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# Welcome to First Presbyterian Church - Lynchburg, VA

Grace and peace to you!!! I wanted you to know how much of a joy it is to have you here this morning and I pray you know just how loved and important you are. You are loved by God unconditionally and you are a very important part of God's mission for the church in the world. Therefore; whether you are here today 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 curious...whether you have grown up in the church or are finding your way back...whether you are in search of comfort or wanting to be challenged... whatever reason brought you to worship today, I pray you know you matter and are welcome here.

As God's children and Jesus' disciples here at First Presbyterian, 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 leans more traditional and seeks to remain 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 paramount, and relationships with one another 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 let's 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**

First, our Hospitality and Welcome Desk is a great source of information and all visitors, repeat visitors, and members too, are encouraged to stop and interact with the host or hostess present today. Second, our building is a wonderful resource, however, 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. Wayfinding signs are also posted at all intersections throughout the building. Third, 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. Fourth, please ask anyone with a nametag or wearing a robe if you need assistance in finding your way or answering other questions.

## **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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:marcia@fpcly.org)) or Catherine Adams ([communications@fpcly.org](mailto: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](mailto:peter@fpcly.org)) or Alex Collier ([alex@fpcly.org](mailto:alex@fpcly.org)).

# Service of the Lord's Day

July 7, 2024

*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

**Say a Pray'r for the Boys Over There**

Magidson/McHugh

*Marcia Thom-Kaley, pianist*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship (Psalm 48)

Leader: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

**All: We give thanks for your steadfast love, O God.**

Leader: Tell the next generation that this God is God forever and ever.

**All: We glorify your name in the midst of your temple and to the ends of the earth!**

### \*Hymn #329: Break Thou the Bread of Life

Bread of Life

Break now the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me,  
as Thou didst break the loaves Beside the sea  
Beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord;  
My spirit pants for you, O living Word.

Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord, Now unto me,  
As Thou didst bless the bread By Galilee;  
Then shall all bondage cease, All fetters fall;  
And I shall find my peace, My all in all.

### Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

**Forgive us, O God, for our self-important boasting. We take credit for our strength without thought for your gifts. When honors are bestowed, we treat them as our due. You shower us with blessings and still we ask for more. Deliver us from our vain ways, and forgive our smug complacency. Turn our boasting into thanksgiving for Christ's power within us.**

### Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Paul declares that "when we were dead through our trespasses, God made us alive with Christ. For by grace, you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is a gift of God, lest anyone should boast."

**All: Let us give God thanks for the gift of God's grace within us, and claim with assurance the new life in Christ.**

### \*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: The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of One Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

## **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**Children's Moment**

Catherine Adams

**Prayer for Illumination**

**New Testament Reading: Mark 6: 1-13**

(pew Bible NT, p.40)

**"Witnessing Ain't Easy"**

Nancy Dawson

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**Celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory Anthem**

**Great is Thy Faithfulness**

Arr. Underwood

*Nancy Ann Gowen & Marcia Thom-Kaley, soloists*

*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not; as Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.*

*Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed Thy hand hath provided:  
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

*Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest; sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow: blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]*

**\*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 #357: O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee**

Maryton LM

O Master, let me walk with Thee  
In lowly paths of service free;  
Tell me Thy secret; help me bear  
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move  
By some clear, winning word of love;  
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee  
In closer, dearer company,  
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,  
In trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray  
Far down the future's broadening way;  
In peace that only Thou canst give,  
With Thee, O Master, let me live.

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

**God Bless America**  
*Marcia Thom-Kaley, pianist*

Berlin

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*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.*



**Vision:** Draw Near to God

**Mission:** Celebrate God's Grace and Inspire the Next Generation for Christ  
*Worship Joyfully. Grow Spiritually. Love Boldly. Serve Faithfully.*

## This Week at First Presbyterian Church

For a full calendar listing and more information, please visit our website [www.fpclly.org](http://www.fpclly.org).

### Sunday, July 7

9:30 am Worship (Communion)  
10:45 am Lemonade and Cookies  
4:00 pm Walk with God

### Tuesday, July 9

7:00 pm Scouts - Troop 49

### Wednesday, July 10

12:30 pm Al-Anon meeting  
7:00 pm Scouts – Troop 7

### Sunday, July 14

9:30 am Worship  
10:45 am Lemonade and Cookies  
4:00 pm Walk with God

### Prayer Cares and Concerns

If you have a prayer request to share with the pastor or staff, please share it directly, write it on a 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 [fpclly.org/ministries/care-nurture.html](http://fpclly.org/ministries/care-nurture.html). We are praying with and for you!

