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Welcome to First Presbyterian Church- Lynchburg, VA

Grace and peace to you!!! I wanted you to know how much of a joy it is to have you here 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. Therefore; whether you are here today 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 curious...whether you have grown up in the church or are finding your way back...whether you are in search of comfort or wanting to be challenged... whatever reason brought you to worship today, I pray you know you matter and are welcome here.

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. 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 leans more traditional and seeks to remain 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 paramount, and relationships with one another 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

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... Father's Day

June 16, 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

What a Friend we Have in Jesus

R. Elliott

Cory Whittier, Director of Music and Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: We have gathered to praise our gracious God.

All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

Leader: It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High,

All: to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night.

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

All: Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

*Hymn #470: O Day of Radiant Gladness

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O day of radiant gladness, O day of joy and light,
O balm of care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright;
on thee the high and lowly through ages joined in tune,
sing "Holy, holy, holy" to the great God Triune.

This day, at the creation, the light first had its birth;
This day, for our salvation, Christ rose from depths of earth;
This day, our Lord victorious, the Spirit sent from heav'n;
and thus this day most glorious, a triple light was giv'n.

This day God's people meeting, the Holy Scripture hear;
Christ's living presence greeting, through bread and wine made near.
We journey on, believing, renewed with heavenly might,
From grace more grace receiving on this blest day of light.

That light our hope sustaining, we walk the pilgrim way,
At length our rest attaining, our endless Sabbath day.
We sing to You our praises, O Father, Spirit, Son;
The church its voice upraises to You, blest Three in One.

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive our sins and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who trust and believe in him.

All: **The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. By God, through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and can be at peace. 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: Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows. Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Marcia Thom-Kaley

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-17

(pew Bible NT, p. 181)

"Proclaim often, and when necessary, use words."

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

The Call

Amy Pugh, soloist

R. Vaughan Williams

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife: Such a Life, as killeth death*

*Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length: Such a Strength, as makes his guest*

*Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part: Such a Heart, as joys in love*

*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 #276: Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
as Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

*Benediction

Postlude

Allegro Maestoso

G. F. Handel

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 celebration of marriage for Sally Craighill to Sam Carr on Saturday, June 15, 2024.



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.fpclsy.org.

Sunday, June 16

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

Monday, June 17

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

Tuesday, June 18 – Church Offices Closed (Primary Election)

- 7:00 pm Scouts - Troop 49

Wednesday, June 19

- 12:30 pm Al-Anon meeting

Sunday, June 23 – Cory's last Sunday at FPCLY

- 9:30 am Worship
- 10:45 am Reception for Cory Whittier and family
- 4:00 pm Walk with God

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@fpclsy.org to be added to the list.

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 fpclsy.org/ministries/care-nurture.html. We are praying with and for you!

Looking for ways to share your time and talents with the FPCLY community this summer? If so, consider signing up to participate in one of the leadership spots below:

- **Be a part of our usher/greeter team.** This is an important role on Sunday mornings welcoming all those who enter with a smile and warm heart and assisting them with their worship experience.
- **Step in as a Lemonade and Cookies host.** This post-worship time of community is a powerful time of connection and relationship building made possible by simple cups of lemonade and tasty treats. We are looking for hosts for Sundays throughout the rest of the year.
- **Serve as a volunteer receptionist during the week.** This team assists the staff with answering the phones, opening the doors, and other small tasks during Church Office hours. Plus, you can be the first smiling face or encouraging voice that folks connect with when contacting the church.
- **Assist with Worship Workshop.** Encourage, inspire, and teach children during this 30ish minute educational offering for 4-year-olds through 2nd graders on Sunday mornings.

Notes for Today's Worship

Ushers and Greeters:

Gary Williams, Maurice Hickson,
Bucky Neal, Matt Fontana

Worship Workshop Leader:

Marcia Thom-Kaley

Sound and Video Technicians:

Lloyd Agnew & Ken Slusher

Lemonade and Cookies Host:

Sharon Hovda

Pastor on Call:

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

Members Helping Members

June:

Jackie Hill (434) 665-6552
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FPC Lynchburg

Partner with God by Giving to FPCLY

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

You're invited to be a part of 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 specific 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 23, July 21, and August 4 & 18. Contact Cory at cory@fpcly.org if you have any questions!

Primary Election Hospitality Hosts– Tuesday, June 18

First Presbyterian has served as an election site for many years. Part of our role as hosts is to organize volunteers to greet, guide, and assist voters around the building. We are looking for volunteers to greet voters at the back door and guide them to the Fellowship Hall for the June 18th Primary Election. **We still need to fill a few more slots.** It's an important task that we ask you to consider volunteering to assist FPCLY in being a welcoming polling location while still being a safe church facility for our staff. Use the QR code to the right or reach out to the church office (434) 384-6231 to sign up.



