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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 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

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).

***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

Marcia Thom-Kaley

Choral Anthem

Fight the Good Fight

J. Gardner

*Fight the good fight with all thy might! Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;
Lay hold on life, and it shall be Thy joy and crown eternally.
Run the straight race through God's good grace, Lift up thine eyes, and seek His face;
Life with its way before us lies, Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
Cast care aside, lean on thy Guide; His boundless mercy will provide;
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life, and Christ its love.
Faint not nor fear, His arms are near, He changeth not, and thou art dear;
Only believe, and thou shalt see That Christ is all in all to thee.*

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 19

(pew Bible OT, p. 498-499)

"of the Lord"

Rev. Dr. Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

Consecration

Arr. C. Courtney

Sydney Wenger, soloist

*Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee, swift and beautiful for Thee
Take my voice, and let me sing, always, only, for my King.
Take my intellect, and use every power as Thou shalt choose, every power as Thou shalt choose.
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose.
Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own; It shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love; my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee, ever, only, all for Thee*

***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 #167: God's Law Is Perfect and Gives Life**

Halifax

God's law is perfect and gives life, revives the weary soul;
God's testimonies all are sure, wisdom for all to hold.
The statutes of the Lord are just and give the heart delight;
God's precepts are direct and pure and give the eyes clear sight.

The fear of God is always clean, enduring as the sun;
The judgments of the Lord are true, and righteous, every one.
And even more to be desired than gold, the finest gold.
And sweeter than the honeycomb, the words God spoke of old.

Your servant finds enlightenment by means of them, O Lord;
And in the keeping of Your law, there is a great reward.
But who can tell how often they offend unknowingly?
From all my secret faults, O Lord, I ask You to cleanse me.

Lord, keep me from presumptuous sins; Let them not rule my soul;
Then I shall not commit great wrongs, I shall be sound and whole.
Let all my words and all my thoughts, My Lord, Redeemer, Might,
Find favor now, and always win acceptance in Your sight.

***Benediction**

*May today there be peace within. May you trust that you are exactly where you are meant to be.
May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith in yourself and others.
May you use the gifts that you have received and pass on the love that has been given to you.
May you be content with yourself just the way God has created you.
Let this knowledge settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance,
praise and love. It is there for each and every one of us.*

Choral Benediction

May the Grace of Christ Our Savior

J. Stainer

Postlude

The Heavens Declare Thy Glory, Lord

L. Shackley

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.fpclj.org.

Sunday, October 8

- 9:30 am Worship
- 10:45 am Lemonade and Cookies
- 11:00 am Sunday School classes
- 12:00 pm College Cares
- 4:00 pm Walk with God
- 4:30 pm Middle & High School Game Day with St. John's Youth

Monday, October 9

- 9:00 am FPC Weekday School
- 9:45 am PW Horizon Circle Study
- 2:00 pm Canterbury Crew
- 6:00 pm Scouts – Cub Pack 7
- 7:00 pm Scouts – Troop 7

Tuesday, October 10

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

Wednesday, October 11

- 9:00 am FPC Weekday School
- 10:00 am Immerse Bible Study, *Fearless*
- 11:00 am *Embracing Grief, Renewing Joy* class
- 12:30 pm Al-Anon Meeting

Thursday, October 12

- 7:00 am Colin Caldwell Men's Bible Study, *Fearless*
- 9:00 am FPC Weekday School
- 6:30 pm Chancel Ringers Rehearsal
- 7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 13

- 9:00 am FPC Weekday School

Saturday, October 14

- 4:00 pm Presbyterian Cemetery 200th Anniversary Event

Sunday, October 15

- 9:30 am Worship
- 10:45 am Lemonade and Cookie
- 11:00 am *Rooted and Reaching* Celebration Brunch
- 12:00 pm College Cares
- 4:00 pm Walk with God

Notes for Today's Worship

Worship Leader:

Amy Pugh

Ushers and Greeters:

Connie Messerschmidt,
Elsie Howerton, Rick Milam, and
Laurie Sommardahl

Worship Workshop Leaders:

Whitney O'Brian

Sound and Video Technicians:

Will Absher & Ken Slusher

Lemonade and Cookies Hosts:

Laurie Sommardahl

Pastor on Call:

Peter Thompson (336) 269-7270

Members Helping Members

October:

Sheila Modjeska (434) 386-3606

Sue Thornton (434) 384-5299 or (434)
944-3049

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 fpclj.org/ministries/care-nurture.html.

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Worship, Grow, Love, Serve

Middle School and High School Game Day with St. John's Youth – TODAY @ 4:30pm

Game on! Middle and High School Youth are invited to a fun evening of outdoor games (kickball, tug of war, lacrosse, and more), dinner, and community with our Rivermont neighbors at St. John's Church. We will meet at the field on Spotswood Drive. Email or text Marcia so we have a count for dinner: marcia@fpcly.org or (434) 610-7784. We would love to have adult volunteers to support, cheer on, and connect with all the kids!

Presbyterian Cemetery 200th Anniversary Celebration – NEXT Saturday, October 14 @ 4:00pm

Join this special celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Presbyterian Cemetery (2020 Grace Street)! There will be a short program including encouraging words from pastors of the two founding churches (First Presbyterian & Westminster Presbyterian) and the Cemetery Board and a few stories about the cemetery's 200 years. Light Hors D'oeuvre and drinks will be offered as well as a raffle of a cemetery painting by Winston Cobb Green. To purchase raffle ticket, scan your phone camera over the QR code to the right. To RSVP to the event, please call (434) 845-0551 or email office@presbyteriancemeteryva.com.



The Organ Returns to Worship – Sunday, October 15 @ 9:30am

Don't miss the first Sunday in which the new organ will assist in leading worship! After nearly 19 months without a pipe organ, the new Foley-Baker organ will be sounding in the Sanctuary! Plus, the children will be singing a special musical offering of their own at the beginning of worship. All of this will be part of our Rooted and Reaching celebration festivities of the day!

Rooted and Reaching Celebration Brunch – Sunday, October 15 @ 11:00am

Let's come together and celebrate all that God has done through the *Rooted and Reaching* campaign over a catered brunch from Peakland Catering! We will offer stories of impact, share photos and artifacts of the projects, express thanks to God in prayer, and enjoy a meal together. There will be an activity for older children and nursery care for children 3 & under. *Text or call Theresa Burton at (434) 660-7611 to RSVP by October 9th!*

Trunk or Treat – Sunday, October 29th from 4-6pm

We invite you to join us for our 3rd annual night of candy, costumes, and community! Sign up to be a “Trunk Host” on the clipboard below the Outreach bulletin board or by contacting Alex (alex@fpcl.org). If you can’t host a “trunk” but still want to participate, there are a few volunteer roles needed to help make the event happen. We hope to see you out there for this fun event! Any and all are welcome to this fun-filled evening!

All Saints’ Day Service Remembrance – Wednesday, November 1 @ 11:00am - Columbarium

All Saints’ Day is a time to honor who have gone before us, passing from their earthly life into their eternal life. This service will include a reading of each name of those from this church community who have passed away in the last year, the ringing of a bell in honor of each person, and the sacrament of communion.

You are loved! Have a great week!