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The 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).

Service of the Lord's Day

October 29, 2023

*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 **Prière** L. Boëllmann
Cory Whittier, Director of Music and Organist

Choral Introit **O Come, Let Us Worship** Anonymous
Chancel Choir

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn #464: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee** Hymn to Joy

Joyful, joyful, we adore You, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the gloom of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee!.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus, Which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us, Joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward In the triumph song of life.

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

God of grace, we confess that we have elevated the things of this world above you. We have made idols of possessions and people and used your name for causes that are not consistent with you and your purposes. We have permitted our schedules to come first and have not taken the time to worship you enough. We have not always honored those who guided us in life. We have participated in systems that take life instead of give it. We have been unfaithful in our covenant relationships. We have yearned for, and sometimes taken, that which is not ours, and we have misrepresented others' intentions. Forgive us, O God, for the many ways we fall short of your glory. In your grace, may we learn to live together according to your ways through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation; the old life has gone and a new life has begun.

All: **In 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: Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A's 32,34

I am called Christian because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity. We call him "our Lord" because- not with gold or silver, but with his precious blood- he has set us free from sin and from the tyranny of the devil, and has bought us, body and soul, to be his very own.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Catherine Adams

Choral Anthem

To God on High be Thanks and Praise

N. Decius

Chancel Choir

*To God on high be thanks and praise, Who deigns our bonds to sever;
His cares our drooping souls upraise, And harm shall reach us never.
On Him we rest with faith assured, Of all that live the mighty Lord,
Forever and forever.*

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

(pew Bible OT, p. 735)

"Covenant Giving"

Rev. Dr. Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Minute for Covenant Giving

Dave Tate

Call to Offering

Offertory

How Firm a Foundation

D. Wood

Cory Whittier, organ

*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 and Benediction

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S SERVICE

*Hymn #379: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand: all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand: all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, His covenant, his blood, support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand: all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found:
dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. [Refrain]

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand: all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

Congregational Meeting: Nominating Committee

*Postlude

God of Grace, and God of Glory
Cory Whittier, Director of Music and Organist

P. Manz

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.

Two Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger relief in our community will be collected in baskets in the Narthex at the end of worship. All are invited to give to this offering as you are able.



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

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For a full calendar listing and more information, please visit our website www.fpclly.org.

Sunday, October 29

- 9:30 am Worship (Two cents-a-meal)
- 10:30 am Congregational Meeting
- 10:45 am Lemonade and Cookies
- 11:00 am Sunday School classes
- 12:00 pm College Cares
- 4:00 pm Trunk or Treat

Monday, October 30

- 9:00 am FPC Weekday School
- 2:00 pm Canterbury Crew
- 6:00 pm Scouts – Cub Pack 7
- 7:00 pm Scouts – Troop 7

Tuesday, October 31

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

Wednesday, November 1

- 9:00 am FPC Weekday School
- 10:00 am Immerse Bible Study, *Fearless*
- 11:00 am All Saints Day Service of Remembrance (Communion)
- 11:45 am *Embracing Grief, Renewing Joy* class (after All Saints' Service)
- 12:30 pm Al-Anon Meeting

Thursday, November 2

- 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 Chance Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 3

- 9:00 am FPC Weekday School

Sunday, November 5

- 9:30 am Worship (Communion)
- 10:45 am Lemonade and Cookies
- 11:00 am Sunday School classes
- 12:00 pm College Cares
- 4:00 pm Walk with God

Notes for Today's Worship

Worship Leader:

Dave Tate

Ushers and Greeters:

Elsie Howerton, Rick Milam, Gwen Maddox, and Sally Leslie

Worship Workshop Leader:

Whitney O'Brian

Sound and Video Technicians:

Diane Stroud & Catherine Adams

Lemonade and Cookies:

Sally Leslie and Debbie Johnson

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

Members Helping Members

November:

Katy Nunn (434) 229-5289
Treena Koroneos (434) 944-9014
Diane Stroud (434) 485-3712

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

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3. Use a credit card online at fpcly.org.
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

Trunk or Treat – TODAY from 4-6pm

Dress in your favorite costume or festive fall attire and join the fun! There will be trick or treating, playground time, backyard games, music, and conversation amongst friends new and old. You're encouraged to bring a snack item (granola bars, fruit snacks, Rice Krispie treats, peanut butter or cheese crackers, Slim Jims, individual fruit cups or applesauce) to donate to Park View Community Mission.

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

All Saints' Day is a time to honor those 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. There will also be a time to share the names of other individuals who have passed on followed by a bell toll.

First Pres Presents Lynchburg Symphony Youth Orchestra – Saturday, November 18 @ 4:00pm



The Lynchburg Symphony Youth Orchestra will present their fall concert at First Presbyterian Church. *First Pres Presents* is thrilled to host this ensemble made up of fine youth musicians from Lynchburg and the surrounding communities. The program will feature a variety of orchestral music with works by Berlioz, Respighi, Purcell, and more and is sure to be an exciting event! Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for students. Use the QR code to the left to get yours today!

College Exam Care Packages

We are rallying around our college students with love and encouragement during December exam season! Mark your calendars for November 5th to pick up the name of a college student and a USPS box to fill with goodies. For more information contact alex@fpcly.org or marcia@fpcly.org!

Surviving the Holidays Grief Share class – Tuesday, November 14 @ 5:30pm

We know grieving is hard work on a daily basis, but it can be especially difficult during the holidays. As an arm of support to *anyone* who has experienced the loss of a loved one, we will once again offer this stand-alone program. Come, surround yourself with community and learn helpful suggestions for coping with the lows of this time of year. Feel free to bring a snack to share. Contact nancy@fpcly.org with any questions.

