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Sunday Morning Worship

June 20, 2021

9:30 am



**Service for the Lord's Day: Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 20, 2021 9:30 am**

***indicates congregation is invited to stand in body and/or in spirit**

Gathering Song

"Come, Just As You Are"

Lewis

Come just as you are
Hear the spirit call
Come just as you are

Come just as you are
Hear the spirit call
Come just as you are

Come and see
Come receive
Come and live forever

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Come receive
Come and live forever

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Kathryn G. N. Campbell

Prelude

" Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

arr. Nix

Cynthia Hartis, piano

Call to Worship – from Matthew 25:31-46

We come, for God gathers us here, with that community called faith:
where the hungry are served first, where the thirsty drink life's water.

We come, for God welcomes us here into that home called grace:
where the naked are clothed in robes of hope; where the stranger is embraced as the long-lost prodigal.

We come, for God reunites us here, sisters and brothers in that family called love:
where the imprisoned model justice, where the sick are cradled in God's peace.

Let us worship God!

***Opening Hymn # 409**

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.

“God is Here”

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!

Abbot's Leigh

***Prayer of Confession**

Lesa Layno

We stock the food pantries, but brush aside those who hunger for friendship. We give our hand-me-downs away, but overlook those whose hopes have been stripped away. We glad-hand those just like us, but turn a deaf ear to our neighbors who 'talk funny.'
Forgive us, Hope of the ages. You persistently search for us in the side streets of the world, gathering us up and bringing us home, so we may be drenched in the waters of your bottomless pool of forgiveness, watched over by your Child, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. (Time for silent confession.) Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Hymn Response # 767**

“Together We Serve”

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Together we serve, united by love, inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy, extending your love to the last and the least.

We seek to become a beacon of hope, a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through until we see Christ in each person we meet.

We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor, the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home to those who will come, our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.

Together, by grace, we witness and work, remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve in Spirit and truth, remembering love is the strength of our song.

Time for (All of God's) Children

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading – Matthew 25:31-46

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn # 762

When the poor ones who have nothing
share with strangers,
when the thirsty water give unto us all,
when the crippled in their weakness
strengthen others,
then we know that God still goes that road
with us,
then we know that God still goes that road
with us.

When at last all those who suffer find their
comfort,
when they hope though even hope seems
hopelessness,
when we love though hate at times seems
all around us,
then we know that God still goes that road
with us,
then we know that God still goes that road
with us.

“When the Poor Ones”

When our joy fills up our cup to overflowing,
when our lips can speak no words other than
true,
when we know that love for simple things is
better,
then we know that God still goes that road
with us,
then we know that God still goes that road
with us.

When our homes are filled with goodness in
abundance,
when we learn how to make peace instead
of war,
when each stranger that we meet is called a
neighbor,
then we know that God still goes that road
with us,
then we know that God still goes that road
with us.

El Camino

Second Scripture Reading – 3 John

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

8 Habits of Evangelism: Radical Welcome

Rev. Dr. Kathryn G. N. Campbell

Whatever you do to the least ones of these,
I tell you in truth that you do unto me!"
Lord Jesus, you taught us! May we learn anew
That when we serve others, we also serve you.

When poor, waiting children pray hunger will end,
When those long-forgotten cry out for a friend,
When thirsty ones whisper, "O Lord, where are you?" —
We hear, in their longing, that you're calling, too.

In prisons and jails, Lord, we find a surprise;
We see you in people whom others despise.
At hospital bedsides we offer a prayer
And find, when we visit the sick, you are there.

When we reach to others in flood-stricken lands
And offer our hearts there, and offer our hands —
We notice, Lord Jesus, the gift of your grace:
We see, in the crowds of the suffering, your face.

"Lord, when did we see you?" Your teaching is clear
That when we serve others, we're serving you here.
And when your church heeds you and helps those in pain,
Then out of the chaos, hope rises again.

Sharing Our Fellowship Family's Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering

*(Tithes and offerings can be placed in the offering plate, mailed to the church office, through bank draft, or made through **online donation** – information on how to do that is in the announcements below. Thank you for supporting the mission and ministry of Fellowship Presbyterian Church.)*

Prayer of Dedication

***Closing Hymn # 409**

“All Are Welcome”

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
all are welcome; all are welcome;
all are welcome in this place

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness,
and a symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
all are welcome; all are welcome;
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine, and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

all are welcome; all are welcome;
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
all are welcome; all are welcome;
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured,
taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim
from floor to rafter:
all are welcome; all are welcome;
all are welcome in this place.

***Charge and Benediction**

***Passing of the Peace**

The Peace of Christ Be with You!

