



August 9, 2026, 10:30 am
11th 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.

Children are welcome in the Sanctuary throughout the service and are encouraged to visit our worship corner in the front left of the Sanctuary and borrow a variety of resources. This summer, toddlers and preschoolers are invited to join us in the pews for the beginning of worship. After the moment with the children, they may leave with staff and volunteers to play on the playground or in the nursery on the first floor of the Education Building.

Assisted listening devices are available at the Princess Anne Street side entrance. 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. If you need access to the Ed. Building during worship, please speak to an usher. Our service is livestreamed via YouTube.

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.

Welcome and Announcements

Welcoming our Director of Music, Michael McCarthy

Barb LeRoy

Prelude

Andante Moderato, Op.17, No. 3

Gabriel Faure

Silent prayer of preparation

Holy God, you speak to us in a voice unexpected and come to us in ways we do not recognize. Never leaving us to our own devices or defenses, you are the ever-present, all-powerful God. Call us out in faith again and again, until we learn to walk with you in steadfast love and faithfulness, and in peace. Amen.

Call to Worship *based on Psalm 85:8-13*

Liturgist: Kathy Pecka

God speaks peace to the faithful, who turn to God in their hearts.

Salvation is close at hand; may God's glory dwell in our land.

Here, steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;

Righteousness and peace will kiss each other;

Faithfulness springs up from the ground

and righteousness looks down from the sky.

God gives what is good and we respond with abundant praise.

✠Hymn 649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now I am found, was blind, but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!*

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.*

*The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.*

✠Prayer of Confession

God our refuge, you hear our cries for mercy. You know our exhaustion, our cynicism, our sense of defeat. You lift the lowly and offer hope to the hopeless. But we are quick to lose perspective and exaggerate critique. We respond to your command but then sink in doubt and fear. We hide from the challenges of bold discipleship. Forgive us, we pray, when we confess with our lips but do not believe in our hearts. Help us to practice faith in all circumstances. Though we are distracted by noise all around, allow us to hear your voice through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

✠Assurance of Pardon

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

✠Joyful Response (Hymn 591 refrain)

Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lujah!

Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lujah!

Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

✠Peace and Greeting

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

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: *Romans 10:5-15*

p. 194 in the pew Bible

Moment with the Children

Anthem

O For a Song

Scripture Reading: *Matthew 14:22-33*

p. 19 in the pew Bible

This is the word of faith that we proclaim. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Jump into Adventure

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

✠Hymn 621 (sung twice) *I Will Call upon the Lord*

*I will call upon the Lord (I will call upon the Lord)
who is worthy to be praised. (who is worthy to be praised.)
So shall I be saved from my enemies. (So shall I be saved from my enemies.)
I will call upon the Lord. (I will call upon the Lord.)*

*The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock,
and let the God of my salvation be exalted.*

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✠Affirmation of Faith from *A Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*
Natasha Taylor, Faith Formation Coordinator

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

... 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 463

How Firm A Foundation

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid:
I'll strengthen thee, help thee and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.*

*When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.*

*When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee, I only design
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.*

*The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake.*

✠Charge and Benediction

✠Postlude

Fantasia on "Forest Green"

arr. Lani Smith

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



*The flowers on the pulpit are given to the glory of God as
we welcome Mike McCarthy, our new Director of Music.*

Serving in Worship Today:

Organist: Amy Shirk

Director of Music: Mike McCarthy

Ushers: Mike Gibson, Tom Theado

Elevator Assistant: Bill Stewart

Sanctuary Guild: Mary Lou Cramer

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