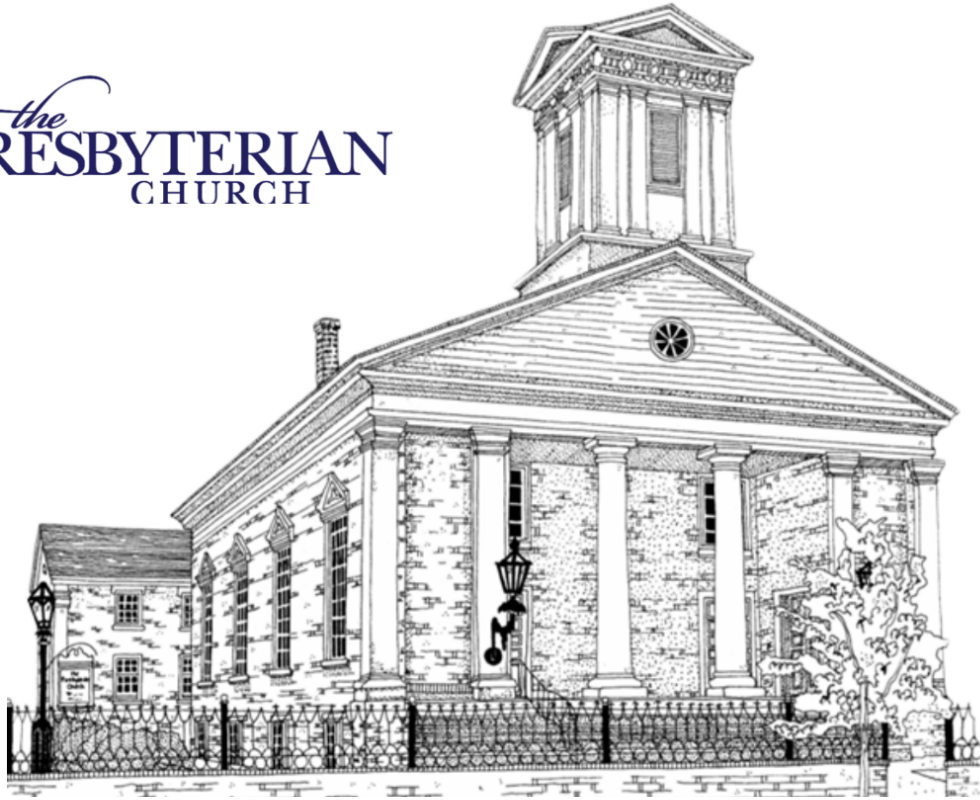


the
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



November 2, 2025, 10:30 am
All Saints' Observance

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 1st floor of the Education Building.

Assisted listening devices are available at the Princess Anne St. 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 or sing words in bold together.

GATHERING

Prelude

Soliloquy

Todd Kendall

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Prayer

Holy God, who calls your people into one beloved community, who teaches us the way of peace through life together, who fills us with visions of your eternal reign: as we now celebrate the communion of saints, pour into our hearts the power of Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Introit

Call to Worship

Liturgist: Erik Fino

Today we remember all the saints who have walked the path toward God before us, showing us the way with their lives.

**Thanks be to God for our mothers and fathers in faith,
for coaches and teachers, for the noble band of the prophets.**

Thanks be to God for sisters and brothers, authors and artists,
those who lost their lives bearing witness to the gospel.

**Thanks be to God for friends whose advice guided us,
strangers who proved an example,
and the glorious company of the apostles.**

Thanks be to God, for all the saints near and far, for those who have died and who are living, for those who know they made a difference and those who never will.

For all the saints, we give thanks to God!

✠Hymn 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

*Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.*

*Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

✠Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ. 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 Readings: *Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4*
Psalms 149:1-9

p. 1066 in the pew Bible
p. 717 in the pew Bible

Moment with the Children

Scripture Reading: *Ephesians 1:11-23*

p. 234 in the pew Bible

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

Sermon

Righteous Living Rev. Elizabeth Lovell Milford

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

✠ Hymn 730

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

*I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true,
who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor and one was a queen,
and one was a shepherdess on the green:
they were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God helping, to be one too.*

*They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and God's love made them strong;
and they followed the right, for Jesus' sake,
the whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,
and one was slain by a fierce wild beast:
and there's not any reason, no, not the least, why I shouldn't be one too.*

*They lived not only in ages past; there are hundreds of thousands still;
the world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,
in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea;
for the saints of God are just folk like me, and I mean to be one too.*

✠ Affirmation of Faith from *The Heidelberg Catechism*, Qs. 54 & 55

I believe that the Son of God through his Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself, a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith. And of this community I am and always will be a living member . . . believers one and all, as members of this community, share in Christ and in all his treasures and gifts... Each member should consider it a duty to use these gifts readily and joyfully for the service and enrichment of the other members.