Worship Participants:

Rev. Dr. Kathryn G. N. Campbell	<i>Pastor</i>
Blake Tickle, MDiv	<i>Music Director</i>
Cynthia Hartis	<i>Accompanist</i>
Patrick Harman	<i>Guitar</i>
Lesa Layno	<i>Liturgist</i>
Charles Layno	<i>Technical Support</i>
Susie Knorr	<i>Technical Support</i>
Aidan Lawall	<i>Technical Support</i>
Steve Brandt	<i>Technical Support</i>

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Prayer Concerns and Celebrations:

- Prayers requested for **Katie Steele** and the **Steele family** as she recuperates from surgery June 14th.
- **Yvonne McGrady**, in Thomasville Medical Center for pneumonia and a virus. She looks forward to moving to Heritage Green’s Assisted Living. Yvonne still requests no visitors as she continues to improve and settles in at her new home.
- Prayers for our homebound: **Ruth Trace** and **Lea Groves**.
- Continued prayers for our church members: **Betsy Craver, Bobby Smith, Nancy Baughman, Bruce Weaver, Marjorie Van Horn, Christie Odonkor, and Steve Brandt**.
- Continued prayers for the family and friends of our congregation: **Bo McDonald** (Jeanie Harrison’s brother), **Gail Keefe** (John Archambault’s colleague with cancer), **Larry Allen** (Steve Brandt’s friend with complications after surgery), **Rick Underwood**, (former member), Phyllis King’s son **Tim King & his family**, especially **Hayden, Monica & Kaitlyn Morgan** (Carol & Chuck’s daughter in law and granddaughter), **Bryan Revels** (Mary Howe's brother-in-law), **Edith Jordan** (Jen Mauney's mother), **Martha Bennett** (Ralph Barnes' niece), **John Fair** (Fellowship former organist), **Joyce Berger** (Kandee’s mother), **Scott Knight** (Lisa Piña’s father), **Jane Stephens** (cousin of Bill Sweet), **Ed & Rachel Kershner** (Linda's son and granddaughter), **Gwen Flowers** (Linda Ueland’s sister), **Dorothy & Edward Archambault** (John Archambault’s parents), **Ruth Steele** (Ned’s mother), **Roe Roe Tucker** (friend of Lesa & Charles Layno), **Arch Gravely** (Peggy Koppel’s cousin).

If you have any additional prayer concerns, please contact Linda Ueland (336-314-5481) or call Martha at the church (336-288-5177).

Announcements:

- **Become an "Inside-er" this morning!** As a way to say "welcome back" to being inside for worship services, all are invited to the Fellowship Hall following worship **TODAY** for donuts and coffee. It is an informal time to be together as a Fellowship Family to reconnect and say "hello" to one another and chat! Donuts and coffee will be provided by the Programs Committee.
- **Welcome to the PRAYground!** You may have noticed a new addition to the worshipping space: the PRAYground! The front of the Sanctuary includes a welcoming space for children and their families to gather to participate in worship, including "quiet toys", some books, and coloring activities. I encourage you to check it out when you come to worship on Sunday!
- **Casual Summer Worship:** As the seasons shift from spring to summer, all are encouraged to embrace the heat and relax the dress code. Whether worshipping outside or in, all are encouraged to wear casual attire from Memorial Day to Labor Day. That includes sport coats and robes!
- **The Worship Committee is looking for volunteers!** People are needed to read scripture during the service (liturgists), tech assistants to help with sound, screen and streaming services, usher, and serve Communion if you are an ordained elder. These are all functions that do not require any experience, just a desire to serve God's people at Fellowship. Please contact Charles Layno at clayno@w4cl.net or on Sunday mornings. Your help is very much needed and appreciated.
- The next **Food Drive** is Sunday, July 4th, following worship until noon. On June 6th, the church collected 870 pounds of food. The need is large every month, but please reach out to your neighbors and businesses for peanut butter, canned fruit, and mac & cheese, which are at the top of the organization's request list. God is good – The Mission Committee is thankful for all your help.
- **Lunch Bunch!** Want a lunch buddy? Following most Sunday morning worship services, a group gathers for lunch at a nearby restaurant. It is an informal occasion where all pay for their own meal yet still eat together. Depending on the number of people on a Sunday, there may be multiple tables at the same restaurant. It is a great opportunity to make new friends or catch up with old ones! If interested, please gather by the visitor's table after worship.
- **Online giving is available:** Fellowship Presbyterian has online giving available through the Presbyterian Foundation. *Click this link* to be taken to the online donations page (<http://www.fellowship-presbyterian.com/donations>).

This Week's Events:

- **June 20, 9:30am: Father's Day**
Worship – in-person (with masks) and on Facebook Live and Zoom
- **June 22, 7pm:** Session meets via Zoom
- **June 23, 7am:** Men's Faith Exploration Study @ Panera Bread (Lawndale)
- **June 23, 12 noon:** Bulletin and Blast Deadline
- **June 27, 9:30am: Worship** – in-person (with masks) and on Facebook Live and Zoom

A Few Guidelines for a Safe Return to Indoor Worship ***Effective May 26, 2021***

We rejoice over the CDC's new guidelines and at what they mean for us all—that vaccines work, that vaccinated people can do more safely, and that the pandemic's end is in sight. We thank God for this good news and for the hope and relief it brings. We also give thanks for the intellectual gifts God gave scientists to get us to this point and for the selfless sharing of those gifts with the rest of us! Jesus constantly aligned himself with the most vulnerable—widows, women, children, the blind, the sick, the outcast, and the poor. We will follow Christ's lead by loving all our neighbors, especially the most vulnerable among us. Such members deserve the highest care and protection of the community, and all deserve to see the example of faithful people expressing the love of Christ in following sensible precautions. In our excitement at good news for the vaccinated, let us not commit the sin of overlooking parts of the body. Hastily implemented practices can exclude "the least of these" and threaten their health. The vulnerable among us should not be expected to bear the burden of others' unwillingness to be vaccinated or follow COVID-safe policies.

