



November 9, 2025, 10:30 am
22nd 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 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

Day by Day

arr. Lani Smith

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer for Veterans

Introit

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain (Hymn 234)

Call to Worship *based on Psalm 17*

Liturgist: John Howe

Come, cry to the Lord, who gives ear to our prayers;

We bring the fullness of ourselves, inside and out.

We call because we are sure God is listening,

And we are sure that God will answer.

The savior of those who seek refuge, God shows steadfast love.

God gathers us in and holds us close.

Thanks be to God! Let us worship.

✠Hymn 8

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

*Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:*

O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

*O Savior, whose almighty word the winds and waves submissive heard,
who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid its rage did sleep:*

O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

*O Holy Spirit, who did brood upon the chaos wild and rude,
and bade its angry tumult cease, and gave, for fierce confusion, peace:*

O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

*O Trinity of love and power, all travelers guard in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them where so e'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.*

✠Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that we are too easily influenced by peddlers of despair and alarm, too quick to sink into numbness and apathy, too tired to imagine another way. Our hopes have crumbled, and our hearts are faint. Breathe new life into us, we pray. Help us to be mindful of your promises, your faithfulness, and your presence as we face the challenges of our lives. Restore our vision and give us courage to live in your truth. 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: *2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17*

p. 251 in the pew Bible

Psalms 145:1-5, 17-21

p. 714 in the pew Bible

Moment with the Children

Anthem

It is Well With My Soul

arr. Tom Trenney

*When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll.
Whatever my lot Thou has taught me to say, "It is well, it is well, with my soul."
Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance
control that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate, and shed
His own blood for my soul. He lives: O the bliss of this glorious thought:
My sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, O my soul! Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll. The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall
descend; even so it is well with my soul. "It is well, it is well, with my soul."*

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

Sermon

Embrace the Shake Rev. Elizabeth Lovell Milford

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

✠ Hymn 819

Be Still, My Soul

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.

Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.

*Leave to thy God to order and provide,
who through all changes faithful will remain.*

*Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.*

*Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake
to guide the future surely as the past.*

*Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.*

*Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.*

*Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord;
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.*

*Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.*

✠ Affirmation of Faith from *A Brief Statement of Faith, The Presbyterian Church (USA)*

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. . . . 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.

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.

✠ 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 815

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

During the last verse, children K-5th grade are dismissed to Covenant Choir.

*Give to the winds thy fears; hope, and be undismayed.
God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears; God shall lift up thy head.*

*Through waves and clouds and storms God gently clears the way.
Wait patiently; so shall this night soon end in joyous day.*

*Leave to God's sovereign sway to choose and to command.
So shalt thou, wondering, own God's way, how wise, how strong God's hand!*

*Let us in life, in death, thy steadfast truth declare,
and publish with our final breath thy love and guardian care.*

✠ Charge and Benediction

✠ Postlude

Recessional

Humphrey Turner

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



*The flowers on the pulpit are given by John and Barbara Howe
in honor of all veterans who have served or are currently serving.*

Serving in Worship Today:

Choirmasters: Mary Ann & Larry Casey

Organist: Amy Shirk

Ushers: The Valasko Family

Elevator Assistant: Bill Stewart

Sanctuary Guild: Linda and Steve Spratt

Videographer: Kristen Betsill

Church Family News

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life, we give thanks for the life of M. Colleen Story who died Saturday, November 1, 2025. We extend sympathy to her niece, Krista Lovell, great-niece Rev. Elizabeth Lovell Milford, and the entire family.

We pray for: Betty Ellett, Kaci LeFebre, Mary Lowman

We continue to pray for: Judy Balch, Carole Fariss, Irene Repanshek, Lista Winger-Eger

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