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

Cory's last Sunday at First Presbyterian Church is NEXT Sunday, June 23. Join us in celebrating Cory and his faithful leadership of the music ministry with a reception immediately following worship that day. 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 TODAY Sunday, June 16.
- **If you would like to write a card**, please place it in Susan Hall's mailbox by TODAY Sunday, June 16. The cards will be collected and given to Cory next week.
- **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 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." Please make your gift by TODAY, June 16.



Communication Emails and Updates



With all the travel that comes with summer, we want to do our best to stay connected. If you aren't already receiving our weekly "FPCLY Happenings" email newsletter or aren't already following us on any of our social media platforms, we encourage you to get connected today. The "FPCLY Happenings" email contains important information about worship each week, event and program updates, celebrations, and other congregational updates (births, baptisms, new members, projects and more); you can use the QR code to the left or follow the link on our home page to sign up. Our social media handles are noted at the top of this page. If you have questions or need help, please contact communications@fpcly.org or call the church office (434-384-6231).

You are loved! Have a great week!

FPCLY **IMPACT** WEEK SCHEDULE - AUGUST 5-10

MONDAY, 8/5	TUESDAY, 8/6	WEDNESDAY, 8/7	THURSDAY, 8/8	FRIDAY, 8/9	SATURDAY, 8/10
MORNING					
<p>Baking Treats for "Thank You" Trays Bake at home and deliver to FPC by 8/5</p> <p>9am-11am Community Partner "Thank You" trays @FPC & deliver</p> <p>10am-Noon Birthday Cards @ FPC</p>	<p>8am-Noon IOA Furniture Warehouse</p> <p>9:30am-11:30am Presbyterian Cemetery Tour</p> <p>9:30am-12:30pm Daily Bread Lunch Service</p> <p>8am-2:30pm (Youth) Valor Farm</p>	<p>8am-Noon IOA Rebuilds (Ramp Building Warehouse)</p> <p>10am-Noon Park View Food For Families Prep</p> <p>8am-2:30pm (Youth) Valor Farm</p>	<p>8am-Noon IOA Rebuilds (House Project TBD)</p> <p>9am-11:45am Park View Food For Families: Pantry Help</p>	<p>11am-1:30pm Veteran's Lunches @ Monument Steps</p> <p>11am-2pm Park View Food For Thought Distribution @ Miller Park</p>	<p>9am-11:45am Park View Food For Families: Pantry Help</p> <p>9:30am-12:30pm Daily Bread Lunch Service</p>
AFTERNOON					
<p>1pm-2:30pm RAEFP Clean/Sort</p> <p>2:30pm-4pm RAEFP Starter & Hygiene Bags</p>	<p>1pm-3pm Birthday Cards @ FPC</p> <p>3pm-4pm Service @ W.C. (Intended for W.C. residents)</p> <p>4pm-6:30pm Dinner & Visits @ WC</p>	<p>1pm-3pm Birthday Cards @ FPC</p> <p>1:30pm-3pm Park View Café Prep</p> <p>3pm-6pm Park View Café Service</p>	<p>Noon-3pm Park View Clothing Connection Shopping</p> <p>1pm-3pm Tour of Park View Facilities</p> <p>5pm-7pm "Pizza and Service" Night @FPC</p> <p>7pm-8pm Choir Singing @ W.C.</p>	<p>Noon-3pm Park View Clothing Connection Prep</p>	<p>11:30am-2:30pm Park View Food For Families: Pantry Help</p> <p>----- ----- Member Visits Available all week!</p>

Confirmed, not yet scheduled:

Miriam's House Landscaping/Clean-Up

FPCLY **IMPACT** WEEK OPPORTUNITIES

Least Strenuous

- **Baking Treats for “Thank You” Bags**
Bake at home and deliver to FPC by 9am 8/5.
- **Birthday Card Creation @ First Pres**
(Mon. 10am-Noon; Tues./Wed. 1-3pm) *All Ages*
Create/write birthday cards for FPC members.
- **Choir Singing @ Westminster Canterbury**
(Thur. 7pm @ WC) – *All Ages*
Join in to sing some favorite hymns @ WC.
- **Community Partner “Thank You” Trays**
(Mon. 9-11am @ FPC) – *All Ages*
Assemble trays, write notes, and deliver to community partners throughout Lynchburg.
- **Lunches to Veterans @ Monument Steps**
(Friday 11am-1:30pm) – *All Ages*
Load & deliver lunches to Veterans downtown.
- **Park View Café** (Wed. 1:30-6pm)
1:30-3pm – help prep dinner @ FPC to be transported to Park View.
3-6pm – help package, serve, and eat dinner with neighbors at Park View.
- **Pizza & Service** (Thur. 5-7pm @ FPC)-*All Ages*
Enjoy pizza, fellowship, and a time of service: making meals for multiple opportunities plus birthday card writing and more!
- **Service @ W.C.** (Tues. 3-4pm @ W.C.) Residents of W.C. will meet to pack bagged lunches for children whose families visit Lynchburg Daily Bread. More details TBD.
- **Tour of Park View Facilities**
(Thur. 1-3pm)

