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Welcome to First Presbyterian Church- Lynchburg, VA

Grace and peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ!!! It is so wonderful to be together as we worship God this morning. The beauty of God's goodness and glory surrounds us! God's mercy is new every morning! The joy of the Lord shines like the noonday sun! I pray today that you will feel and experience God's presence with you and that the rest of this day is filled with opportunities for you to live into God's light and love in all you do and with all you may be with.

Today is Scout Sunday and as a church community we are grateful to be joined by all the scout leaders, scouts, and families of Cub Pack 7, Troop 7, and Troop 49. So much of scouting is built on the values and virtues embraced and taught through the church. See the bulletin cover for a list of those. For decades, First Presbyterian Church has partnered in ministry with scouting through the sharing of space, Eagle Scout projects, God and Country and PRAY classes, and of course, popcorn, cookie, and bake sale fundraisers. As we gather for worship today, we do so as ONE in celebration of the grace of God enabling our relationship to be everything it has become.

Enriching opportunities abound here at First Presbyterian Church of Lynchburg; we acknowledge the many blessings God has bestowed on us and trusted us with; we acknowledge the call and responsibility we have to share those blessings with one another; we acknowledge that we don't always fulfill our call to be God's church perfectly and thus need to ask God for forgiveness; we acknowledge our need for God's grace, and the grace we can offer one another; we acknowledge the truth that we are all better together. Faith is a journey and one we believe God has called us and gifted us to walk together as God's beloved children. Welcome to this journey!

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 1 (downstairs below the library) 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).

Interested in joining?

First Presbyterian has welcomed 20 new members over the last year, and we are ready to welcome more. 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... Scout Sunday

February 9, 2025

*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

To God Be the Glory

arr. Stan Pethel

Welcome and Announcements

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

CWM Rhondda

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.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail Thy ways.
From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to faith and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

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.

Set our feet on lofty places; Gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ-like graces, pledged to set all captives free.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
That we fail not them or Thee, That we fail not them or Thee!

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.

***Litany of Scouting as a Partner in Ministry**

Leader: Celebrating the glory of God,

**All: we praise and honor God today by worshipping joyfully through singing,
proclaiming, and sharing the good news;**

Leader: we celebrate God's grace,

**All: the unmerited favor of God's goodness and generosity given to us for salvation
and true life;**

Leader: we celebrate the call of God for us to inspire the next generation for Christ,

All: to be faithful disciples, teachers, and witnesses to God's word, will, and way.

Leader: Celebrating a joyful partnership in ministry with scouting,

All: we give thanks to God for opportunities of exploration, discovery, and growth:

Leader: opportunities to celebrate the call of God for all of us to be

All: trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent;

Leader: opportunities to celebrate the call of God for all of us
to honor our commitment to God and others,

**All: to do our best, to do our duty, to help other people at all times,
and to help ourselves be physically fit, mentally awake, and morally straight.**

Leader: We celebrate the role scouting plays to help develop necessary skills for life

**All: through listening and learning, communication and collaboration,
experiment and experience;
while camping, canoeing, hiking, knot tying, serving, and team building.**

Leader: We celebrate growth through individual and group accomplishments

All: recognized by badges, pins, awards, and stages climbed.

Leader: May God continue to empower and give favor to God's holy work through the joyful
partnership in ministry between First Presbyterian and scouting.

All: All praise, honor, and glory belong to God!

Leader: Let us now pray together...

**All: Wonderful God, Give us clean hands, clean words, and clean thoughts.... Teach
us to work hard and to play fairly. Forgive us when we are unkind and help us to
help others. Send us strength to do a good turn each day and help us to do your
will in all areas of our life. We pray in the name of Jesus, the ultimate example of
how to faithfully fulfill God's will and way. Amen.**

***Sharing the Love, Joy, and Peace of Christ**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Nancy Ann Gowen

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 138

"Reclaiming Our Core Sacred Story"

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn #276: Great Is Thy Faithfulness (verses 1 & 3 only)**

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!

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]

***Affirmation of Faith: Psalm 90:1-2**

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Minute for Scouting

Katie Passman (Troop 49)

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

Assurance

arr. John Ness Beck

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation, purchase of God Born of his Spirit, washed in His blood*

*This is my story, this is my song Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, this is my song Praising my Savior all the day long*

*Perfect submission, perfect delight Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
Angels descending bring from above Echoes of mercy, whispers of love*

*This is my story, this is my song Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, this is my song Praising my Savior all the day long
Praising my Savior all my life long!*

***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 #555: Now Thank We All Our God**

Nun Danket Alle Gott

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
And keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God, Who reigns in highest heaven,
To Father and to Son and Spirit now be given
the one eternal God, Whom heaven and earth adore;
The God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

***Benediction**

Postlude

God of Grace and God of Glory

arr. John Hughes



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2025... A Year to... ENGAGE IMPACT EXPECT

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, February 9

- 9:30 am Sunday School Classes for all ages
- 10:15 am Coffee, Lemonade, Goodies, and Cookies
- 10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary) – Scout Sunday
- 4:00 pm Walk with God

Monday, February 10

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

Tuesday, February 11

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

Wednesday, February 12

- 9:00 am FPC Weekday School
- 10:00 am *Immerse Bible Study*
- 12:30 pm Al-Anon meeting

Thursday, February 13

- 7:00 am *Colin Caldwell Men's Bible Study*
- 9:00 am FPC Weekday School
- 6:00 pm Chancel Ringers Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, February 16

- 9:30 am Sunday School Classes for all ages
- 10:15 am Coffee, Lemonade, Goodies, and Cookies
- 10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)- Scout Sunday
- 12:00 pm Stated Session Meeting
- 4:00 pm Walk with God
- 5:00 pm Meeting in the Middle -MS Youth Group
- 5:00 pm For Real -HS Youth Group

Pastor on Call... February 9 to February 16

Rev. Dr. Peter A. Thompson- 336.269.7270

Members Helping Members... February

Cathy Oakes- 434.384-9403 & Betty Blue- 434.384-6420

Prayer Joys and Concerns

Please share with a pastor, staff member, in person or share your request online at fpclly.org/ministries/care-nurture.html.

