

*the*  
**PRESBYTERIAN**  
CHURCH



**August 10, 2025, 10:00 am**  
*Ninth 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

*Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

arr. F. Ritter

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Bruce Smith

Gathering Prayer

**Eternal God, you have called us to be members of one body. Join us with those who in all times and places have praised your name, that, with one heart and mind, we may show the unity of your church and bring honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Introit

*He is King of Kings* (Hymn 273)

✠ Call to Worship *based on Hebrews 11*

Liturgist: Barb LeRoy

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

**Like Abraham, let us follow God, even when we don't know where we are going.**

By faith, let us look forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

**Let us worship the God whose promises call and claim us. Let us worship the Lord.**

✠ Hymn 327

*From All that Dwell Below the Skies*

*From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise:*

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, in every tongue.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*In every land begin the song; to every land the strains belong:*

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*In cheerful sound all voices raise and fill the world with joyful praise.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Eternal are thy mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends thy word:*

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Thy praise shall sound from shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

## Prayer of Confession

**God of Hope and Promise, we admit that our faith sometimes falters. We acknowledge that our doubts and grievances often overwhelm. We struggle to comprehend our own suffering and that of others. Forgive us when we lose faith in you and in ourselves. Guide us to walk in wisdom and to reach out in love. Help us to talk with you always as you are always near to listen, to teach, to guide. May your wisdom be our way and the riches of our life and soul. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

The Bible says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

## ✠ Sung Response (Hymn 581) *Glory Be to the Father*

*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.*

## ✠Peace and Greeting

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

## HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

### Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: *Proverbs 3:13-30*  
Bible

p. 720 in the pew

### Moment with the Children

Anthem

*With a Voice of Singing*

Martin Shaw

Scripture Reading: *Matthew 9:18-38*

p. 11 in the pew Bible

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

Sermon

*Walk On Your Way*

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

✠Hymn 801

*The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*

*The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want; he makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.*

*My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear none ill,  
for thou art with me; and thy rod and staff me comfort still.*

*My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;  
my head thou does with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.*

*Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me,  
and in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.*

✠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 ...**

Moment for Mission

Sunday Schedule

Heather Eland

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](http://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 803

#### *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

*My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name.  
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.  
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways,  
and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.*

*When I walk through the shades of death your presence is my stay;  
one word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away.  
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;  
my cup with blessing overflows; your oil anoints my head.*

*The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;  
O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.  
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;  
no more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.*

#### ✠Charge and Benediction

#### ✠Postlude

#### *Praise the Lord, Who Reigns Triumphant*

D. Paxton

*Go in peace, holding quiet space for those who wish to reflect and pray.*



Our preacher this morning is the Reverend Bruce Smith, honorably retired member of the Presbytery of the James. Bruce grew up in Hempstead, Long Island, where he was ordained in his home church: Christ's First Presbyterian Church, founded in 1644. After college and seminary, he moved from suburbia to Elkland in Tioga County, Pennsylvania. There he learned the discipline of weekly preaching and the subtleties of small-town life. Then he was called as pastor in Watertown, New York, up in the Lake Ontario snow belt. Retirement came for Bruce and then Elizabeth, and they moved to Fredericksburg. They enjoy the change of seasons, nearness to family, opportunities for theatre and learning, and new friends from a welcoming and caring congregation.



***Serving in Worship Today:***

Choirmasters: Mary Ann & Larry Casey

Organist: Amy Shirk

Ushers: Tristin and Robert Fidler

Elevator Assistant: Bill Stewart

Sanctuary Guild: Mary Lou Cramer

Videographer: Kristen Betsill

***Church Family News***

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

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