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Welcome to First Presbyterian Church- Lynchburg, VA

Whether you are at First Presbyterian for the first time, a repeat visitor, or a long-time member...

Whether you are familiar with reformed traditions or find some of it a bit different...

Whether you grew up Presbyterian or Baptist or Episcopalian or Lutheran or Methodist or Jewish or Agnostic...

Whether you are in search of comfort or wanting to be challenged...

Whatever reason brought you to worship today, you are welcome here. As God's children and Jesus' disciples, we believe it is important to take seriously God's commandment and Jesus' teachings to love God, love one another, and love our neighbors. We don't all look alike, act alike, or think alike. We don't all read the Bible the same way. We bring different questions and carry different burdens. Still, every Sunday we are called by God to worship together as one unified community. Our worship style is traditional and true to our Reformed heritage. At the same time, we seek to bring our faith into conversation with the world around us and the events of our lives. We do our best to sing with joy and pray with honesty. Hospitality is important, and friendship is holy. That's why we gather for fellowship, cookies, and lemonade in the Narthex after worship. We hope you will join us in sharing the love, joy, and peace of Christ with one another during this time.

If you're looking for a perfect church, although there are many wonderful things happening in the life and ministries of First Presbyterian, perfect is not in the cards. We're real people. We do the very best we can, but we don't always get it right. We understand how much we all need grace in our lives. And we believe that God's love, which never gives up and never lets go, is for everyone. We truly believe this a place for all God's children to be a part of celebrating God's grace and inspiring the next generation for Christ.

Run the Race, Fight the Fight, Keep the Faith,
Rev. Dr. Peter Thompson

Building Hospitality

Our building is a wonderful resource. It can also feel like a labyrinth when you are learning your way around. A few key locations may be helpful to you: Accessible Restrooms can be located down the main hallway from the Foyer. The Elevator is also located down the main hallway from the Foyer. The Nursery is located on the ground floor just outside the elevator. In addition to locations, there are two supports available to worship participants should they be needed: Hearing-assist devices and Large Print Hymnals can be found in the Narthex. Ushers are available and willing to assist you in finding your way or answering other questions. Wayfinding signs are also posted at all intersections throughout the building.

Welcoming Children

Just as Jesus welcomes the little children to come, so we welcome children of all ages in worship. We believe we are better when all members of God's family are included! In order to make the worship service as welcoming for our littlest ones as possible, we provide worship carts with a variety of resources to make a worship bag. After the children's moment, 4 years to 2nd grade aged children are invited to participate in worship workshop in room 101 or stay for the remainder of worship. It is always a joy to have your children and all the wiggles, giggles, questions, noises, and insights they bring. If you have any questions about how to enhance your child's worship experience, or if you're looking to get involved with our children's ministries, please contact Dr. Marcia Thom-Kaley (marcia@fpcly.org) or Catherine Adams (communications@fpcly.org).

Interested in joining?

If you'd like to be here in a more official capacity, you are invited to join First Presbyterian as a member. Everyone who is part of our community is treated the same. Joining isn't about special treatment, but rather about a commitment you make to following Jesus alongside others trying to do the same. New member gatherings take place throughout the year based on interest. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Rev. Dr. Peter Thompson (peter@fpcly.org) or Alex Collier (alex@fpcly.org).

Service of the Lord's Day... Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2023

*From the beginning of the early church, God's people have met to worship on the first day of the week, the day Christ Jesus rose from the dead. We **gather** to praise the triune God, confess our sin, and seek God's grace. We **hear** the good news of the gospel and are invited to **respond** to that good news in prayer, mission, offering, and celebrating the Lord's Supper. We are **sent** forth to glorify God through the service of daily living.*

**Those who are able, please stand.*

All are invited to join together in saying liturgy printed in bold.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Herzliebster Jesu (Ah, Holy Jesus)
Cory Whittier, Director of Music and Organist

J. Brahms

Choral Introit

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!
Chancel Choir

P. P. Knapp

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn 81: Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days**

St. Flavian

Lord, who throughout these forty days,
For us did fast and pray,
Teach us with you to mourn our sins,
And close by you to stay.