Notes for Today

Coffee, Lemonade, Goodies, and Cookies:

Judy Stowers

Ministers:

Congregation Gathered

Worship Leaders/ Preaching:

Rev. Dr. Peter A. Thompson

Senior Pastor/ Head of Staff

Matt East (Scout Leader)

Liturgist/ Scripture Reader

Key Scripture:

Psalm 138

Message Title:

Reclaiming Our Core Sacred Story

Music Leaders/ Accompaniment:

Joshua O'Dell

Director of Music and Organist

Josh Davis

Percussion

Sarah Abell

Trumpet

Chancel Choir

Offertory Anthem

Ushers and Greeters:

Sam Howe and Team

Scouts- Troop 7, Troop 49, Cub Pack 7

Worship Workshop Leaders:

Laurie Sommardahl, Sarah Short

Video and Sound Technicians:

Jody Sprinkle

Chancel Flowers Today:

The flowers today are given in celebration of the Scouts of Troops 7 and 49 and Pack 7 by

Tracy and Albert Baker

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FPC Lynchburg

SAVE THE DATE: Vacation Bible School @ FPCLY

Mark your calendars and get ready to register fast! Vacation Bible School @ FPCLY will be hosted June 9 through 13 this year. Lots of fun and learning will be had by all, including the 50+ youth and adult volunteers we will need to make it happen. Interested in helping? Reach out to Marcia Thom-Kaley (marcia@fpcly.org).

You're Invited to Host a Coffee and Goodies Fellowship

Time on Sunday mornings! The opportunity to gather around the table for coffee, lemonade, goodies, and cookies is a great way to connect and engage with others! But we cannot do it without your hospitable hands. If you would like to lend a hand as a host one Sunday, spots remain! Scan the QR code to the right to head to the online form.



WHEN EVERYONE LEADS...

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! To all those on facilities and working with facilities who have stepped up to clean and beautify both the interior spaces and gardens of the church; To Josh O'Dell, Diane Stroud, Bill Gayle, Bonnie Miles, and Marilyn Hartman for your work on the Chancel Choir area; To Marcia Thom-Kaley, Laura Borel, Jason Landes, Bobby and Becky O'Brian, for all the support in helping make Youth Group a blast on Feb. 2.

Ever wonder how you can be the one greeting others

at the door on Sunday mornings? Ushering and Greeting spots are open each week for you to help welcome and support those coming to worship on Sunday mornings. Never done it before. No problem. There are plenty who can walk you through it. If you would like to join the ushering team, scan the QR code to the right to sign up on the online signup genius.



IMPACT Weekend – February 19-22

Opportunities to IMPACT: Pursuing Change, Being Changed with fellow FPCLY congregants in our community during our Impact Weekend are now posted and available for sign-ups in the Narthex! Opportunities vary with intensity and we pray you are able to find one or more ways in which you are able to engage and impact.

Middle School Adventure Night- February 21

All middle school age youth are invited to join together for a night of bowling, games, and a sleep over. Details from Marcia and Becky will be coming to you soon so get ready! You will want to be there.

FPCLY LEADERSHIP

Session

Diane Stroud- Clerk of Session,
Education (Chair)

Denise McDonald- Cov. Giving (Chair)

Nancy Strosnider-Finance

Mary Ann Tate- Personnel (Chair)

Marilyn Hartman- Outreach/ C&N

Sam Howe- Cong. Engagement (Chair)

Martin Knight- Facilities (Chair)/

Nominating

John Osinga-Worship

Kathryn Overstreet- Education/

Weekday School Board Session Rep

David Cheatham- Personnel

Caskie Giles- Finance/ Facilities

Bucky Neal- Worship

Corporation

David Tate, President

Tom Pettyjohn, Vice-President

William Paxton, Treasurer

Diane Stroud, Secretary

Johnny Alford, At-Large

Trustees, Session

Other

David Tate, Finance (Chair)

Cathy Oakes, C&N (Chair)

Gary Williams, S&O (Chair)

Bill Perkins, Malawi Mission Partnership

Marilyn Hartman, Presbyterian Women

Becky O'Brian, Chancel Guild

Arline Ore, Wedding Guild

Joan Roberson, Bereavement

Becky Giles, Nominating (Chair)

Sue Thornton- Redmond & Diane Stroud,

First Pres Presents (Co-Chairs)

Staff

Alex Collier, Director Outreach

Rev. Dr. Nancy Dawson, Parish Assoc.

Susan Hall, Financial Manager

Maria Karalekas, Director FPC WDS

Joshua O'Dell, Director Music/Organist

Kim Ryan, Nursery Care Provider

Jody Sprinkle, Director Facilities

Dr. Marcia Thom- Kaley, Director Educ.

Rev. Dr. Peter Thompson, Senior Pastor