

the
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



July 26, 2026, 10:30 am
9th 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 *Andante religioso (from Sonata no. 4)* Felix Mendelssohn

Silent prayer of preparation

Life-changing God, you have touched us and transformed us to reach out to all who hunger for what only you can give. Keep our feet in your paths and bless us to multiply blessings to others, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer and Lord. Amen.

Call to Worship *based on Psalm 17:1-7, 15*

Liturgist: Kim Fischer

Come! Bring your most honest prayers before God,

May God see us as we are, inside and out.

Call upon God, who listens and hears our words.

God's response is steadfast love and refuge.

Trusting that God is with us even now, let us worship,

Here, we see the righteousness of the Lord face to face.

✠Hymn 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!

Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

*All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.*

*Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.*

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.

Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.

Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.

Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

✠Prayer of Confession

**God of compassion, we confess that we often live in mindsets of
scarcity instead of your abundance. We have wrestled all night with**

worry instead of resting in you. We have asserted our own goodness instead of awakening to yours. We have turned away those hungry for your help instead of trusting you and feeding them from your limitless supply of blessings. Forgive us, heal us, and help us to hold on to you in Jesus' name. 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: *Matthew 14:13-21*

p. 19 in the pew Bible

Moment with the Children

Anthem

Song of the Apostle

Scripture Reading: *Genesis 32:22-31*

p. 37 in the pew Bible

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

Sermon

Wrestling to Reconcile

Katelyn Finch

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

✠Hymn 306

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

*Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.*

*We share our mutual woes; our mutual burdens bear.
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.
When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;*

but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

*From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.*

✠Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by
the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the
third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and
sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he
shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy
Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the
forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life
everlasting. Amen.**

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 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

*I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.*

*I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
God formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them good.*

*Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!*

*There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known,
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne,
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,
and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.*

✠Charge and Benediction

✠Postlude *Andante (from Sonata no. 6)* Felix Mendelssohn
Go in peace, holding quiet space for those who wish to reflect and pray.



*The flowers on the pulpit are given by Mike and Michelle Gibson
in memory of Mike's father Lloyd Gibson, on what would have been his 94th
birthday, to wish him a happy heavenly birthday.*

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Serving in Worship Today:

Guest Organist: Brooks Kuykendall

Guest Choir Director: Patti Kerns

Ushers: Sherman Brown, Erik Fino

Elevator Assistant: Jerry Zekert

Sanctuary Guild: Doreen Vaughn

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