Moderate

- **Lynchburg Daily Bread Lunch Service**
(Tues. & Sat. 9:30am-12:30pm @DB) *Ages 18+*
Pack and serve hot lunches to folks downtown.
- **Miriam’s House** TBD
Landscaping work and clean-up.
- **Park View Clothing Connection**
(Thur. & Fri. Noon-3pm)
Assist neighbors in shopping (Thur.); sort and hang donated clothing (Fri.)
- **Park View Food For Thought Distribution**
(Fri. 11am-2pm @ Miller Park)
Hand out weekend meal kits to folks in and around Miller Park area.
- **Presbyterian Cemetery Tour**
(Tues. 9:30-11:30am @ Pres. Cemetery)
Learn the history and work of this beautiful space, plus the current needs. *All Ages*
- **Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry**
(Mon. 1-4pm @Holy Trinity Lutheran) -*All Ages*
1-2:30pm - clean and sort
2:30-4pm - pack starter bags and hygiene bags
- **Valor Farm** – Middle & High School Youth (Tues. & Wed. 8am-2:30pm)
Youth and adults will travel to and from Altavista to learn about and work with this organization that supports Veterans.

Most Strenuous

- **Interfaith Outreach Association (IOA)**
(Tues., Wed., Thur.: 8am-Noon)
Tues. - Organize/move furniture @ Warehouse
Wed. - Build ramp sections @ Ramp Warehouse
Thur. - Join Rebuilds staff on a house repair project TBD
- **Park View Food For Families**
(Wed., Thur., Sat. multiple shifts @ Park View)
Help stock and organize shelves to prepare for shopping hours (Wed.) and assist neighbors as they shop in the food pantry (Thur. & Sat.).

**MORE OPPORTUNITIES ARE
BEING CONFIRMED!**

Please email
alex@fpclly.org with any
questions!

Learn about all of the ministries of P.V. and how they assist neighbors throughout LYH.

- **Visit Home-Centered**

Members –*All Ages*

-Tues. 4-6:30pm @ W.C. – dinner and visits

-Rest of the week based on your schedule, either at W.C. or at folks' homes.

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FPCLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY

MAY 31, 2024

2024 OPERATING BUDGET

	Year To Date		Annual Budget
	Actual	Budgeted	
<u>INCOME</u>			
Covenant Giving	\$307,038	\$270,833	\$650,000
Other Income	\$38,235	\$53,113	\$142,944
Endowment Withdrawal	<u>\$43,750</u>	<u>\$43,750</u>	<u>\$175,000</u>
TOTAL =	\$389,023	\$367,697	\$967,944
<i>Income to date was <u>21,326 More</u> than budgeted</i>			
<u>EXPENSE</u>			
Outreach	\$15,557	\$27,500	\$72,000
Worship	\$7,756	\$4,813	\$11,550
Education	\$6,651	\$7,500	\$18,000
Personnel	\$262,402	\$266,466	\$639,519
Operations	\$32,214	\$35,732	\$83,851
Facilities	\$22,774	\$36,004	\$86,410
Utilities	<u>\$22,784</u>	<u>\$22,120</u>	<u>\$53,089</u>
TOTAL =	\$370,138	\$400,135	\$964,419
Budget Surplus			\$3,525
<i>Expense to date was <u>29,997 Less</u> than budgeted</i>			

2024 BALANCE SHEET

Endowment =	\$1,909,430
All Other Funds * =	<u>\$1,738,346</u>
* Some are restricted	\$3,647,776
<i>No unusual or unexpected gifts or withdrawals</i>	

2024 COVENANT GIVING

Phase 1 Actual =	\$558,440
Phase 2 Goal =	<u>\$91,560</u>
TOTAL GOAL =	\$650,000
Phase 1 Actual =	\$558,440
Phase 2 Actual =	<u>\$75,180</u>
REMAINING	\$16,380

The FPCLY Finance Committee