

the
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

GENESIS.

Back to the Beginning

Summer Sermon Series

July 12, 2026, 10:30 am

7th 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

Rev. Elizabeth Lovell Milford

Prelude

Hymn Medley No. 1
Trey Talmadge, trombone

arr. B.C. Dockery

Silent prayer of preparation

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy and live according to it, that we may grow in faith and hope and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Call to Worship *based on Psalm 119:1-5, 105-112* Liturgist: Michelle Gibson

People of God: stay on course, walking steadily on the road revealed by God.

We are doing our best to follow God with all our hearts.

God prescribed the right way to live and expects us to follow.

May our steps be steady, without regret.

God's word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

We offer praises; God's decrees are the joy of our hearts.

Come, let us follow God, today and all days!

✠Hymn 407

Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

Spirit divine, attend our prayers, and make this house your home.

Descend with all your gracious powers. O come, great Spirit, come!

Come as the light. To us reveal our emptiness and woe.

And lead us in those paths of life where all the righteous go.

Come as the fire and purge our hearts like sacrificial flame.

Let our whole soul an offering be to our Redeemer's name.

Come as the dove and spread your wings, the wings of peaceful love.

And let the church on earth become blest as the church above.

Spirit divine, attend our prayers. Make a lost world your home.

Descend with all your gracious powers. O come, great Spirit, come!

☩Prayer of Confession

Patient and persistent God, we come, polished and presentable, to this comfortable room as if we knew what to expect, as if this were a safe and predictable place, as if we could simply observe. Holy One, forgive our tepid expectations. In the mystery of your love, overshadow us. Plant the seeds of your gospel in each of our hearts until we bloom and spill with your passion to serve in a world that is wasting. 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: *Genesis 25:19-34*

p. 26 in the pew Bible

Moment with the Children

Anthem

What Shall I Bring to the Lord?

Scripture Reading: *Romans 8:1-11*

p. 191 in the pew Bible

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

Sermon

Mindsets

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

☩Hymn 286

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

*Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.*

✠Affirmation of Faith from *A Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*
God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer Natasha Taylor, Faith Formation Coord.
... **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) and Prayer of Dedication
***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 as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.*

✠Charge and Benediction

✠Postlude *Just a Closer Walk With Thee* Kenneth Morris
Trey Talmadge, trombone
Go in peace, holding quiet space for those who wish to reflect and pray.



*The flowers on the pulpit are given by John Howe
in celebration of John and Barbara's wedding anniversary.*

Serving in Worship Today:

Guest Pianist: Amy Talmadge
Guest Choir Director: Patti Kerns
Ushers: Mike Gibson, Tom Theado
Elevator Assistant: Bill Stewart
Sanctuary Guild: Doreen Vaughn
Videographer: Les Johnson, Kristen Betsill

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