



August 17, 2025, 10:00 am
Tenth 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

Albumleaf

Robert Schumann

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Prayer

God of Peace, you continue to call us to new things. Help us overcome our fears and respond in courage. Give us faith to trust the unity that is beyond our sight. Give us your eyes to recognize the signs of Christ before us. Amen.

Introit

Praise My Soul the King of Heaven (Hymn 620)
Alexandra Spaulding, soprano Leif Johnston, baritone

✠ Call to Worship

Liturgist: Tim Tarzier

We gather today to worship the living God!

Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Jesus Christ came to transfigure us and renew us in the image of God:

We are ready to receive the good news.

Jesus Christ, the light of our hearts, knows our thirst:

May he lead us to the wellspring of the gospel.

Jesus Christ, light of the world, shines in every human being:

May we see his face in each person we meet.

Let us worship God!

✠ Hymn 399 (sing 4 times)

God Welcomes All

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;

God's love is strong and it never ends.

Prayer of Confession

God of hope, we confess our disregard for your care, our doubt of your providence, our blindness to signs of your love. We are afraid to risk our comforts to find new life; we separate ourselves from you and from others and foster divisions between those you love. Help us

to amend our lives and make us your faithful people, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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

✠ Gloria Patri (Hymn 581)

*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: *Isaiah 5:1-7*

p. 776 in the pew Bible

Moment with the Children Backpack Blessings

Anthem

Amazing Grace (Hymn 649)

Alexandra Spaulding, soprano Leif Johnston, baritone

Scripture Reading: *Hebrews 11:29-12:2*

p. 274 in the pew Bible

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

Sermon

Back to School: Roll Call Rev. Elizabeth Lovell Milford

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

✠ Hymn 726 *Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)*

*“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”*

*“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?”*

*“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”*

*“Will you love the ‘you’ you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”*

*Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

✠Affirmation of Faith from *The Confession of 1967 (inclusive language text)*

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to this call. . . . In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

Thanksgiving for Worship Leaders and Volunteers (Full List at end of bulletin)

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

Michelle Porter

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.

✠Song of Praise (Hymn 612, verse 1)

*We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator,
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.*

*We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.*

✠Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

✠Hymn 691 *Lord, When I Came into This Life*
*Lord, when I came into this life you called me by my name;
today I come, commit myself, responding to your claim.*

*Within the circle of the faith, as member of your cast,
I take my place with all the saints of future, present, past.*

*In all the tensions of my life, between my faith and doubt,
let your great Spirit give me hope, sustain me, lead me out.*

*So help me in my unbelief and let my life be true:
feet firmly planted on the earth, my sights set high on you.*

✠Charge and Benediction

✠Postlude *Postlude on "Hanover"* arr. Tom Birchwood
Go in peace, holding quiet space for those who wish to reflect and pray.
Join us in the Fellowship Hall for our 3rd Sunday Lunch!



The flowers on the pulpit are given to the glory of God.

Serving in Worship Today:

Choirmasters: Mary & Larry Casey

Organist: Amy Shirk

Ushers: Linda Benn, Karen Johnson

Elevator Assistant: John Howe

Sanctuary Guild: Mary Lou Cramer

Videographer: Jerry Zekert, Les Johnson

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection, we give thanks to God for the life of Harry Charlesen, who died July 14, 2025. A memorial service will be held August 23 at 2pm at Harmony at Falls Run.

We continue to pray for: Gene McGill (Ginger Oplinger's father), Douglas Smith (son of Bruce and Elizabeth Smith), and Dylan Nelen's brother, Noah

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Second Sunday Coordinator – Bill Stewart

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