

the
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



August 3, 2025, 10:00 am
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to worship! Led by the Holy Spirit, we glorify God, nurture the faith with each other, and witness the fullness of Christ's love in the world. Beyond the pews, we hope you will grow in faith with us on Sunday mornings and throughout the week. Our weekly announcements are e-mailed each Wednesday and posted online. Printed copies are available at the entrance.



Children are welcome in the Sanctuary throughout the service and are encouraged to borrow activity bags at the entrance with children's bulletins and other materials to engage in worship. Childcare is available for infants through 4-year-olds in the nursery, which is located on the 1st floor of the Education Building.

Restrooms are located underneath the Sanctuary, accessed via the stairs off the porch on the Princess Anne Street side or elevator, or in the Education Building next to the offices or kitchen, both with elevator access. Our service is livestreamed and posted on our YouTube channel.

We are glad you are here as we give glory to God together!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

✠ We rise in body or spirit.

We say words in bold together.

GATHERING

Prelude *Chorale Prelude: "Now Thank We All Our God" BWV 657* J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Prayer

Extravagant God, you pour out mercy and cover us with love. You show us true justice and offer us peace. You provide us with every need and promise eternal life. In the midst of the glitz and glamour of this world, nothing, and no one, shines with your brilliance. Bathe us in the light of Christ, illumine us with your Holy Spirit, and enable us to live only for you. Amen.

Introit *Let Us with a Gladsome Mind* (Hymn 31)

✠ Call to Worship *based on Psalm 107:1-3*

Liturgist: Betsy Mathias

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
God's steadfast love endures forever.
All of you set free by God, tell the world!
God redeems us from trouble.
From the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south,
God gathers us in.

✠ Hymn 65 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

*Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.*

Prayer of Confession

Nurturing God, you show us the way with your love, but we do not always follow your call. We turn away from you and go our own way. You lavish us with good gifts, yet we persist in seeking after that which robs us of abundant life. We hold fast to our anxieties and give in to our greed; we desire the very things that harm us. Forgive us and return us to our rightful home in you through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon *based on Hosea 11:1-11*

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

✠ Sung Response (Hymn 591) *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*

Hal-le, hal-le, hale-le, lu-jah! Hal-le, hal-le, hale-le, lu-jah!

Hal-le, hal-le, hale-le, lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah!

✠ Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: *Colossians 3:1-11*

p. 246 in the pew Bible

Moment with the Children

Anthem

Give Thanks and Glorify His Name!

Lloyd Larson

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!

Give thanks to the Lord, His faithful love endures forevermore!

God has redeemed you. Sing it out, His love proclaim!

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! Glorify His holy name!

*Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and enter His courts with your praise;
give thanks to God and praise His name. He is evermore the same.*

*Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done in whom the world rejoices.*

*Who, from our mother's arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

Scripture Reading: *Luke 12:13-21*

p. 90 in the pew Bible

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Stuff We Stockpile

Rev. Elizabeth Lovell Milford

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

✠Hymn 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

*God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.*

*Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.*

*Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred:
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands, in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.*

✠Affirmation of Faith

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.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

p. 35 in the hymnal

... and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors ...

Presentation of Offerings

Gifts, tithes, and offerings may be placed in the plates at the Sanctuary entrance.
We also give thanks to God for offerings given via mail and online at
fredericksburgpc.org/give.

✠Doxology (Hymn 606)

*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. Amen.*

✠Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

✠Hymn 697

Take My Life

*Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.*

*Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.*

*Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use every power thou shalt choose,
every power thou shalt choose.*

*Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.*

*Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be ever only all for thee, ever only all for thee.*

✠Charge and Benediction

✠Postlude *Prelude on "Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah"* Paul Manz
Go in peace, holding quiet space for those who wish to reflect and pray.



Serving in Worship Today:

Choirmasters: Mary Ann & Larry Casey

Guest Organist: Brooks Kuykendall

Ushers: Michele Coffman, George Cralle

Elevator Assistant: Paul Kukla

Sanctuary Guild: Mary Lou Cramer

Videographer: Vicky Wilder, Les Johnson

Church Family News

We pray for: Mike Gibson, Gene McGill (Ginger Oplinger's father)

We continue to pray for: Mary Lowman, Joan Humphrey, Douglas Smith (son of Bruce and Elizabeth Smith), and Dylan Nelen's brother, Noah



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