what you can handle, he helps you handle what you get." We have a responsibility to God, others, and ourselves to strive to be all God wants us to be. Sometimes it's easy and fun, other times, not so much. There's nothing in our lives and relationships with others that God doesn't have his finger on.

It's our job to try to discern his will for us in all things, regardless how difficult and opaque things may be.

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Worship, Grow, Love, Serve

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU to all those who had a hand in a powerful week of IMPACT in our community this past week. Whether it was through prayers, preparations, organizing, supporting, or physically participating, relationships were deepened and love was shared throughout our city. We look forward to future opportunities for community IMPACT!

***New* Prayer Service- Sunday Mornings @ 8:00 a.m.- FPCLY Chapel**

All are welcome to join together for a time of prayerful worship guided by scripture readings and applicable prayers of the people and for the world. The Prayer Service will begin precisely at 8:00 a.m. and conclude around 8:30 a.m.

Walk with God - Today @ 10:45 a.m.

Leaders are Noel and Bob Thomas
Devotion and 45-minute walk on Peakland Place - All levels of walkers are welcome!!

GODspeaks - Sunday mornings @ 9:00 a.m.

In this 30-minute class, our conversation will revolve around your favorite verses (GODspeaks) and how they speak into our lives. This will be *informal and interactive* in nature, so you can feel comfortable coming anytime even if you haven't been to a class before. All are welcome to attend! Facilitated by Beth & Gary Williams.

In-person & via Zoom. **Zoom Meeting ID: 8635 324 3600 Passcode: 335664**

Spark Sunday is September 11th

It's almost time to kick-off fall programming! Are you ready? We have a full slate of Sunday and weekday opportunities for adults, youth, and children to worship, grow, love, and serve. It's going to be awesome! Stay tuned for more details and get ready for it all to begin on September 11!

Sister Stories Luncheon – September 11 @ 12pm

Come, let us break bread, learn about one another, and hear from guest speaker Bianca Childress as she shares a bit about her life journey from California to Lynchburg and everything in between. All are invited to this catered luncheon in the Fellowship Hall! Cost is \$10 to be collected at the door. Sign up on the sheet in the main foyer, by calling the church office, or online.

Seven Hills Concert- August 20th @ 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Come enjoy beautiful music by talented musicians in a beautiful space! The First Pres Presents Fine Arts Series is excited to host the finale of the Seven Hills Chamber Music Festival on August 20 at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The program, titled "Powerful Passages," will feature works by Handel, Brahms, Tchaikovsky, and more!

**** Please view the calendar at www.fpclly.org or call the church office for more information. ****

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2020 High School Graduates

Hundley Burger	Louisiana State University
Spencer Carwile	Virginia Tech
Megan Foster	Dickinson College
Madison Gallagher	University of Virginia
Grace McCall	Virginia Tech
Kirby Morris	James Madison University
Clu Pettyjohn, IV	Furman University
Mac Pierpoint	Wofford College
Katie Sommardahl	Virginia Tech
Lanie Thompson	Centra School of Nursing

2021 High School Graduates

Nick Ebert	Virginia Tech
Liza Giles	James Madison University
Elizabeth Kittrell	University of Virginia
Hollins Pierpoint	Washington and Lee
Isabel Rhodes	Virginia Commonwealth University
Helen Sommardahl	Virginia Tech
Mufu Tebit	Case Western Reserve
Michael Selzler	

2022 High School Graduates

Hunter Cleland	Hampden Sydney College
Virginia Haga	University of Virginia
Zane Milam	Central Virginia Community College
Kasey Morris	Virginia Tech
May Pettyjohn	Christopher Newport University
Audrey Thompson	Central Virginia Community College
Caroline Moss	

College Cares Ministry

Abigail McAllister	Sweet Briar College
Katie Grush	Sweet Briar College
Amanda Jenkins	Sweet Briar College
Grace Applewhite	Sweet Briar College
Zach Elam	University of Lynchburg
Betsy Mohnkern	University of Lynchburg
Hannah Lambach	Randolph College
Lindsay Wanner	Liberty University (Graduate School of Medicine)