

the
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



July 19, 2026, 10:30 am
8th 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 Natasha Taylor, Faith Formation Coordinator

Prelude *Largo e spiccato (from Concerto in D Minor)* A. Vivaldi / J. S. Bach

Silent prayer of preparation

God who knows us completely, wrap us in your presence. Still the distractions that well up in us. Search us, know us, and guide us to the wisdom you would have us hear today. Amen.

Call to Worship

Liturgist: Barb LeRoy

Early in the morning, we come to this holy place of worship,

To be touched by the One who offers us grace and love.

Early in the morning, we worship God, who adopts us into the family,

To be filled by the One who would pour us out in service to the world.

✠Hymn 28

You Are Before Me, Lord

*You are before me, Lord, you are behind,
and over me you have spread out your hand;
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too high to grasp, too great to understand.*

*Then from your Spirit where, Lord, shall I go;
and from your presence where, Lord, shall I fly?
If I ascend to heaven you are there,
and still are with me if in hell I lie.*

*If I should take my flight into the dawn,
if I should dwell on ocean's farthest shore,
your mighty hand will rest upon me still,
and your right hand will guard me evermore.*

*If I should say, "Let darkness cover me,
and I shall hide within the veil of night,"
surely the darkness is not dark to you:
the night is as the day, the darkness light.*

*Search me, O God; search me and know my heart;
try me, O God; my mind and spirit try;
keep me from any path that gives you pain,
and lead me in the everlasting way.*

✠Prayer of Confession

So easily we turn against you, God of truth. When we follow those desires that control us; when we live for ourselves, shutting off the gifts of those around us; when we think we do not need to share love, hope, peace with others, we show how we have joined the league of hooligans who ignore your way of life. Yet you have chosen to adopt us as your children, God-who-stands-with-us, forgiving us and making us inheritors with Jesus of your grace and joy. So lead us by the Spirit, that we might follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, into creation which groans for love and healing. 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 28:10-19*

p. 30 in the pew Bible

Moment with the Children

Anthem

Lord, You Have Searched Me and Known Me

Scripture Reading: *Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43*

p. 17 in the pew Bible

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

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

✠Hymn 370

This Is My Father's World

*This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings,
and round me rings the music of the spheres.*

*This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees,
of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.*

*This is my Father's world. O, let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world. The battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.*

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

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

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) 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 547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

*“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”*

*“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son’s story; here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”*

*“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”*

✠Charge and Benediction

✠Postlude

Psalm 19 Benedetto Marcello / E. P. Biggs

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



Serving in Worship Today:

Guest Organist: Brooks Kuykendall

Guest Choir Director: Patti Kerns

Ushers: Diane Peterson, Linda Spratt

Elevator Assistant: Steve Spratt

Sanctuary Guild: Doreen Vaughn

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