A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 11, 2022
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*All who are able may stand.
Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING . . .

The Prelude
The Tender Shepherd
Van Denman Thompson

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit
Steal Away

The Call To Worship
Meg Bohmke, liturgist

We come to this place in search for God,
but God is already searching for us.
We come to this place to speak to God,
but God is already speaking to us.
Let us worship and listen for God,
Who calls us together and leads us home.

The Prayer of Praise and Adoration
Great and wonderful are all Your works, O God; majestic is Your Name. Unto the ends of the earth You display Your dominion. Beyond the reaches of the heavens Your glory shines. Hear the praises we offer as we gather to worship. Receive the confession we make through Your mercy and grace. As we open Your Word, we discern Your goodness. Your way is holy, great God of all, and to You is due all glory and honor, praise and adoration. Amen.

*The Hymn 619

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven
Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; glad of heart your carols raise;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven who, like me, should sing God’s praise?
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Maker all your days!

Praise God for the grace and favor shown our forebears in distress;
God is still the same forever, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Sing our Maker’s faithfulness!

Like a loving parent caring, God knows well our feeble frame;
gladly all our burdens bearing, still to countless years the same.
Alleluia! Alleluia! All within me, praise God’s name!

Angels, teach us adoration, you behold God face to face;
sun and moon and all creation, dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace

*The Prayer of Confession

Creator of the universe, we imagine that we are in familiar territory, that we know what to expect of this hour, that we will leave much the way that we came. Do not abandon us to our foolishness. In judgment, illumine our darkness. In mercy, bear us home – until we recognize Your presence wherever evil is confronted, truth is spoken, and life is restored. In Your mercy, forgive us our sins and our timid faith ...(time for silent confession) ...

*The Assurance of Pardon

(The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
Who is in a position to condemn?
Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.
I declare to You, in the Name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Alleluia. Amen.

(1 Timothy 1:15; Romans 8:34)
*The Gloria Patri

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

*The Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you all. And also with you!

(Please stand to greet one another in the name of Christ. For those worshiping at home, please share Christ’s peace with someone outside Your home this week.)

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28  p. 859 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: Psalm 14  p. 609 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

The Time for Turning

Craig Courtney

To everything a season, to everything a time; a moment to move forward and leave the past behind.

As summer turns to autumn and bids farewell to spring, there comes a time for turning to every living thing.

The breezes change direction, the geese turn homeward bound.

The leaf turns from its clinging and falls upon the ground.

The flower turns from blooming to slumber in the snow. And so to all a season, a time for letting go.

Now is the time for turning and this the place to start; for yielding to the yearning, for changing of the heart;

A moment to surrender the things we should release, forgive and find forgiveness, and in forgiveness, peace.


A Moment with the Children

*The Hymn 519

You Are My Strength When I Am Weak

You Are My All in All

You are my strength when I am weak: you are the treasure that I seek: you are my all in all. When I fall down, you pick me up: when I am dry, you fill my cup; you are my all in all. Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name! Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!

The Epistle Lesson: I Timothy 1:12-17  p. 253 in the pew Bible

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

Parables of the Lost

Michelle Abel

TO RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD. . .

*The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The 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.
The Hymn 634

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory; great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

REFRAIN: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory: great things He has done!

Great things he has taught us; great things he has done!
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. REFRAIN

The Charge & Benediction

The Postlude

Praise Him! Praise Him! 

arr. Humphrey Turner
Living In Faith Together

The goal of nurturing Christian faith in all ages and equipping people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in the world today has guided the Christian Church for two thousand years. Acts 2:42-47 describes in vivid detail the community of believers who “devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers. A sense of awe came over everyone . . .”(CEB). A robust and vital Christian faith is holistic – a way of the head, the heart, and the hands – informing, forming, and transforming people in Christian faith and identity. Lifelong faith formation is about living the way of life Jesus modeled for all who claim to follow him.

A way of the head – to inform – demands a discipleship of faith seeking understanding by engaging people as active learners, encouraging them to think for themselves, to understand their faith, to make it their own, and to choose to live it.

A way of the heart – to form – demands a discipleship of relationships, community-building, hospitality and inclusion, trust in God’s love, prayer, and worship.