As thou with Satan didst contend,
And didst the vict'ry win,
O give us strength in Thee to fight,
In Thee to conquer sin.

And through these days of penitence,
And through your Passion-tide,
Yea, evermore, in life and death,
O Lord, with us abide.

Abide with us, that so, this life
Of suffering over past,
An Easter of unending joy
We may attain at last!

Prayer of the Day

Choral Anthem

Kyrie, from Requiem
Chancel Choir; Claudia Patterson, Piano

M. Hayes

*Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.
Christe eleison. Christ have mercy.
Kyrie Eleison Lord, have mercy.*

CELEBRATING BAPTISM

Sacrament of Baptism:

Hunt Silver Burton
Parents: Louis and Emma Burton
Session Representative: Jeb Burton

Presentation

Questions to the Parents

Prayer of Thanksgiving over the Water

Act of Baptism

... I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. You are now a child of the covenant, may God bless you, and keep you, and may you always be open to God's guidance.

Prayer and Welcome

Leader: Hunt has been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism. God has made him a member of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ.

All: With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Hunt into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support him, and his parents Louis and Emma, to share the good news of the gospel with them, and to help them know and follow Christ.

***Hymn #304: Jesus Loves Me!**

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me, this I know,
for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong;
they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me, this I know,
as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee,
saying, "Let them come to me." [Refrain]

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading: Romans 8:6-11

(pew Bible NT, p.157-158)

"Spirit is Life"

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Minute for Music

Cory Whittier

Call to Offering
Offertory Anthem

Agnus Dei from Requiem
Chancel Choir; Claudia Patterson, Piano

M. Hayes

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis
Peccata mundi,
Dona eis requiem sempiternam.*

Lamb of God, Who takest away
the sins of the world,
Grant them eternal rest

***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 #392: Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord**

Hall

Take Thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray,
Give us the mind of Christ each passing day;
Teach us to know the truth that sets us free;
Grant us in all our thoughts to honor Thee.

Take Thou our hearts, O Christ, they are Thine own;
Come Thou within our souls and claim Thy throne;
Help us to shed abroad Thy deathless love;
Use us to make the earth like heaven above.

Take Thou our wills, Most High! Hold Thou full sway;
Have in our inmost souls Thy perfect way;
Guard Thou each sacred hour from selfish ease;
Guide Thou our ordered lives as Thou dost please.

Take Thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;
Through our surrendered souls Thy plans fulfill.
We yield ourselves to Thee—time, talents, all;
We hear, and henceforth heed, Thy sovereign call.

***Benediction and Choral Amen**

***Postlude**

Toccata and Fugue in D Minor
Cory Whittier, Director of Music and Organist

J. S. Bach

We encourage all to share the love, joy, and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ with one another. All are also encouraged to join in the Narthex for lemonade and cookies before participating in one of the many spiritual growth opportunities available for all ages.

*The Two-Cents-A-Meal offering will be collected in baskets as you leave the Sanctuary.
Please give as you are able.*



Vision: Draw Near to God

Mission: Celebrating God's Grace and Inspiring the Next Generation for Christ
Worshipping Joyfully. Growing Spiritually. Loving Boldly. Serving Faithfully.

This Week at First Presbyterian Church

For a full calendar listing and more information, please visit our website www.fpclsy.org.

Sunday, March 26

- 8:30 am Coffee & Conversation
- 9:30 am Worship
- 10:45 am Lemonade and Cookies
- 11:00 am Sunday School Classes
- 3:30 pm Scouts Cub Pack 7
- 4:00 pm Walk with God

Monday, March 27

- 9:00 am FPC Weekday School
- 2:00 pm Canterbury Crew (Westminster Canterbury)
- 6:00 pm College Cares
- 7:00 pm Scout Troop 7

Tuesday, March 28

- 9:00 am FPC Weekday School
- 7:00 pm Scout Troop 49

Wednesday, March 29

- 9:00 am FPC Weekday School
- 10:00 am Immerse Bible Study
- 11:30 am Embracing Grief: Renewing Joy (FPCLY)
- 12:00 pm Lenten Prayer Service
- 12:30 pm Al-Anon

