

Consecration (Stewardship) Sunday

October 14, 2018

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Fill our worship with grace, Lord Jesus Christ, that every thought, word, and deed may be acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer. **Amen.**

Prelude

Meditation

G. Dupont

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

LCS Backpack Program

Call to Worship

Leader: Celebrating God's grace,

All: we gather to worship, sing, and pray together as God's Church.

Leader: Inspiring the next generation for Christ,

All: we gather to learn, laugh, and play together as God's beloved children.

Leader: On the foundation of God's promises,

All: we worship God with joyful and grateful hearts.

*Hymn #461

God Is Here!

*Prayer of Adoration and the Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 16

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

Friends, say the good news with me...

All: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*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 Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, p. 14

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: Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

(pew Bible OT, p. 616)

New Testament Reading: Mark 10:17-31

(pew Bible NT, p. 46)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

"Time? Now! Place? Here!"

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn #507

I Come with Joy

Celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Today, we will be receiving communion by "Intinction." All those who trust and believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, including children, are invited to participate. All who are able are asked to process forward up the center aisle to one of the stations up front, take a wafer from the plate, dip it into the cup, partake of the elements, and then return to your seat along the side aisles. If you are unable to come forward, please remain in your seat, and a server will come to you with the elements.

As you come forward for communion, you are invited to bring your offering for the week as well as your 2019 Pledge Card, and place them in the model church. 2019 Pledge Cards can be found at each end of every pew.

Anthem

All Things Bright and Beautiful

J. Rutter

*All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful: The Lord God made them all.
Each little flow'r that opens, Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors, He made their tiny wings.
The purple-headed mountains, The river running by,
The sunset and the morning That brightens up the sky.
The cold wind in the winter, The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden, He made them every one.
The tall trees in the greenwood, The meadows where we play,
The rushes by the water, To gather every day.
He gave us eyes to see them, And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty, Who has made all things well.*

*Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S SERVICE

*Hymn #418

God, Bless Your Church with Strength!

*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

Fugue in D Major, BWV 532

J. S. Bach

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday, October 14

9:00 a.m. Coffee Café (Officers' Room)
9:15 a.m. Spiritual Growth Opportunities (Various Locations)
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
11:30 a.m. Pots of Love Celebration (Fellowship Hall)
3:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (Martin-Gifford Room)
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 15

9:30 a.m. Marys and Marthas (HS Youth Room)
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Scout Room)
7:00 p.m. Men's Community Bible Study (Martin-Gifford Room)

Tuesday, October 16

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Library)
7:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting (Officers' Room)
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts (Scout Room)

Wednesday, October 17

12:30 p.m. Al-Anon (Martin-Gifford Room)

Thursday, October 18

7:00 a.m. Colin Caldwell Men's Bible Study (Martin-Gifford Room)
9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Bride's Room)
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

Pots of Love: Today immediately following worship, join us for this uplifting celebration of our Church family! Lively music, 15 hearty meals and desserts to choose from, and an old-fashioned cake walk! You do not need to have made a dish to attend.

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.

Children's Sabbath Sunday: On October 21, praises to God offered by KidMin and the Weekday School Students as we celebrate children in worship.

All Saints' Service of Remembrance: Thursday, November 1 @ 11 a.m. in the Columbarium. All Saints' Day is a time to honor those in our church community who have gone before us, passing from their earthly life into their eternal life. The service will include a reading of each name of those who have passed away in the last year as an act of remembrance and communion. (Rain plan: Chapel)

Chancel Flowers: Thank you to those who donated flowers in the month of September and into October. Donations of flowers may be made using the flower sign-up folder on the table off the Foyer.

Prayer Cards, Box, and Comfort Squares: The prayer cards, box, and comfort squares are located just off the Foyer in the hallway between the screens. If you have a special prayer request, we welcome you to complete a card and place it in the box, and feel free to take one of the comfort squares from the basket. Our Prayer Chain will be glad to join you in your prayer journey.

Many events, programs, and meetings are occurring at FPC; we encourage you to view the church calendar on www.fpcl.org, the hallway bulletin board, and sign-up table just off the Foyer for all the upcoming activities.



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