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**PRESBYTERIAN**  
CHURCH

GENESIS.

# Back to the Beginning

*Summer Sermon Series*

**June 7, 2026, 10:30 am**

*2<sup>nd</sup> 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 for a variety of resources to help engage in worship. Infants through rising kindergarteners are invited to join for the beginning of worship. After the Moment with the Children, they will leave to spend time together 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 next to the offices or kitchen, both with elevator access. 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.**

Prelude *Jesus Is All the World to Me* arr. Edward Broughton

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Elizabeth Lovell Milford

Gathering Prayer

**Holy God, creator of the universe, author of faith itself, fill us with your creative light and life-giving breath, that we may be filled with wonder and renewed as your beloved people. Amen.**

Introit *The God of Abraham Praise (#49)*

Call to Worship *based on Psalm 33:1-8* Liturgist: Will Hendricks

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous!

**We sound the best when praising God.**

Praise the Lord with music, making melody with lyre, piano, and harp!

**Sing to God a new song; give God a trumpet fanfare.**

For God's Word is solid to the core, all of it done in faithfulness.

**God loves righteousness and justice,**

**drenching the earth in steadfast love.**

Come, let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of our Creator.

✠Hymn 14 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

*For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,*

*for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:*

*[Refrain]: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,*

*hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light: [Refrain]*

*For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,*

*for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight: [Refrain]*

*For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,*

*friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild: [Refrain]*

*For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;*

*for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven: [Refrain]*

☩Prayer of Confession

**Holy One, in a world full of chaos, help us to be still and know that you are God. Too often we move at such a hectic pace that we neglect our relationship with you. Our lives become full of distractions that are nothing but shifting sand. Restore and strengthen us, that we may rebuild our loves on the foundation of your Word, 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: *Genesis 1:1-2:4a*

p. 1 in the pew Bible

Moment with the Children

Anthem

*Rejoice, the Lord is King*

Craig Courtney

*Blessed are the people whose God is the Lord, the people He has chosen for His inheritance. Behold the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear Him, that hope is His unfailing love to deliver them from famine and death. Our souls wait for the Lord, our help and our shield, for our hearts shall rejoice as we trust in His holy name. Let Thy mercy be upon us, even as we hope in Thee.*

Scripture Reading: *Romans 8:18-28*

p. 192 in the pew Bible

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

Sermon

*Appreciating the Good*

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

✠Hymn 23

*God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*

*God, you spin the whirling planets, fill the seas and spread the plain,  
mold the mountains, fashion blossoms, call forth sunshine, wind and rain.  
We, created in your image, would a true reflection be  
of your justice, grace and mercy and the truth that makes us free.*

*You have called us to be faithful in our life and ministry.  
We respond in grateful worship joined in one community.  
When we blur your gracious image, focus us and make us whole.  
Healed and strengthened as your people, we move onward toward your goal.*

*God, your word is still creating, calling us to life made new.  
Now reveal to us fresh vistas where there's work to dare and do.  
Keep us clear of all distortion. Polish us with loving care.  
Thus, new creatures in your image, we'll proclaim Christ everywhere.*

✠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

**... 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 26

*Earth and All Stars!*

*Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Hail, wind and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
God has done marvelous things. We too sing praises with a new song!*

*Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Harp, lute and lyre! Loud humming cellos! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
God has done marvelous things. We too sing praises with a new song!*

*Engines and steel! Loud pounding hammers! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Limestone and beams! Loud building workers! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
God has done marvelous things. We too sing praises with a new song!*

*Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Daughter and son! Loud praying members! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
God has done marvelous things. We too sing praises with a new song!*

✠Charge and Benediction

✠Postlude

*Little Postlude in G Minor*

Paul Taylor

*Go in peace, holding quiet space for those who wish to reflect and pray.  
Join us for lunch in the Fellowship Hall and the start of Church Camp!*



***Serving in Worship Today:***

Choirmasters: Mary Ann & Larry Casey

Organist: Amy Shirk

Ushers: Bryan Eland, Paul Kukla

Elevator Assistant: Kaden Yealy

Sanctuary Guild: Debbie and Paul Leimer

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