### Prayer Chain

Would you like to be a part of a group that engages in on-going prayers for our community? If so, consider joining our prayer chain! Each week our staff sends an email communication with prayers and praises for that week. Contact [alex@fpclly.org](mailto:alex@fpclly.org) to be added to the list.

### Traveling somewhere this summer?

We'd love to see photos of your summer adventures whether you enjoy a staycation or travel somewhere far or whether you go on a solo journey or the whole family is involved! You can share any photos by emailing [communications@fpclly.org](mailto:communications@fpclly.org) or by tagging @firstpresoflynchburg on Facebook or Instagram!

### Communication Emails and Updates



With all the travel that comes with summer, we want to do our best to stay connected. If you aren't already receiving our weekly "FPCLY Happenings" email newsletter or aren't already following us on any of our social media platforms, we encourage you to get connected today. The "FPCLY Happenings" email contains important information about worship each week, event and program updates, celebrations, and other congregational updates (births, baptisms, new members, projects and more); you can use the QR code to the left or follow the link on our home page to sign up. Our social media handles are noted on the back of this insert.

### Notes for Today's Worship

#### Ushers and Greeters:

Donnie Ore, Hannah Lambach,  
Donna & Frank Whitehouse, and  
Nancy Strosnider

#### Worship Workshop Leader:

April Shuck

#### Communion Preparers:

First Presbyterian Staff

#### Sound and Video Technicians:

Lloyd Agnew & Catherine Adams

#### Lemonade and Cookies Host:

Becky O'Brian

#### Pastor on Call:

Rev. Nancy Dawson  
(804) 399-9545

#### Members Helping Members

##### July:

Diane Stroud (434) 485-3712

Thank you, Jackie Hill and Ida  
Perkins, for serving in June!

## Connect with us!

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2. Mail checks to FPCLY, 1215 V.E.S. Road, Lynchburg, VA 24503.
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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

## **IMPACT week – August 5 – 10**

Our third annual IMPACT week is coming. IMPACT week is designed as an intentional way for the FPCLY community to pursue change and be changed by connecting with our neighbors throughout Lynchburg. We have three new opportunities this year: preparing and serving a meal at the *Park View Café*, a youth specific activity supporting Veterans at *Valor Farm*, and a *Westminster Canterbury* resident specific opportunity. All are invited to sign up for one or more of the 32 opportunities. Invite a friend or family member to learn and grow with you. *Scan your phone camera over the QR code to the right or write your name on the boards in the Narthex to sign up for this week of community & connection.*



## **FPCLY Staff Serving the Greater Church Body**

Throughout July, two of our staff will step out of the office to serve alongside other Presbyterians in unique leadership roles!

- Last week, *Rev. Dr. Peter Thompson* participated in the 2024 PC(USA) General Assembly hosted in Salt Lake City, Utah. Peter served on the GA Entities Coordination committee which helps perform business on behalf of six PC (USA) agencies including the Presbyterian Mission Agency, Presbyterian Foundation, and Board of Pensions. Thank you for your prayers! Peter will be out of the office this week on vacation following the General Assembly.
- *Alex Collier*, Director of Outreach, will be leading the recreation programs at Montreat Youth Conference for high schoolers from July 4 - 20. Leading Rec is a major passion for Alex, as he believes it is far more than just games: he believes these times are an important first step of moving and laughing together that can open the door for when conversations and topics get more difficult. We invite your prayers for Alex while he reaches and serves alongside youth, leaders, and other church families.

**Looking for ways to share your time and talents with the FPCLY community this summer? If so, consider signing up to participate in one of the leadership spots below:**

- **Be a part of our usher/greeter team.** This is an important role on Sunday mornings welcoming all those who enter with a smile and warm heart and assisting them with their worship experience.
- **Step in as a Lemonade and Cookies host.** This post-worship time of community is a powerful time of connection and relationship building made possible by simple cups of lemonade and tasty treats. We are looking for hosts for Sundays throughout the rest of the year.
- **Serve as a volunteer receptionist during the week.** This team assists the staff with answering the phones, opening the doors, and other small tasks during Church Office hours. Plus, you can be the first smiling face or encouraging voice that folks connect with when contacting the church.
- **Assist with Worship Workshop.** Encourage, inspire, and teach children during this 30ish minute educational offering for 4-year-olds through 2<sup>nd</sup> graders on Sunday mornings.

Contact the church office at (434) 384-6231 if you would like to sign up to serve!

*You are loved! Have a great week!*