A way of the hands – to transform – demands a discipleship of love, justice, peace-making, simplicity, integrity, healing, and repentance.*

Our Fall semester of LIFT (Living In Faith Together) begins this Sunday, Sept. 11, at 9:45 with a kickoff congregational potluck breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. Classes will begin on Sept. 18. Join us as we continue in the way of the first followers of Jesus – engaging in head, heart, and hands as we learn, love, and live together in this congregation and this community.

Jen

*taken from Lifelong Faith: Formation for All Ages and Generations (2022), by John Roberto

Weekly Meetings & Activities

Wed. (9/7) — Meditation Group, 5:30 pm (Library)
Thurs. (9/8)— Handbells, 6:00 pm (Sanct. Balcony)
    — Adult Choir (Choir rm)
Sun. (9/11) — Worship, 8:30am (Sanct./Youtube)
    — LIFT Fall Kickoff Potluck, 9:45am (FH)
    — Worship, 11am (Sanct.)
    — Youth Group Kickoff, 12pm (FH)
Mon. (9/12) — Faith Circle, 1:00 pm (FH)
Tues. (9/13) — Men’s Breakfast Group, 7:30am (Conf.rm)
Wed. (9/14) — Meditation Group, 6 pm (Library)

Church Family News:

Capsule of Concern:  Ellie Bell, Doris Glidden, Doris Gulatsi, Lou Silvey

Condolences are extended to Doreen Vaughn on the death of her father, James McAlister who died on Tuesday September 6, 2022.

Condolences to Dick Ridge on the death of his wife, Donna, who died on Sunday September 4, 2022.

Looking Ahead:

Oct 5: Pints and Parables
Oct. 22: Fall Festival at the Copley Farm
Nov: Sign up for Suppers for Seven

Birthdays this week Sept. 7-Sept. 13

7. Della Hall, Hattie Bingham
8. Jake Rehm, Rachel Talmadge
9. Dick Szymanski, Emerson Bothel
10. Debbie Leimer, Bill Mitchell, Ralph Lewis, Jeff Veil
11. Kathy Vining, Mike Kuliasha, Nicholas Medina
12. Elizabeth Rehm, Judi Hughes, Pete Humes 31.
13. Lois Jacob

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, Sept. 4:
Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14;
Luke 15:1-10; 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Coming Sunday, September 11: Fall Kickoff!
Worship times return to 8:30am and 11:00am.
LIFT (Living In Faith Together) begins with a congregation-wide POTLUCK at 9:45am-10:45am!
Bring a favorite breakfast dish to share and hear about the Fall LIFT classes for children, youth, and adults.
Classes will begin on Sunday, September 18.
Fellowship!!

Fall marks the start of a new opportunity to gather in Fellowship! Starting October 2, through November 20, 2022, all are invited to enjoy “Sunday lunch” in the Fellowship Hall following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Come and share a casual lunch with old friends and new.

Groups or individuals interested in preparing a light lunch, please contact Trina Parsons 865-386-1988 (tkp76@icloud.com), or Sharon Humes 540-226-9771 (pshumes1@gmail.com).

Mark your calendars, and be on the lookout for more information coming soon.

Music at the Presbyterian Church

The music ministry offers opportunities for all ages and we encourage you to participate whether you are experienced or an interested novice. We have exciting plans for the coming months and hope you will consider becoming part of this fellowship.

Covenant Choir - 4 yrs.-5th grade: Children will meet with Mrs. Casey in the music room on the second floor of the Education building from 9:30-9:50 on Sunday mornings.

Youth Music - 6th-12th grade: Teens will meet with Mrs. Casey in the Sanctuary balcony for Youth Handbell Ensemble and choral activities to develop musical skills and confidence in worship participation from 9:50-10:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

The Jubilate Ringers: This is an adult ensemble and basic music reading skills are helpful. Ringers meet on Thursdays in the Sanctuary balcony from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Adult Choir: Adults with interest in joining this special fellowship will be enthusiastically welcomed. Music reading skills or choral experience are not necessary only a desire use your voice in worship. The choir meets on Thursdays in the Adult Choir Room below the Sanctuary from 7:30-8:45 p.m.

My name is Deanna Ferares and I am the new administrative assistant. I retired from Spotsylvania County Schools at the end of August after thirty years of service at Berkeley Elementary. I am married and have two boys, both of whom are in college at James Madison University. I am super excited to start a new adventure in a totally different capacity. The new office email is office@fredericksburgpc.org.