A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

November 13, 2022  8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*All who are able may stand.

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GATHERING . . .

The Prelude

Soliloquy

Todd Kendall

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

My Lord, What a Morning!

Call to Worship

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and will not be afraid.

God is my strength and might.

Give thanks to God and call upon God's name.

God's name is exalted in all the earth!

The Prayer of Adoration

God of grace and glory, we praise your name above every name in heaven and on earth. We give thanks for your power to raise up and to bring low. We give thanks for your justice and mercy at work in the world. Praise to you, almighty God, for all your works and all your deeds; for you are leading us toward your promises and purposes. We glorify your name. Amen.

*The Hymn 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Sing praise to God Who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory.

The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,
an ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing,
as with a mother's tender hand God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory.

*The Prayer of Confession

God of justice, we come before you in humble confession. Our thoughts are not your thoughts; our ways are not your ways. You ask us to work for justice, but we participate in systems of oppression and neglect. You call us to extend mercy, but we too often place blame on others and refuse to forgive. Forgive us, we pray, and turn our hearts to you once again. Help us to hear once more your vision of the peaceable kingdom and shape our lives by the values and deeds of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News! Jesus Christ came to seek and to save the lost.

By his grace, we are forgiven and set free to live wholly and completely for him. Alleluia! Amen.

*The Gloria Patri

p. 581 in the Hymnal

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

*The Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you all. And also with you!

(Please exchange this ancient greeting with worshipers seated near you.
Please stand to greet one another in the name of Christ.)

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD . . .
The Prayer for Illumination

The Psalter Lesson: Isaiah 12

The Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 65:17-25

The Anthem

Rejoice!
Craig Courtney
Tina Christie and Heather Staton, flutes

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice in the Lord always. Again I say rejoice, rejoice ye pure in heart.
Rejoice, give thanks and sing; Your festive banner wave on high,
The cross of Christ your King.

Be anxious for nothing; But in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice in the Lord always. Again I say rejoice, go on through life’s long path, still chanting as ye go;
From youth to age, by night and day, In gladness and in woe;
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

The Epistle Lesson: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

*The Hymn 378
We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom
Craig Courtney

We wait the peaceful kingdom, when wolf and lamb shall lie in gentleness and friendship without a fear or sigh, when lion shall be grazing, when snake shall never strike; a little child shall lead us both strong and weak alike.

Where is the peaceful kingdom? When will this new day start? We long for peace and comfort to reign within each heart.
Yet not in our lives only, not simply in our home: we pray that all creation will one day find shalom.

When wars of desolation and hate come to an end, when nation meets with nation and calls the other “friend,”
still peace in all its fullness will only have begun: shalom for all creation begins with justice done.

That little child shall lead us to walk the chosen way, to share the peaceful kingdom, to greet God’s newborn day.
The child born in a stable is sent to break our chains, to bring through word and table the day when justice reigns.


The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

The Real World
Kim Clayton

TO RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD...

*The Affirmation of Faith
A Brief Statement of Faith

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of people long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.
*The Hymn 37

Let All Things Now Living

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our Creator triumphantly raise; Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days. God’s banners are o’er us, pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night; till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

By law God enforces, the stars in their courses, the sun in its orbit obediently shine; the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine. We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration, a song let us raise, till all things now living unite in thanksgiving: to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

*The Charge & Benediction

Postlude

Sing to the Lord

Please be seated in personal reflection until the Postlude ends.
**Announcements for November 9–November 16**

**Stewardship Message**

At the end of last week, pledge cards for the stewardship campaign were mailed, so please be on the lookout. The pledge drive will be celebrated on Sunday, December 4 with the collection of pledge cards during the service.

You are welcome to turn your pledge card in before that day. Feel free to return your pledge card to the church by mail, by dropping your pledge card off at the church office or by placing your pledge card in a collection plate in the sanctuary. It would be very helpful if you could have your pledge card returned on or before Collection Sunday, December 4.

If you choose to make your pledge through Realm, you can check that box on the pledge card and still participate in our Sunday, December 4 collection. If you do not intend to make a pledge at this time, please check that box on your pledge card and return the card to the church.

We hope that the messages in the Moment for Mission/Stewardship during worship services and the weekly church newsletter inspire you and that the challenge from the Esther 4:14 verse encourages you to renew your gift or start a gift. We thank you for the gifts you have given so far that have brought us mostly through “such a time as this.”

Your help is needed as plans are put together for next year. Please prayerfully consider what you can do with your time, talents, and financial resources. Thanks You.

