

the
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



November 16, 2025, 10:30 am
23rd 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

Offering of Praise
The Jubilate Ringers

Karen Buckwalter

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Elizabeth Lovell Milford

Gathering Prayer

O God, our Redeemer, all creation sings your praise! You are justice and mercy, judgment and grace. Following our Lord Jesus Christ, we seek to be faithful, ever sustained by your Spirit, that we might stand blameless at the last with Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Introit

My Lord, What a Morning (Hymn 352)

Call to Worship *based on Isaiah 12:5-6*

Liturgist: Tom Theado

Sing praises to the Lord, for God has done gloriously;
let us sing God's praises throughout all the earth.
Shout aloud and sing for joy,
from the highest peaks, to the deepest caverns,
Shout aloud and sing for joy,
from the tiniest creatures, to the greatest herds.
Shout aloud and sing for joy,
in the midst of our joys and our sorrows.
Shout aloud and sing for joy,
as we come to worship the God of all creation!

✠Hymn 396

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

*Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God.
Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the word?
All is vain unless the Spirit of the holy One comes down.
Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.*

*Sisters, will you come and help us? Moses' sister aided him.
Will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin?*

*Tell them all about the Savior. Tell them that he will be found.
Sisters, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.*

*Is there here a trembling jailer, seeking grace and filled with fears?
Is there here a weeping Mary pouring forth a flood of tears?
Brethren, join your cries to help them; sisters, let your prayers abound!
Pray, O pray, that holy manna will be scattered all around.*

*Let us love our God supremely; let us love each other, too.
Let us love and pray for sinners till our God makes all things new.
Christ will call us home to heaven; at his table we'll sit down.
Christ will gird himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.*

✠Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy 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.***

Presentation of New Members

Amy Talmadge, Clerk of Session

*Elizabeth and Steve D'Andrea, Cheryl May,
Lois Siler (in absentia), John and Arlene Williams*

Welcome to this ministry that we share in Jesus Christ.

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into this community of faith. Grateful for the gifts you bring, we offer our prayers and support as we journey in faith together.

✠Peace and Greeting

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

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings: *1 John 4: 7-12, 19-21*

Psalms 100

p. 292 in the pew Bible

p. 679 in the pew Bible

Moment with the Children

Anthem

Let Everything That Has Breath Praise the Lord

Mark Hayes

Scripture Reading: *Matthew 22:34-40*

p. 30 in the pew Bible

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

Sermon

The Bottom Line

Rev. McCoy Franklin

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

✠ Hymn 203

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

REFRAIN Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;

show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,

Master who acts as a slave to them. [Refrain]

Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race;

neighbors are near us and far away. [Refrain]

These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should love;

all these are neighbors to us and you. [Refrain]

Loving puts us on our knees, willing to wash others' feet;

this is the way we should live like you. [Refrain]

✠ Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the

forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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

Moment for Mission

*Adult Mission Trip
and Salvation Army Bell Ringing*

Steve Spratt

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 546

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

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

*Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.*

*Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound;
may the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.*

*Savior, when your love shall call us, from our struggling pilgrim way,
let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.*

✠ Charge and Benediction

✠ Postlude

Festival March

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



Serving in Worship Today:

Choirmasters: Mary Ann & Larry Casey
Organist: Amy Shirk
Ushers: Marjolijn Bijlefeld, John Howe
Elevator Assistant: Steve Spratt
Sanctuary Guild: Linda and Steve Spratt
Videographer: Trey Talmadge, Ed
Foresman

Church Family News

We pray for: Shirley Eye
We continue to pray for: Judy
Balch, Betty Ellett, Carole Fariss,
Kaci LeFebre, Mary Lowman, Irene
Repanshek, Lista Winger-Eger

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Brethren, We Have Met to Worship—Text-George Atkins, 1819, alt.; Music: Columbian Harmony, 1825; harm
Alfred V. Fedak

Glory Be to the Father—Text: Trad. liturgical text; Music: Henry W. Greatrex; ©1851; Public Domain

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love; Text: Tom Colvin; rev. 1997, alt.; Music: Ghanian folk Melody; adapt. Tom
Colvin, 1963; arr. Jane Marshall,

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow—Text: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709; Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551;
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Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing – Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1773, alt.; stanza 3 alt. Geoffrey Thing, 1880,
alt. Music: Sicilian melody,

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