As Salem Presbytery's COVID Task force writes, "*First, let us embrace the better angels of our nature and extend grace upon grace to our Christian communities (composed of both vaccinated and unvaccinated people). We should proceed from a position of a **covenant** - the idea of promises and commitments between members of a community. This is the actionable essence of loving God and caring for our neighbors.*" Therefore, so that we can return to worshipping together in the sanctuary, the Session asks that we covenant the following:

- **Perform a self-health analysis.** Each person who plans to attend worship is asked to perform a self-health analysis prior to leaving the house. If you are sick or believe to have been exposed to COVID-19 in the past 14 days, you are asked to remain at home.
- **Entry into Church.** Worship access will be made available only through the Dogwood Lobby and main Sanctuary doors. The side doors near the main office will not be unlocked, and it is requested that even if you have keycard access to refrain from using it on Sunday mornings. This will allow church staff and officials to keep better track of those in attendance for the purpose of contact tracing.

- **Wear a mask in the building.** We are a congregation that places utmost importance upon visitors and on our young people who have not yet had the opportunity to have the vaccine. While the state has lifted its mask mandates for those that are fully vaccinated, there are others that remain vulnerable to the virus. Thus, we will maintain masking requirements for worship as a part of a covenant amongst members and as an embodiment of neighborly love. Wearing a mask extends grace to those who remain unvaccinated. It also avoids the risk of judgmental or discriminatory behavior. And for families who have young children who may not yet be eligible for vaccination, it is an act of solidarity in keeping the youngest of our community safe and well. It is the welcoming and right thing to do. ***Further, wearing masks can allow all in worship to return to singing and congregational participation by containing a substantial portion of the droplets and aerosolized particles exhaled.*** Therefore, we will take a unified approach, setting a good example for our kids and remaining welcoming and hospitable to all who enter Fellowship Presbyterian Church by all wearing a facial covering over both mouth and nose while in the building. Masks will be available for those who do not have one. It is asked the socializing take place out on the front patio and drive.
- **Reduce physical contact.** We will start out by sitting in family units, at least three feet apart. Our greeters and ushers will provide a bulletin and communion elements (when applicable); the bulletin will still be available online and can be scanned to be viewed on your phone. All elements of worship will be included in the bulletin – neither hymnals nor bibles will be in the pews. Ushers will help you find a seat. Please plan to be patient when you arrive as ushers are instructed to assist people with finding seating in a way to allow for proper social distancing. We will continue to pass the peace in a no-contact way; offering plates will be available at the doors as you enter and exit the sanctuary. Sanitizing stations will be available in the Dogwood Lobby and Narthex. Doors will remain open to the outside to provide better opportunity for circulation.
- **Young people are welcome in the Sanctuary.** We will not have nursery service or activities for children during the worship hour. However, there will be a space made available for parents with young children who would like to excuse themselves from the sanctuary space.
- **Worship online.** We will continue to stream our worship services on Facebook Live and Zoom. This is a good way to remain connected for those in high-risk groups who have not yet been vaccinated or worshipping with us out-of-town.
- **Get vaccinated.** The vaccines, now available to everyone over the age of 12, have proven to be safe and effective. We encourage members of our church family to take a leading role in building up the common good by helping end this pandemic. Learn more about the Covid-19 vaccine at [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov).

A Few Guidelines for During the Week

No limits on group size. The governor has lifted the numbers for mass gatherings to 100 indoors and 200 outdoors. Therefore, FPC will no longer restrict group gatherings to 25 or less.

Perform a health self-analysis. Each person who plans to attend worship is asked to perform a self-health analysis prior to leaving the house. If you are sick or believe to have been exposed to COVID-19 in the past 14 days, you are asked to remain at home.

Check-in process. The doors at the main office will be the only point of entry and excess. It is still asked that all who come into the building sign in so that contact tracing can take place. However, temperature checks will no longer be necessary.

Masks no longer required*. As per CDC guidance, those who are fully vaccinated** no longer need to wear a mask in the building.

Hand sanitizing stations are available throughout the building.

Weekday Guidelines effective immediately.

**Outside groups can choose to mask and mandate that for their own group; however, it is not required by the church for outside groups to wear masks if fully vaccinated per CDC guidelines.*

***Definition of fully vaccinated - 2 full weeks after second doses of Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccines or after the single dose of Johnson & Johnson vaccine.*

Words adapted from Fairlawn Presbyterian Church (Fairlawn, VA), Prince of Peace Lutheran Church (Brooklyn Park, MN), First Presbyterian Church (Owensboro, KY), and Salem Presbytery.

If you have any questions about the Session guidelines, please ask Pastor Kathryn or Julie Davis, Clerk of Session.