The Christmas Play Sign up deadline is November 1! If your child is interested in serving as a lamb, angel, manger animal, shepherd, or wise person for our December 10 remembering of Jesus' birth, be sure to sign up using the online form. Contact marcia@fpcly.org with any questions.



Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 5! Remember to turn your clocks back one hour! 😊

You are loved! Have a great week!

In the Presbyterian Church (USA), it is the responsibility and privilege of the congregation to elect active and skilled individuals to serve as a representative body of ruling elders called the Session. The Session is elected, ordained, and installed to serve in governance and leadership of the ministries of God's church here at First Presbyterian Church of Lynchburg. The time is near to elect our next Session Elders. As a result, the current Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, October 29 immediately following worship to elect **one** Ruling Elder to serve on Session in the class of 2024 and **five** Ruling Elders to serve on Session in the class of 2026. Below is biographical information and a picture of each of the Elders-elect for your reference!

ELDER ELECT, CLASS OF 2024



Becky Giles

Becky has lived in Lynchburg since 1999, when she moved from Charlotte, NC with her husband, Caskie. Shortly afterward, they started a family and have two children, Harrison (22) and Liza (20) - each baptized as 6th generation members of First Presbyterian. Becky owns and operates a boutique furniture company, White Fine Furnishings, which caters to the design trade. She also works with Caskie at Blue Ridge Mortgage. Becky is currently serving as a Trustee at Westminster Canterbury.

Becky has been involved in multiple ministries and programs at FPCLY including serving with children and youth and in leadership. She has previously served as Clerk of Session, Elder and Deacon, chaired multiple committees (Communications, Worship & Music, and Buildings) and co-chaired a Pastor Nominating Committee and Discernment Committee and served on the Strategic Planning & Implementation Committees. Currently, she is teaching Sunday School to our Middle Schoolers.

Her favorite scripture verse is Isaiah 41:13.

ELDERS ELECT, CLASS OF 2026, continued on back



**Marilyn
Hartman**

Marilyn joined First Presbyterian with her husband, David, after they relocated from San Jose, CA. She has served at FPCLY previously as a Deacon and twice as an Elder. Her continued activities at the church include Presbyterian Women, Sunday School, Members Helping Members, prayer chain, Chancel Guild and after church refreshments. Marilyn also is a member of the choir and bells. In the Lynchburg community, Marilyn is a Red Cross blood donor and volunteers at Daily Bread and Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry.

After retiring from Centra as a VBH Medical Technologist, Marilyn has enjoyed reading, listening to Audible books, and working with flowers. She also began hiking and completed the 88 miles of NBATC, then all of the VA AT, and finally completed the entire AT in 2020. She enjoys going with her husband to visit their two daughters (Skye [veterinarian] & Leah [forensic human factors consultant]) for long weekends. Marilyn has a heart for serving those in need and being a loving member of God's Kingdom.

A favorite scripture verse is Hebrews 11:1.



Sam Howe

Sam moved to Lynchburg after attending Lynchburg College and is employed with Moore and Giles in purchasing. He is married to Cameron Craddock Howe. They have two children Alden (9) and Sawyer (7). Cameron has attended First Presbyterian her whole life while Sam joined the church prior to getting married.

Sam has volunteered as President of Peakland Pool and currently serves on the board for the Lynchburg Business Development Center. In recent years, Sam has taken on the hobby of running. He competes in the Virginia 10 Miler for fun!

His favorite scripture verse is 1 Corinthians 16: 13-14 Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.



John Osinga

John and his wife, Jenny, have been a part of this church community for 20 years. They have three married children, Helen, Amber, and Jon, and two grandchildren, Eva and Mia. John grew up at Sweet Briar Dairy and attended Amherst Presbyterian Church. He is forever a Hokie and until recently worked as a small business owner for Dutch Yoghurt Inc, Osinga's Grocery, and a freight services

company. His hobbies include woodworking and the honeydo list.

Over the years at First Presbyterian, he has attended Sunday School classes, participated in summer choir, joined the Walk with God group, and helped with various youth group activities. His favorite memory overall with this church was winning the FPCLY cornhole competition. John wishes to support our church mission in every way. Since being newly retired, he feels that he has more time to offer his service to this ministry!



Martin Knight

Martin has been attending First Presbyterian since 2021; his wife Kelly (Will) grew up here. They are parents to two children, William (6) and Margaret (5). Martin works as a Sales Manager for Construction Equipment Manufacturer. His experience in this area has been incredibly valuable in his role as chair of the Facilities Committee. Martin enjoys fly fishing, playing

tennis, and having movie nights with his family. As a fun fact related to movies, Martin has seen every single Star Trek movie in the theatre. His favorite thing about being a part of this church community is seeing the kids participating and growing in the church. He is passionate to serve because he wants to help create a sense of community around a shared journey of faith and love.

His favorite scripture is James 1:19 Remember this my dear friends! Let every person be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger.



Kathryn Overstreet

Kathryn has been a part of this church family since the early 1990s. She and her husband, Chuck, have three children and one grandson. All three of her kids grew up in here and attended the FPC Weekday School. She currently works at ACE Hardware store in event rentals. Kathryn enjoys spending time with her family (especially her grandson), working in the yard, knitting, and traveling. As a fun fact, Kathryn has flown in a

glider plane.

Over the years at FPCLY, Kathryn has served on the Worship and Music and Stewardship Committees, as a Sunday School teacher, and on a Pastor Nominating Committee. Her favorite memory as a part of this community is seeing her daughter get married in the Sanctuary. She is excited to serve First Presbyterian as an Elder because she is passionate about people becoming connected to the church community.

Her favorite scripture is Psalm 23.