

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

OCTOBER 4, 2026

*Please stand in body or in spirit, as you are able.
All are invited to say or sing together the liturgy printed in **bold**.

WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

PRELUDE *Ich ruf’ zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ* J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.
ALL: You shall love the Lord your God, and your neighbor as yourself.
LEADER: Come, let us worship the Lord.

*HYMN #466 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,
Almighty God,
you love us, but we have not loved you.
You call, but we have not listened.
We walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped in our own concerns.
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.
God of grace,
help us to admit our sin,
so that as you come to us in mercy,
we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our redeemer.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world
to save sinners. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA PATRI

**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.**

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

We invite you to share the peace of Christ with those near you. *Also at this time, we invite children ages 4 through 12 to go to the chapel with Brandy Webb, for Worship Workshop.*

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

CHORAL PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me. Mold me. Fill me. Use me. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 20:1-16

SERMON THY WILL BE DONE: A KINGDOM OF GRACE Blaine Hill

* HYMN #329 *Break Thou the Bread of Life*

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH THE NICENE CREED

P.15 IN THE PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

RECEIVING THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION, AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Look at the World*
John Rutter

*DOXOLOGY Hymn #592

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GO OUT IN GOD’S SERVICE

*HYMN #514 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Festive Postlude* Paul Fey

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Lynchburg

*We are glad to be worshipping together today!
If you are visiting with us, here are a few items you may find helpful.*

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 behind the chapel down the hallway to the right of the main entrance. In addition to these locations, there are additional supports available to worship participants: hearing-assist devices and large print hymnals, Bibles, and bulletins 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 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! So that the worship service can be as welcoming for our littlest ones as possible, we provide worship carts with a variety of resources to make a worship bag. All children are invited and encouraged to participate in worship with their families. We consider it a joy to have your children and all the giggles, questions, noises, and insights they bring.

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 Alex Collier (alex@fpcly.org).



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