

*the*  
**PRESBYTERIAN**  
CHURCH



**July 27, 2025, 10:00 am**  
*Seventh 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

*Gratitude*

Edvard Grieg

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Prayer

**Holy God, you are our faithful lover, our generous parent, our patient teacher, our constant friend. We live by the hope of your promises, seek to follow your way, and rely on the gift of your Spirit, by whose power we breathe, and move, and pray. Amen.**

Introit

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* (Hymn 240)

✠Call to Worship *based on Colossians 2:6-19*

Liturgist: Ashley Raska

As those who have received Christ, we walk together in faith.

**Rooted and built up in him, we gather to praise God.**

Christ brings us to fullness, sealed in the waters of baptism.

**Christ calls us to new life; his power extends over everything.**

Held together by grace, may we be nourished to grow in love.

✠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

**Ever-faithful God, how often we turn away from you, yet you remain constant to us. We run from you, but you call us back. In our words and our deeds we dishonor you, yet you will profess your love for us. We cut ourselves off from you and from others, but you will not let us go. Forgive our faithless and fickle ways and increase our gratitude, that we might grow in faithfulness to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon *based on Colossians 2:12*

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: *Psalms 85:1-13*

p. 668 in the pew Bible

### Moment with the Children

### Anthem

*We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace* Moses Hogan, arr.

Scripture Reading: *Luke 11:1-13*

p. 88 in the pew Bible

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

### Sermon

*Lord, Teach Us to Pray*

Rev. Elizabeth Lovell Milford

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### ✠ Hymn 465

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

*What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!*

*What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!*

*O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!*

*Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!*

*Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.*

✠Affirmation of Faith

from *The Larger Catechism*, Qs. 178, 186-187

**Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, in the name of Christ, by the help of his Spirit, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgement of his mercies . . . The whole Word of God is of use to direct us in the duty of praying; but the special rule of direction is that form of prayer which our Saviour Christ taught his disciples, commonly called, “the Lord’s Prayer.” . . . The Lord’s Prayer is not only for direction, as a pattern according to which we are to make other prayers; but may be also used as a prayer so that it be done with understanding, faith, reverence, and other graces necessary to the right performance of the duty of prayer.**

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](http://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 707                      *Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord*  
*Take thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray;*  
*give us the mind of Christ each passing day;*  
*teach us to know the truth that sets us free;*  
*grant us in all our thoughts to honor thee.*

*Take thou our hearts, O Christ; they are thine own;*  
*come thou within our souls and claim thy throne;*  
*help us to shed abroad thy deathless love;*  
*use us to make the earth like heaven above.*

*Take thou our wills, Most High! Hold thou full sway:*  
*have in our inmost souls thy perfect way;*  
*guard thou each sacred hour from selfish ease;*  
*guide thou our ordered lives as thou dost please.*

*Take thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind and will;*  
*through our surrendered souls thy plans fulfill.*  
*We yield ourselves to thee; time, talents, all;*  
*we hear, and henceforth heed, thy sovereign call.*

✠Charge and Benediction

✠Postlude                      *Blessed Be the Name*                      arr. B. Glyncannon  
*Go in peace, holding quiet space for those who wish to reflect and pray.*

*The flowers on the pulpit are given by Sara Broyles*  
*in loving memory of her husband, Walker Broyles.*



### **Serving In Worship Today**

Choirmasters: Mary Ann and Larry Casey

Organist: Amy Shirk

Ushers: Sherman Brown, Paul Leimer

Elevator Assistant: Jerry Zekert

Sanctuary Guild: Doreen Vaughn

Videographer: Les Johnson, Kristen Betsill

## Church Family News

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



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