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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 just outside the Fellowship Hall doors. The Elevator can be accessed from this level on the hallway near the Weekday School Offices. The Nursery is also located on this level in the hallway near the Weekday School Offices. 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

August 18, 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

Congregational Fellowship

Prelude

Passacaglia

Handel/Halvorsen

Claudia Patterson, pianist

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of the Day and Lord's Prayer

This is the day that you have made, Lord. Help us to rejoice in it and be glad! Remind us all of the privileges we enjoy as your people: to come together with you in these moments, to confess our sins, to receive forgiveness and give it, to celebrate your grace, to pray and sing and listen, to renew our fainting spirits, to rest in all your promises, to inspire others in the name of Christ. Open our eyes to see you, Lord. Open our ears to hear your Word. Visit us through your Holy Spirit, and help us to celebrate our faith...

*Hymn #420: God of Grace and God of Glory

1. God of grace and God of glory, on Thy people pour Thy pow'r;
crown Thine ancient Church's story, bring its bud to glorious flow'r.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

3. Cure your children's warring madness; bend our pride to Thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.

5. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of Thy salvation be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
serving Thee whom we adore, serving Thee whom we adore.

Silent Prayers (Acts) of Confession

*All congregants are invited to write any confessions they have on the coffee filters
and when you are ready, bring them forward to the table.*

Assurance of Pardon

*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.*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Blessing of Backpacks and Commissioning of Students

New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 9

(pew Bible NT, p. 183-184)

“Renewing our Covenant: I. M. Provision. Abundance. C. T.”

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Call to Offering
Offertory Anthem

Simple Gifts
Claudia Patterson, pianist

Arr. Cindy Berry

*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 #372: Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

1. Lord, I want to be a Christian In-a my heart, in-a my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.
In-a my heart, (*In-a my heart*), In-a my heart, (*In-a my heart*)
Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.
2. Lord, I want to be more loving...
3. Lord, I want to be more holy...
4. Lord, I want to be like Jesus...

*Benediction

Postlude

Capriccio
Claudia Patterson, pianist

Jan Vanhall

We encourage all to share the love, joy, and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ with one another.



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, August 18

- 9:30 am Worship (in the Fellowship Hall)
 Blessing of the Backpacks & Student Commissioning
10:45 am Lemonade and Cookies
11:00 am Stated Session Meeting
4:00 pm Walk with God

Monday, August 19

FPC Weekday School Classes start

Tuesday, August 20

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

Wednesday, August 21

- 9:00 am FPC Weekday School
12:30 pm Al-Anon meeting
7:00 pm Scouts – Troop 7

Thursday, August 22

- 9:00 am FPC Weekday School
11:45 am Staff Lunch and Devotion at Westminster Canterbury

Friday, August 23

- 9:00 am FPC Weekday School

Sunday, August 25

- 9:30 am Worship (in the Fellowship Hall)
10:45 am Lemonade and Cookies
11:00 am College Cares Kick-Off Brunch
4:00 pm Walk with God

WALK WITH GOD- Every Sunday afternoon @ 4:00 pm

Are you looking for a group of folks to fellowship with? Are you looking for an opportunity to get some steps in? Why not do both and join the *Walk with God* walking group on Sunday evenings. The communion of friends is enriching and the walk down Peakland Place is doable for all. The time together is 45 minutes to an hour and very worth it. If you have any questions, contact Noël Thomas.

Monday – Thursday Church Entrance During Chancel Construction Project

Due to the Chancel project and anticipated trucks, equipment, and materials occupying the front circle, we are closing the front entrance and circle throughout the project. You are encouraged to access the Church Offices through the Columbarium entrance on weekdays (Mondays – Thursdays). On Sundays, the front entrance and Fellowship Hall entrance will both be open.

Notes for Today's Worship

Ushers and Greeters:

Marilyn Hartman, Russ Hovda,
Laura Borel, and Mary Ann and
Dave Tate

Worship Workshop Leaders:

Brittany and Rob DeRise

Lemonade and Cookies Host:

Mary Ann Tate

Pastor on Call:

Rev. Peter Thompson
(336) 269-7270

Members Helping Members August:

Bonnie Miles (434) 386-3845
Kathryn Pumphrey (434) 401-3451

Chancel Flower Guild August:

Treena Koroneos and Arline Ore

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

Worship, Grow, Love, Serve

College Cares Kick-Off Brunch – Sunday, August 25 after worship

All college students and 20-somethings are invited to our fall College Cares Kick-Off Bruch hosted by Helen Gilmer. We will enjoy good food, great company, and have planning discussions for fall programming. If you are interested in attending or have any questions, contact Marcia, Director of Education, at marcia@fpcly.org.

