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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.

Our worship this morning will be focused on Christ's invitation to us to "Come to the Table" and share communion, as well as hear stories from the Bible that will guide the adventures of Vacation Bible School this next week. Vacation Bible School begins officially tomorrow and that means Camp Firelight will be open for adventure all week long. Vacation Bible School this year is a Summer Camp Adventure with God in which we will be focusing on trusting God to go with us, lead the way, share wisdom, give us peace, and spark joy. "Whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust in you." from Psalm 56:3, will be our memory verse for the week. With close to 200 folks registered to participate and lead, this week will be a true community adventure filled with exploration, discovery, and growth.

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 lets 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

June 2, 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

Communion

C. Gounod

Cory Whittier, Director of Music and Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

All: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

Leader: We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in his holy temple.

All: We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

All: Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in this hour and always.

*Hymn #461: God Is Here!

Abbot's Leigh

God is here! As we Your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
Here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
Here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold,
Here, as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
What it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt
Keep us faithful to the gospel, help us work Your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;
We, who cannot live without You, We adore you! We believe!

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.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are assured that there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive, no hurt so terrible God cannot heal.

All: **God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free. Through the love of God, our sins are forgiven, and we can be at peace. 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

Marcia Thom-Kaley

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 56

(pew Bible OT, p.523)

"Camp Firelight: A Summer Camp Adventure with God"

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Minute for Mission

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

As We Break the Bread

J. Althouse

Summer Choir

As we break the bread, as we drink the wine, all our strength will be supplied,

Lord Jesus will provide. And may it ever be.

As we break the bread, as we drink the wine,

in this holy place we will know the tender grace of Jesus Christ who said, "Remember me."

This is the body broken; this, our daily bread.

This is the blood of the covenant; with it we are fed.

As we break the bread, as we drink the wine, we remember Jesus said, "I will rise up from the dead."

In his death we shall be free from all sin eternally, for our Lord and Savior said, "Remember me."

As we break the bread, as we drink the wine, we remember him.

***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 #387: Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us**

Bradbury

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, early let us turn to Thee;
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, early let us turn to Thee.

Early let us seek Thy favor, early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with Thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still.

***Benediction**

Postlude

Postlude on "God of Grace"
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 before participating in one of the many spiritual growth opportunities available for all ages.



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, June 2

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

Monday, June 3

8:30 am Vacation Bible School
6:00 pm Scouts – Cub Pack 7
7:00 pm Scouts – Troop 7

Tuesday, June 4

8:30 am Vacation Bible School
7:00 pm Scouts - Troop 49

Wednesday, June 5

8:30 am Vacation Bible School
12:30 pm Al-Anon meeting

Thursday, June 6

8:30 am Vacation Bible School
7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, June 7

8:30 am Vacation Bible School
10:30 am VBS Closing Assembly
11:00 am VBS Outdoor Celebration

Sunday, June 9

9:30 am Worship
10:45 am Lemonade and Cookies
4:00 pm Christina Cosby Ordination Service
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 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

Worship Leader:

Alex Collier

Ushers and Greeters:

Maurice Hickson, Sally & Bob Leslie, Judy and Dickie Stowers

Worship Workshop Leader:

Marcia Thom-Kaley

Sound and Video Technicians:

Lloyd Agnew & Catherine Adams

Lemonade and Cookies Host:

Collier family

Pastor on Call:

Rev. Dr. Peter Thompson
(336) 269-7270

Members Helping Members

June:

Jackie Hill (434) 384-3748
Ida Perkins (434) 258-8873

Thank you to Jenny and Marilyn
for serving in May!

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!

Connect with us!

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5. Set up an automatic bank draft or bill pay.

Worship, Grow, Love, Serve

You're invited to join the summer choir!

Whether you are an experienced singer or simply love to sing, you are invited to be part of the summer choir, which sings on five Sundays throughout the summer! The choir gathers on those Sunday mornings at 8:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary to rehearse simple anthems and then help lead worship. The dates the Summer Choir will sing are June 2 & 23, July 21, and August 4 & 18. Contact Cory at cory@fpcly.org if you have any questions!

Vacation Bible School Invitations to Pray, Celebrate, and Share

- **We covet your prayers** this week for VBS: children and families participating to experience God in a powerful way, teachers, volunteers and youth helpers as they love, encourage, and share God's truth; the energy level to be high and patience level higher; God's presence and grace to fill the space.
- **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'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!