Thursday, March 30

- 7:00 am Colin Caldwell Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 am FPC Weekday School
- 6:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 31

- 9:00 am FPC Weekday School

Saturday, April 1

- 4:00 pm Music of Remembrance & Reflection: A Lenten Concert

Sunday, April 2

- 8:30 am Coffee & Conversation
- 9:30 am Worship (Palm Sunday)
- 10:45 am Lemonade and Cookies
- 11:00 am Sunday School Classes
- 3:30 pm Scouts Cub Pack 7
- 4:00 pm Walk with God
- 5:00 pm Holy Week Walk: Following Jesus

Notes for Today's Worship

Worship Leader:

Jenny Osinga

Ushers and Greeters:

Becky & Caskie Giles and
Sally & Bob Leslie

Worship Workshop Leaders:

Nancy Ann and Nathan Gowen

Sound and Livestream

Technicians:

Will Absher and Ken Slusher

Lemonade and Cookies Host:

Sally Leslie & Deborah Johnson

Pastor on Call:

Peter Thompson (336) 269-7270

Members Helping Members March:

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Members Helping Members April:

Brenda Sanzone (434) 426-8025
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Prayer Cares and Concerns

If you have a prayer request to share with the pastor or staff, you can write it on the blue prayer card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate (or the prayer box off the front hallway) or share your request online at fpclsy.org/ministries/care-nurture.html.

Connect with us!

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2. Mail a check to FPCLY, 1215 V.E.S. Road, Lynchburg, VA 24503
3. Use a credit card online at fpcly.org.
4. Download and use the *Vanco Mobile Faith* App on your phone.
5. Set up an automatic bank draft or bill pay.

Worship, Grow, Love, Serve

Lenten Prayer Services – March 29 and April 5 @ 12pm

Let's come together in the Chapel to lift up prayers for the cares and concerns of others, our world, & ourselves.

Lenten Reflection Devotional

Draw nearer to God during Lent with this weekly devotional that focuses on Christ and His journey to the cross. Pick up this week's meditation and coordinating Lenten symbol in the front foyer after worship.

Music of Remembrance and Reflection: A Lenten Choral Concert – NEXT Saturday, April 1 @ 4:00pm

First Pres Presents the FPCLY Chancel Choir in concert as they perform Mark Hayes' "Requiem" and a variety of other Lenten themed songs and anthems. This requiem was composed in 2013 and includes both Latin and English texts. The Chancel Choir will be joined by a wind ensemble of local musicians. All are welcome and encouraged to invite others!

Easter Flowers “in honor or memory of a loved one”

Celebrate a friend or loved one this Easter season with a gift to FPCLY “in memory” or “in honor of” him/her. Your gift (of any amount) will go toward the beautiful flower arrangement in the Sanctuary on Easter morning! A sign-up sheet and envelopes (for cash or checks) are on the table just off the foyer. Make checks out to First Presbyterian Church with “Easter Flowers” in the memo. Gifts can also be made at fpcly.org using the QR code to the right. Names of celebrated friends and family will be included on an Easter morning insert. Please make gifts by Sunday, April 2.



Vacation Bible School: Food Truck Party – Registration is live!

June 5 – 9 from 8:30am – 12pm

A Food Truck Party is rolling into town for VBS where children will be reminded that everything we have comes from God and it is He who meets our daily needs! Head to fpcly.org or scan the QR code to the left using your phone to register a child Participant

(3 years old through completed 4th grade) or youth helper (completed 5th grade and above). Any adults interested in volunteering for or supporting VBS in any way may contact Dr. Marcia Thom-Kaley (marcia@fpcly.org). The more the merrier. Everyone is encouraged to be in prayer for this powerful week of fun, faith, food, and friends!



Exciting things to look forward to!

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| April 26 | Potluck Fellowship Dinner |
| May 7 | Bibles and BBQ |
| May 14 | Youth Sunday (Contact marcia@fpcly.org if your child or youth wants to participate.) |
| May 21 | Last Sunday of spring Sunday School classes
Sister Stories |

June 20 Mission Team departs for Malawi
June 22-25 Massenetta Springs Middle School Conference