Embracing Grief: Renewing Joy Returns – August 29 @ 2:00pm

Starting Thursday, August 29, Rev. Dr. Nancy Dawson will lead another *GriefShare* class for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one (whether it's been the last couple of weeks or been in the last couple of years.) This class offers the opportunity to embrace grief with the support and encouragement of others who are walking on the same journey. To join the class, contact Nancy at (804) 399-9545 or nancy@fpcly.org.

SPARK SUNDAY- SAVE THE DATE- September 8

2 Corinthians 9:8 says, "And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." Throughout the month of August and leading into this fall, we, as a church community, will be seeking to learn from and live into this text. *Spark Sunday on September 8 will be a big part of this journey together: Spark Sunday celebrates the launch of a new program year involving the life and ministries of First Presbyterian Church.* From the core of our covenant relationship with God and one another, opportunities to learn and live through worship, education, outreach, and a variety of office/admin support ministries, are available for all to connect and engage with all God is doing in this time and place.

FPC Hosts Red Cross Blood Drive – Thursday, September 12 from 12:00 – 6:00pm

Your next IMPACT opportunity is on the church calendar as we are seeking both blood donors and volunteers to assist with our annual Red Cross Blood Drive! If you are eligible to donate blood, sign up on redcrossblood.org and use the sponsor code FPC. If you would like to assist as a walker, snack/drink provider, registration, or cleanup support, hover over the QR code to the right!



Back-to-School Season is here!

We invite and covet your prayers as we prepare for Back-to-School season! Many from our community will begin the transition into the new school year. We ask your prayers for teachers, administrators, bus drivers, support staff, parents, and students as they return to the rhythm to getting up early, riding yellow buses, class schedules, after school activities, and all that life sends their way in between.

Shared below are the dates that our central Virginia students will return to classrooms for specific prayer:

August 19—CVCC, Compass Academy, FPC Weekday School, Liberty University, Timberlake Christian Schools

August 20—Lynchburg City Schools

August 21—James River Day School and Onward Christian Academy

August 22—Peakland Preschool and University of Lynchburg

August 26—St. John's Preschool and Sweet Briar College

Be sure to also keep in your prayers the multitude of our college students heading back to school all over the country throughout the next couple of weeks.

| FPCLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY | | | |
|---|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| JULY 31, 2024 | | | |
| 2024 OPERATING BUDGET | | | |
| | Year To Date | | Annual Budget |
| | Actual | Budgeted | |
| INCOME | | | |
| Covenant Giving | \$402,129 | \$379,167 | \$650,000 |
| Other Income | \$58,223 | \$80,432 | \$142,944 |
| Endowment Withdrawal | <u>\$87,500</u> | <u>\$87,500</u> | <u>\$175,000</u> |
| TOTAL = | \$547,852 | \$547,099 | \$967,944 |
| <i>Income to date was 753.48 More than budgeted</i> | | | |
| EXPENSE | | | |
| Outreach | \$27,465 | \$40,750 | \$72,000 |
| Worship | \$7,821 | \$6,738 | \$11,550 |
| Education | \$11,566 | \$12,167 | \$18,000 |
| Personnel | \$353,842 | \$373,052 | \$639,519 |
| Operations | \$36,283 | \$49,195 | \$83,851 |
| Facilities | \$32,858 | \$50,406 | \$86,410 |
| Utilities | <u>\$29,286</u> | <u>\$30,969</u> | <u>\$53,089</u> |
| TOTAL = | \$506,050 | \$563,276 | \$964,419 |
| Budget Surplus | | | \$3,525 |
| <i>Expense to date was 57,226 Less than budgeted</i> | | | |
| 2024 COVENANT GIVING | | | |
| TOTAL GOAL = | | \$650,000 | |
| Phase 1 Actual = | | \$558,440 | |
| Phase 2 Actual = | | <u>\$75,180</u> | |
| REMAINING | | \$16,380 | |
| 2024 BALANCE SHEET | | | |
| Endowment = | | \$1,937,854 | |
| All Other Funds * = | | <u>\$1,726,348</u> | |
| * Some are restricted | | \$3,664,201 | |

The FPCLY Finance Committee

July Memorial Gifts

We gratefully acknowledge all memorial gifts to First Presbyterian Church and are honored to recognize them in our bulletin.

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