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Welcome to First Presbyterian Church- Lynchburg, VA

Grace and peace to you!!! It is a joy to be with you this morning and I pray you know just how loved and important you are. You are loved by God unconditionally and you are a very important part of God's mission for the church in the world. Whatever reason brought you to worship today, I pray you know you matter and are welcome here.

Today we celebrate Trinity Sunday. While every Christian worship service is a celebration of the Trinity, Trinity Sunday focuses explicitly on the mystery, power, and beauty of the triune God. Our Christian identity and mission are given to us as we are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19). Our worship is not only directed to the triune God but is also enabled by the prompting of the Holy Spirit and the mediation of Jesus Christ. At its best, our worship is also an expression of the unity and common purpose of the church, which Jesus prayed would reflect unity between himself and God (John 17:20-21). Trinity Sunday marks the acknowledgement that all three persons of the Trinity exist together from eternity to eternity.

As God's children and Jesus' disciples here at First Presbyterian, we believe it is important to take seriously God's commandment and Jesus' teachings to love God, love one another, and love our neighbors. 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

First, our Hospitality and Welcome Desk is a great source of information and all visitors, repeat visitors, and members too, are encouraged to stop and interact with the host or hostess present today. Second, our building is a wonderful resource, however, 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. Wayfinding signs are also posted at all intersections throughout the building. Third, 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. Fourth, please ask anyone with a nametag or wearing a robe if you need assistance in finding your way or answering other questions.

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... Trinity Sunday

May 26, 2024

*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

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J. S. Bach

Russell Hovda, Guitar

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Leader: Grace be to you and peace from God our Father and Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

*Hymn #138: Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Nicaea

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Triune God, we praise you as the God of love and life. Though Jesus prayed that we would be one, we confess that we fail to live in unity with each other and with you. We break our communion through hostile words and unkind actions. We long for your Spirit to heal us and to correct us. We long for you to help us experience communion with you and with each other. Even now, dependent on your grace, we commit ourselves to live more fully in the unity you desire. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God did not send the Son to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

All: **In Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we are forgiven. 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.*

*Litany of Trinity Sunday

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: **Glory to you forever!** Speaker, Word, and Breath of Life: **Glory to you forever!** Font of Blessing, Living Water, Flowing River: **Glory to you forever!** Compassionate Mother, Beloved Child, Life-Giving Womb: **Glory to you forever!** Sun, Light, and Burning Ray: **Glory to you forever!** Giver, Give, and Giving: **Glory to you forever!** Lover, Beloved, and Love itself: **Glory to you forever!** Rock, Cornerstone, and Temple: **Glory to you forever!** Rainbow of Promise, Ark of Salvation, Dove of Peace: **Glory to you forever!** God who was, God who is, God who is to come: **Glory to you forever!**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Marcia Thom-Kaley

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Readings: **Isaiah 6:1-8 and Psalm 29**

(pew Bible OT, p.635-636, 504-505)

"Mysterious. Powerful. Beautiful."

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

How Great Thou Art

Russ Hovda, Soloist

S. K. Hine

*Oh Lord, my God When I, in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder Thy power throughout the universe displayed
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee! How great Thou art, how great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee! How great Thou art, how great Thou art
When through the woods, and forest glades I wander, And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.
And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing; Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on a Cross, my burdens gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin.
When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration, And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"*

*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 #132: Come, Great God of All the Ages

Abbot's Leigh

Come, great God of all the ages, Make Your earthly mission known;
Speak through every deed and person, Let Your way and will be shown.
Guide the church to true commitment, Give direction now, we ask;
Fit us for the work of building, Dedicate us to the task.

Come, Christ Jesus, flesh and spirit, Sure foundation, cornerstone,
Help us form the church eternal, May Your vision be our own.
Send a message to each follower, Lead all people to Your way;
Urge us to strong faith and action As we build the church today.

Come, great Spirit, in and with us, Tune our ears to hear Your call;
Through the moving of Your presence. Let redeeming love recall
Ministry in dedication, Love embodied in our deeds;
Challenge us to do Your bidding, See Your purpose, fill all needs.

Come, O come, in celebration, Household of the one true God.
In commitment and rejoicing, Let us go where Christ has trod;
As we act in faith and reverence. Let us, Lord, the future see;
Place us in the church triumphant, Now and for eternity.

*Benediction

The monthly Two Cents a Meal Offering will be collected in baskets located at each of the doors as you exit the Sanctuary. You are encouraged to give to this specific ministry as you are able.

