

*“I am thirsty.”*

*Words from the Cross*

*a lenten sermon series on the 7 last words of Christ*



**March 15, 2026, 10:30 am**  
*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent*

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 visit our Worship Corner in the front corner of the Sanctuary for a variety of resources to help 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.

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

*I Balladentone, Op. 65*

Edvard Grieg

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Shannon Waite Hendricks

Gathering Prayer

**Searching God, you do not shy away from us, even when we hide ourselves from you. You approach us despite the shame we feel. Notice us once again. Anoint us with your presence and the oil of blessing this day, that we may take our place at your side. Amen.**

Introit

*Jesus, Light of Joy (Hymn 673)*

Call to Worship

Liturgist: Debe Garrison

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!**

For the Lord is a great God, and a great ruler above all gods. In God's hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are God's also.

**The sea is the Lord's, for God made it, and the dry land,  
which God's hands have formed.**

O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!  
**For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture,  
and the sheep of God's hand.**

✠Hymn 408

*There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

*There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,  
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;  
there are sweet expressions on each face,  
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.*

*REFRAIN: Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,  
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;  
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;  
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived  
when we shall leave this place.*

*There are blessings you cannot receive  
till you know him in his fullness and believe;  
you're the one to profit when you say,  
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way." [Refrain]*

✠Prayer of Confession

**God of endless renewal, God who calls us to lives restored, God who rescues the lost and saves the afflicted, there are times when our way grows confused. We struggle to know what to do. Or worse, we know what needs to be done and find it easier to stay on the wrong path. Forgive us for failing to heed opportunities to follow a better way. Remind us that you stand more ready to forgive than we are to confess those aspects of our lives that stand in need of your grace. And thus forgiven, help us to lean in to what you would teach us about how we are to be. We pray all these things in Jesus' name, and for his sake. . . *silent prayers of confession* . . .**

✠Sung Prayer (Hymn 227, sung twice)

***Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.  
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.***

✠Assurance of Pardon

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

✠Peace and Greeting

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

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings: *John 19:28-29*  
*Exodus 17:1-7*

p. 139 in the pew Bible  
p. 79 in the pew Bible

Moment with the Children

Anthem

*The Lord is My Shepherd (Psalm 23)*

Howard Goodall

Scripture Reading: *John 4:5-42*

p. 115 in the pew Bible

Holy wisdom, holy word. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

✠Hymn 714

*God of the Fertile Fields*

*God of the fertile fields, shaper of earth that yields our daily bread:  
forth from your bounteous hand come gifts your love has planned,  
that all in every land be clothed and fed.*

*We would be stewards true, holding in trust from you all that you give;  
help us in love to share, teach us like you to care for people everywhere,  
that all may live.*

*As grows the hidden seed to fruit that serves our need, so your reign grows.  
Let all our toil be used, no gift of yours abused,  
no humble task refused your love bestows.*

*God of the countryside, dear to the Christ who died to make us one:  
we pledge our lives anew in faithful love to you.  
Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.*

✠Affirmation of Faith from *The Westminster Confession of Faith*

**The Son of God, the second Person in the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance, and equal with the Father did, when the fullness of time was come, take upon him man's nature, with all the essential properties and common infirmities thereof; yet without sin: being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, of her substance. So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and the manhood, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion. Which person is very God and very man, yet one Christ, the only Mediator between God and man.**

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).

✠Song of Praise (Hymn 223, verse 4)

***Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.***

✠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                      *"Prince Rupert" March*                      arr. George Blake

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



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