✠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)

***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

All Saints' Remembrance and Prayer of Thanksgiving (see insert)

Anthem

Sine Nomine (Hymn 326)

Vaughan Williams

The congregation is invited to join the choir in verse 5:

*For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

***From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!***

SENDING

✠Charge and Benediction

At this time, children K-5th grade are dismissed to Covenant Choir.

✠Postlude

Sing to the Lord!

Lani Smith

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

*Following worship, we will continue to the City Cemetery (1000 Washington Ave)
for a brief prayer and dedication of the monument.*



Serving in Worship Today:

Choirmasters: Mary Ann & Larry Casey
Organist: Amy Shirk
Ushers: Paul Kukla, Adam Nelen
Elevator Assistant: Kaden Yealy
Sanctuary Guild: Linda and Steve Spratt
Videographer: Trey Talmadge

Church Family News

We continue to pray for: Carole
Fariss, Lista Winger-Eger, Irene
Repanshek,
Judy Balch, Douglas Smith (son of
Bruce and Elizabeth Smith)

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All Saints' Remembrance

Litany of Remembrance

“If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord;
so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.”

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life
through our Lord Jesus Christ, we remember and give thanks to God
for those in our church family who have died in the previous year:

Armand Joseph “Al” Moreau, Jr. December 13, 2024

Carol Virginia King January 12, 2025

Michael Pierce Fariss January 28, 2025

Sheila Eddy Baker February 25, 2025

Emmie Lenoir Rabun Garnett March 30, 2025

Earl Bernard Stroup April 11, 2025

Harry Junior Charlesen July 14, 2025

We also remember other loved ones who rest in God's care:

. . . silent reflection . . .

Surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses,
we pray for the fulfillment of God's promise:

In faith, O God, we seek your grace.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

. . . and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors . . .

City Cemetery Dedication

1000 Washington Avenue, Fredericksburg, VA

The Presbyterian Church plot is to the left of the entrance, halfway down on the left side.

In January of 1844, a group of nine men gathered in the study of Rev. George W. McPhail, pastor of The Presbyterian Church, to discuss “a cemetery for the burial of the dead.” That night, they decided to purchase an old field of corn along the “New Turnpike” (what we now know as William Street); three acres for \$550. The new town cemetery was born – a place “for the decent interment of the dead.” The committee worked quickly over the coming months, laying out the lots, petitioning for incorporation, clearing rotting cornstalks, sowing grass, and completing a brick wall and gate. The corporation reserved the four lots around the center point “for the exclusive use” of the pastors (and their families) of the four major churches in town: St. George’s, Methodist, Baptist, and Presbyterian. *(credit: John Hennessey)*

The Presbyterian Church plot became the final resting place for several former pastors, their family members and a prominent Presbyterian missionary who served in Brazil. Over the years, the church’s knowledge and connections were lost but were renewed in 2023 at the request of Rev. Al Moreau, a Presbyterian pastor who was affiliated with the church in his retirement. The Property Committee, City Cemetery Work Group, and Memorial Garden Committee worked with members and leaders on the Session to develop a plan for the renewed use of this resource, expanding the eligibility to reflect the priesthood of all believers, available to members of the church, their immediate family, and others as approved.



A memorial monument featuring a Celtic cross was designed to foster reflection and provide space for the listing of names of those who have been interred. Generous gifts from within and beyond our community have provided the funds needed to bring this project to completion, and the monument was installed in May 2025. This afternoon, we give thanks to God for this sacred space and those who find their final rest here, within the city of Fredericksburg and close to the church we love.

Service of Dedication

Opening Sentences

Scripture Readings: *Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 and Revelation 14:12-13*

Prayer of Dedication

Blessing