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in D

D. N. Johnson

Cory Whittier, Director of Music and Organist

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.

The Chancel flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of James Strupe Neal by his brother Bucky Neal.



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.fpclly.org.

Sunday, May 26

- 9:30 am Worship
- 10:45 am Lemonade and Cookies
- 4:00 pm Walk with God

Monday, May 27 – Church Offices Closed

- 6:00 pm Scouts – Cub Pack 7
- 7:00 pm Scouts – Troop 7

Tuesday, May 28

- 7:00 pm Scouts - Troop 49

Wednesday, May 29

- 12:30 pm Al-Anon meeting
- 5:30 pm Potluck Fellowship Dinner

Saturday, June 1

- 10:00 am VBS Classroom Prep and Decorating

Sunday, June 2

- 9:30 am Worship
- 10:45 am Lemonade and Cookies
- 4:00 pm Walk with God

Update to Summer Office Hour Schedule

During the summer, the church doors will be open to the public:

- Sundays from 8 am to 11 am
- Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 3 pm
- Friday and Saturday the offices will be closed

All FPCLY Staff will continue to work full-time hours and can be reached individually if needed outside these times.

Prayer Cares and Concerns

If you have a prayer request to share with the pastor or staff, please share it directly, write it on a 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. We are praying with and for you!

Prayer Chain

Would you like to be a part of a group that engages in on-going prayers for our community? If so, consider joining our prayer chain! Each week our staff sends an email communication with prayers and praises for that week. Contact alex@fpclly.org to be added to the list.

Notes for Today's Worship

Ushers and Greeters:

Peter Baldwin, Sam Howe, and Elsie Howerton

Worship Workshop Leader:

Marcia Thom-Kaley

Sound and Video Technicians:

Lloyd Agnew & Catherine Adams

Lemonade and Cookies Host:

Jenny Osinga

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1. Place your gift in the offering plate today.
2. Mail checks to FPCLY, 1215 V.E.S. Road, Lynchburg, VA 24503.
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

THIS WEDNESDAY: Potluck Fellowship Dinner – May 29 @ 5:30pm

Come for an evening of food and fun with your church family as we gather for a potluck meal! You are encouraged to bring a dish (side item, dessert, or main dish) to share!

Vacation Bible School Invitations to Prayer, Celebrate, and Share

- **We covet your prayers** as we prepare for VBS: final logistics and details to fall into place; teachers as they prepare lessons; volunteers and youth helpers as they get ready to love, encourage, and share God's truths; the children and families who will be a part of this amazing week!
- **You're invited to our closing celebration in the Sanctuary on June 7 at 10:30am!** Come and be inspired by the joy, life, and catchy songs that flow from this powerful faith experience!
- **If you have any camping equipment to share with the decorating team to help create** a camplike atmosphere in classrooms and shared spaces, contact Marcia@fpcly.org. Be sure to mark the items with your name so they can be returned to the right owner.
- **If you're looking for a one-time way to be a part of the week**, we still need a few folks to form a cleanup squad for June 7.

All are invited to a special Ordination Service for Christina Cosby – Sunday, June 9 @ 4:00pm

For those who may not know, Christina is a former youth from the First Presbyterian family who went on to Princeton Seminary. Christina now serves the PC(USA) with the Office of Public Witness in Washington, D.C. and at the May 4 Presbytery of the Peaks meeting was approved for ordination 😊. All are welcome to come and celebrate this special opportunity.

Save the Date: Reception for Cory Whittier, Director of Music/Organist – June 23

Cory's last Sunday at First Presbyterian Church is Sunday, June 23. Join us in celebrating Cory and his faithful leadership of the music ministry with a reception immediately following worship on June 23. At the reception, we will give Cory a "love offering" as we share our thanks and appreciation.

- **If you would like to contribute a dish**, please add your name and dish on the sign-up sheet (located on the table off the main foyer) by June 16.
- **If you would like to write a card**, please mail it to the church or place it in Susan Hall's mailbox by June 16. The cards will be collected and given to Cory at the reception.
- **If you wish to contribute to the "love offering,"** you may mail checks or hand deliver cash to the church (Attn: Susan Hall) or give online at fpcly.org or using the QR code to the right. You can place a gift in the offering plate, but please ensure that it's in an envelope with a note for "Cory's love offering."



IMPACT Week Ahead: SAVE THE DATES – August 5 - 10

We are excited for our third annual week of transformational IMPACT with service opportunities throughout Lynchburg and our own church community. A full calendar and sign-up options will launch in late June!