*Your Stewardship Committee*

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**Lectionary Readings for Sunday, Nov. 13**

- Isaiah 65: 17-25; Isaiah 12;

**Lectionary Readings for Sunday, Nov. 20**

- Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

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**Weekly Meetings & Activities**

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**Church Family News**

**Capsule of Concern:** Trina Parsons, Bobbie Kerns, Doris Glidden, Doris Gulatsi, Lou Silvey

**Birthdays this week Nov. 9-Nov. 16**

- 9. Quinn Morris
- 10. Claire Rehm, Ashley Statler, John Bailey, Jonathan Gillespie
- 11. Bryan Eland, Alex Yealy
- 13. Gyles Norwood, Vanessa Huffman
- 14. Caroline Deaderick, Dylan Nelen
- 15. Tim Duffy
- 16. Andrew Schneider

**Looking Ahead**

- December 7 - Pints and Parables, 7:00pm at 6 Bears and a Goat
- December 8 - Make Space for Advent opens
- December 9 - Food Truck and Christmas movie night, 6:00-8:00
- December 18 - Lessons in Carols, 11:00 am worship service.

Poinsettias will be used to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas. **Poinsettias will be available to purchase.** An order form will be in the weekly bulletin as well as online. The deadline for ordering is Sunday, December 4.
**Sunday Lunch!!**

**Sunday Lunch will continue this Sunday,** immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service. Come enjoy chili and cornbread. There is no cost; but donations will be accepted. No reservation needed, simply come as you are! Members and visitors are all welcome! Next Sunday will be our last Sunday Lunch.

**Sunday November 20, will be our last Sunday Lunch for Fall 2022.**

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**LIFT News**

**LIFT classes** - Click the link here for the list of classes or check the website. We hope you can join us.

**Sunday November 13, the Faith and Movies Class** will discuss *Tango Shalom* (2021). *Tango Shalom* may be rented or purchased from Amazon.

**Sunday November 20, the Faith and Movies Class** will discuss *The Pilgrims: American Experience* (2015). *The Pilgrims* is available from the Library, Amazon (rental or purchase), and may be streamed with a PBS Passport.

If you are looking for ways to continue engaging with the lessons and materials mentioned during our weekly LIFT hour, check out our take home resources on our website. Follow this link to download different take-home resources for you and your loved ones to explore together at home: [https://fredericksburgpc.org/resource-page](https://fredericksburgpc.org/resource-page)

**The “Being Reformed” Class** is our hybrid LIFT class. You can participate in this class in person in the conference room, or you can tune in via zoom. The zoom link is on our website or click on the following link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88141244845](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88141244845)

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**MISSION/OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES**

**Thanksgiving Boxes**
Thanks to everyone who has signed up to fill a Thanksgiving Box for those in need. If you have signed up to fill a box, please bring your box or food items to the Church this Sunday November 13. We will be packing and decorating the boxes following Sunday Lunch at 1:00 p.m. All are welcome to come and help.

**Cold Weather Shelter (CWS) Mission Volunteer Opportunities**
Our church team still needs volunteers to help with the Micah Cold Weather Shelter (CWS) each Wednesday evening until March. We would like enough volunteers to create four different teams to cover each month. If you are interested in helping, please sign up under the Serve tab on the Church’s website: [www.fredericksburgpc.org](http://www.fredericksburgpc.org). If you would like more information, contact Bill Nix by text or calling 540-848-5106 or via e-mail at bnixatc@aol.com

**The Micah Lessons and Carols** service will be December 6, at 5:00 in Market Square. **Families are invited to bake cookies for the event,** as well as attend. The service will be interactive.

**Hanging of the Greens**—Do you love decorating for Christmas and eating holiday cookies? You are invited to help the Worship Committee decorate the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas, Saturday, December 3, at 10am. We hope you can join us for light refreshments and holiday fun.

If you would like to **order flowers for the sanctuary,** in memory or honor of someone or just to add color to the sanctuary, please contact Sharon Humes: pshumes1@gmail.com. We would love to have flowers the first two weeks of Advent.

**Calling all bakers!** Pies are needed, for both dessert and to give away, at the November 19th Community Dinner. Please contact Karen Johnson, ksjohnson422@msn.com, (540) 621-5685 if you would like to donate a pie or help at the dinner.

**Suppers for Seven** is a small group fellowship opportunity for groups of about 7 people to gather together for dinner in homes or at restaurants. People who sign up are placed in groups, and begin to meet in the new year. Sign ups begin this Sunday, in person or online. Couples and singles are welcome to sign up.