



January 18, 2026, 10:30 am
2nd Sunday after Epiphany

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.

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 next to the offices or kitchen, both with elevator access. 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.

GATHERING

Prelude

Litany

David Paxton

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Elizabeth Lovell Milford

Gathering Prayer

Holy God, you sent your son to be the light of the world, so that all may know the brightness of your love. Fill us with grace that we too may bear witness to his light and serve your coming reign. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Introit

You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim (Hymn 299)

Call to Worship *based on Isaiah 49:1-7*

Liturgist: Sherman Brown

Listen up! Pay attention, people from near and far:

God has given us work to do.

We are meant to glorify God and enjoy God forever.

God has called us by name and strengthens us for ministry.

We are set up to be a light for the nations to the ends of the earth.

Let us worship our God who is faithful, the Holy One

who has chosen us in love.

✠Hymn 744

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;

show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;

proclaim the captives' liberty, good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,

bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!

Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

✠Prayer of Confession

O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil. You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in separation. You call us to seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of oppression. You call us to fight pretensions and injustice, but we sit idly by, endangering the lives of people far and near. Forgive us, O Lord. Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

✠Assurance of Pardon

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

✠Joyful Response (Hymn 839, verse 1) *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*

***Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.
This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.***

✠Peace and Greeting

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

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings: *1 Corinthians 1:1-9*

p. 201 in the pew Bible

Psalms 40:1-11

p. 631 in the pew Bible

Moment with the Children

Anthem

Ye Followers of the Lamb Shaker song/Edwin Ferguson, arr.

Scripture Reading: *John 1:29-42*

p. 112 in the pew Bible

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

Sermon

Come and See

Rev. Elizabeth Lovell Milford

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

✠Hymn 451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

*Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!*

*Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!*

*Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere.
Open my heart, and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!*

✠Affirmation of Faith from the *Confession of Belhar*

Natasha Taylor

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family . . . We believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways; in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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

Moment for Stewardship

Debe Garrison and Jerry Zekert

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 749

Come! Live in the Light! (We Are Called)

during the last verse, children and youth are dismissed to the Ed Building for choir

*Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.
REFRAIN: We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.*

*Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and violence will be no more.
[Refrain]*

*Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers
united in love. [Refrain]*

✠Charge and Benediction

✠Postlude

Joyous Acclamation

Gerald Peterson

*Go in peace, holding quiet space for those who wish to reflect and pray.
Join us in the Fellowship Hall today for our 3rd Sunday lunch!*



*The flowers on the pulpit are given by Betsy and Joe Mathias in gratitude to God
for the birth of their granddaughter Claire Ashley Mathias on December 30th
to parents Michael and Sarah Mathias.*

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Ushers: Linda Spratt, Marjolijn Bijlefeld

Elevator Assistant: Steve Spratt

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