

the
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



July 20, 2025, 10:00 am
Sixth 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

Sweet Hour of Prayer

arr. R. J. Hughes

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Prayer

Grant us this day, O God, to be near to you. Give us the chance to sit at your feet, to enjoy every word and every musical note that we may feel your real presence and in turn live out that presence in your world. Prepare us as we journey as your people to worship you. Amen.

Introit

My Lord! What a Morning (Hymn 352)

✠Call to Worship *based on Colossians 1:15-20*

Liturgist: Michele Coffman

Come and worship Christ,
the visible image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of creation,
the fullness of our eternal God,
the one through whom all things were created,
and in whom all things are held together.
This is our God! Let all creation praise the hope of glory.

✠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!

Prayer of Confession *based on Luke 10:38-42*

Merciful God, we confess that we have been distracted with many things and have not loved you with our whole heart and strength. We have not paid attention to your Word. We have allowed the poor to be neglected and the weak to be oppressed. We have been impatient in worship and insincere in our dealings with others. We have ignored signs of injustice and disregarded warnings of judgment. Forgive us, we pray, and teach us repentance. Free us from our habits of pride, and make us steadfast in faith, that we may live as those who are reconciled with you in Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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

✠ Sung Response (Hymn 591) *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*

Hal-le, hal-le, hale-le, lu-jah! Hal-le, hal-le, hale-le, lu-jah!

Hal-le, hal-le, hale-le, lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah!

✠Peace and Greeting

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

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:1-14

p. 243 in the pew Bible

Moment with the Children

Anthem

Sweet Canaan

Martha Shaffer, arr.

Scripture Reading: Luke 10:25-37

p. 87 in the pew Bible

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

Sermon

Rev. Shannon Hendricks

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

✠Hymn 203

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

*REFRAIN Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.
Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. [Refrain]*

*Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race;
neighbors are near us and far away. [Refrain]*

*These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. [Refrain]*

*Loving puts us on our knees, willing to wash others' feet;
this is the way we should live like you. [Refrain]*

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

In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

p. 35 in the hymnal

... and 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 727

✠Charge and Benediction

✠Postlude

Praise God!

arr. H. S. Livingston

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

This morning, we welcome Rev. Shannon Hendricks. She is currently serving as the minister to the Tappahannock Presbyterian Church. She splits her time with that and her other full-time job of mom. Owen (5), Theo (5), and Chloe (3) bring light into both her and her husband Will's life. Shannon holds degrees from Elon University and Union Presbyterian Seminary (M.Div./MACE). She enjoys embracing creativity and wonder both in ministry and anywhere else in life she can fit it.



Church Family News

We pray for: Karen Johnson

We continue to pray for: Mary Lowman, Joan Humphrey, Dylan Nelen's brother, Noah, and Douglas Smith (son of Bruce and Elizabeth Smith)



Serving in Worship Today:

Choirmasters: Mary Ann & Larry Casey

Organist: Amy Shirk

Ushers: Marjolijn Bijlefeld, Linda Spratt

Elevator Assistant: Steve Spratt

Sanctuary Guild: Gaye Copley

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