

World Communion

October 7, 2018

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Triune God, you have called us to live in unity with each other and with our brothers and sisters around the world. Help us to sense that our love for Jesus binds us together. May our worship today be a witness to the kind of unity that comes only through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prelude

Christe, Du Lamm Gottes

J. S Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Stewardship

Connie Messerschmidt

Call to Worship

Leader: The God of creation makes us one in body!

All: Let us join hearts and voices in praise to the Lord.

Leader: The God of Christ makes us one in the Spirit!

All: Let us join hearts and voices in praise to the Lord.

*Hymn #417

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

*Prayer of Adoration and Lord's Prayer

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

God of grace, we grieve that the church, which shares one Spirit, one faith, one hope, and one calling, has become a broken communion in a broken world. The one body spans all time, place, race, and language, but in our fear we have fled from and fought one another, and in our pride we have mistaken our piece for the whole. Yet we marvel that you gather the pieces to do your work, that you bless us with joy, with growth, and with signs of unity. Forgive our sins and help us to commit ourselves to seeking and showing the unity of the body of Christ. In his name, amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that we may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once we were not a people, but now we are God's people; once we had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

All: In Christ, we are forgiven, redeemed, and made to be a community united in faith. Thanks be to God.

*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

Romans 8:1, 28, 38-39

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Kathleen Lifsey

Following the Children's Moment, children ages 4 and 5 are invited to participate in Worship Workshop in Room 1 on the ground floor next to the toddler playground. Children in 1st and 2nd grades are invited to participate in Gateways to Worship in Room 101 on the main level between the Library and Chapel. All children 3 and under are welcome in the Nursery. Please see green pew card for more information.

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 26

(pew Bible OT, p. 503)

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

(pew Bible NT, p. 214)

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

"In Remembrance of Me"

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn #440

In Christ There Is No East or West

Bread from around the world offered by 3rd to 5th grade participants of The Lord's Supper Workshop

Celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

All who trust and believe in Jesus Christ are invited to participate in communion. As we celebrate communion together, you are invited to remain in your seat. A server will present you with a tray of bread; please take a piece and pass the tray down the pew. As you are ready, you may eat the bread. When all have been served the bread, a server will then present a tray of juice; please take a cup and pass the tray down the pew. As you are ready, you may drink and place your empty cup in the pew rack. As you pass the bread and cup to one another, you may offer the bread as the "bread of life" and the cup as the "cup of salvation."

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

Draw us in the Spirit's Tether

H. Friedell

*Draw us in the Spirit's tether, For when humbly in Thy name, Two or three are met together
Thou are in the midst of them; Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now Thy garment's hem.*

*As the brethren used to gather In the name of Christ to sup, Then with thanks to God the Father
Break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluia! Alleluia! So knit Thou our friendship up.*

*All our meals and all our living Make as sacraments of Thee, That by caring, helping, giving
We may true disciples be. Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve Thee faithfully.*

*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

*Benediction

*Sharing the Love, Joy, and Peace of Christ

Leader: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Postlude

Fanfare

J. Lemmens

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday, October 7

- 9:00 a.m. Coffee Café (Officers' Room)
- 9:15 a.m. Spiritual Growth Opportunities (Various Locations)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 p.m. *Classic to Modern* (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 p.m. MS Youth Group (FH/MS Youth Room)
- 5:00 p.m. Run/Walk with God (Rear Parking Lot)
- 5:00 p.m. KidMin (Room 126)
- 6:30 p.m. HS Youth Group (FH/HS Youth Room)

Monday, October 8

- 10:00 a.m. PW Horizon Morning Circle (Officers' Room)
- 10:00 a.m. PW Book Circle (Library)
- 9:30 a.m. Marys and Marthas (HS Youth Room)
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Scout Room)
- 7:00 p.m. Community Bible Study (Martin-Gifford Room)

Tuesday, October 9

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Martin-Gifford Room)
- 9:30 a.m. Young and Not So Young (Library)
- 4:30 p.m. Finance Committee (Officers' Room)
- 5:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee (Library)
- 5:30 p.m. Spiritual Growth Committee (Martin-Gifford Room)
- 6:00 p.m. Communications Committee (Officers' Room)
- 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts (Scout Room)

Wednesday, October 10

- 10:00 a.m. Holy Motion (Fellowship Hall)
- 12:30 p.m. Al-Anon (Martin-Gifford Room)
- 6:00 p.m. Men's Fellowship Dinner & Program

Thursday, October 11

- 7:00 a.m. Colin Caldwell Men's Bible Study (Martin-Gifford Room)
- 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Bride's Room)
- 10:30 a.m. WC Morning Devotion
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Bell Ringers (Bell Room)
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir (Choir Room)

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

Members Helping Members for October: Carolyn Sparks, 851-3851 and Sue Thornton 384-5299

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God, in celebration of the marriage of Emily Gummo to Justin Heavner.

The Foyer Flowers are given to the glory of God, in loving memory of James Oglesby Moore, by his family.

Give Thanks by Giving: Service & Outreach Committee and Interfaith Outreach Association are asking you to help make Thanksgiving dinner happen for a local family in need. Partner with a group/family and you can fund a complete dinner for ~\$100 or shop for the food & deliver to a family. Contact Grace Bohnert, 847-5580, for details.

Lynchburg City Schools/FPC Food Backpack Program: It's hard to study when you're hungry. Help feed children on the weekend and feed a new generation of learners! Donations/details by Chad's office/Atrium or see Gary & Beth Williams.

Holy Motion: A program for all senior adults interested in connecting with others and growing closer with God. Join us Wednesday, October 10 at 10:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall) for *Making a Joyful Noise*, a time of devotion and music with students of the Weekday School. If you need a ride, please contact the church at 384-6231 by noon on Tuesday, October 9.

Men's Fellowship: Wednesday, October 10, 6:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall) \$10. *Hear Your Calling*, with guest speaker Chad McCain. All are welcome. Please sign up by Monday, October 8 in the hallway off the Foyer.

Pots o' Love: Following Worship on October 14, the Stewardship Committee invites you to join us for our Annual Family Meal celebrating FPC's growth and continued nourishment of our Church family, community, and beyond. Bring your best! Two of the chefs (1 crock pot & 1 dessert) will go home with a beautiful bowl from Oxide Pottery. Come eat, love, and vote for a favorite dish! Sign up to be a chef, or simply be our guest, as we break bread together.



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