A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 23, 2022

*All who are able may stand.

**Bold type spoken by the congregation**

GATHERING . . .

The Prelude

Diapason Dialogue

Gordon Young

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

Light Dawns on a Weary World

The Call To Worship

Praise is due to you, O God in Zion.

Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts.

O God of our salvation, you are the hope of the ends of the earth.

You make the gateways of the morning and evening shout for joy!

The Prayer of Adoration

God of life, we come before you in adoration and praise for the gifts you shower upon the earth and upon your people. For early rains and vineyards of precious oil, we give you thanks. For new visions and new dreams poured out from the Spirit. From the greatest to the least, from the old to the young, we sing out our gratitude and praise, for you have dealt wondrously with us. Amen.

*The Hymn 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but Thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside. Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.

*The Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we come before you humbly confessing our sin. We find fault in others, yet exonerate ourselves. We take for granted all we have been given, yet count the cost when helping others. Forgive us, we pray, for pride that impedes our compassion; for self-concern that blocks our view. Renew within us a right spirit. Turn our hearts so that we may love with your love, extending grace toward all. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

God is for us, not against us. For that reason, God sent the Son into the world, so that world might be saved through him.

In Jesus Christ, the old life is gone; a new life has begun. Thanks be to God!

*The Gloria Patri

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 Old Testament Lesson: Joel 2:23-32

The Psalter Lesson: Psalm 65

The Anthem  Come Flood This Heart of Mine  Frombach/Lantz

Ginger Oplinger, violin

Come flood this heart of mine with Your great love divine.
Come, Spirit, make Your home, my heart is Yours alone.
Come flood this heart of mine with Your pure joy divine.
    My every sin forgive as one with You I live.
Come fill my heart, I am longing for Your power.
Your presence and peace will be mine this very hour.
Come fill my heart with Your Spirit in this place.
Let my heart overflow with the fullness of Your grace.
    Make of this heart of mine a vessel wholly Thine.
Drive dark and doubt away, O fill me, Lord, I pray.

The Epistle Lesson: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

A Moment with the Children

*The Hymn 794  O Savior, in This Quiet Place

O Savior, in this quiet place, where anyone may kneel, I also come to ask for grace, believing you can heal.
If pain of body, stress of mind, destroys my inward peace, in prayer for others may I find the secret of release.
If self upon its sickness feeds and turns my life to gall, let me not brood up on my needs, but simply tell you all.
You never said “You as too much” to any troubled soul. I long to feel your healing touch; will you not make me whole?
    But if the thing I most desire is not your way for me, may faith, when tested in the fire, prove its integrity.
Of all my prayers, may this be chief: till faith is fully grown, Lord, disbelieve my unbelief, and claim me as your own.


The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The Sermon  Luke’s Primer: How Not to Pray  Kim Clayton

TO RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD. . .

*The Affirmation of Faith.

Wise and virtuous people through the ages have sought the highest good in devotion to freedom, justice, peace, truth, and beauty. Yet, all human virtue, when seen in the light of God’s love in Jesus Christ, is found to be infected by self-interest and hostility. All people, good and bad alike, are in the wrong before God and helpless without God’s forgiveness. Thus all fall under God’s judgment. No one is more subject to that judgment than the person who assumes that he or she is guiltless before God or morally superior to others. The new life in Christ takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God’s grace.
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.

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE IN GOD'S NAME. . .

The Hymn 450

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.
High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

*The Charge & Benediction

*The Postlude

To Greet the Morning

David Paxton

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Tillie Paul by her children and
grandchildren.

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Announcements for October 19–October 26

Church Finance Notes

I have been asked on several occasions how the Church is doing financially. Fortunately, many of our members have continued to faithfully support the ministry and work of this Congregation by continuing to give to the General Fund. However, 2022 General Fund giving is soft and below expectations. Comparing the year-to-date General Fund Gifts (YTD GFG) for September, we find that the YTD GFG for September 2022 is $129,000 below the 2017 to 2021 YTD GFG average (see the chart). So far this year we have been able to meet our monthly operating expenses; staff salaries; property ownership expenses, general education programs and general office expenses. Through September, we have disbursed 6% of our mission budget compared to September 2021 disbursements of 56%. If the giving trend continues below expectations, we will not have sufficient funds to fully fund all our Mission budget objectives.

To finance capital improvements the Church took out a $2.5 million loan in 2014. We refinanced a balance of $916,775 in July of 2020 at an interest rate of 3.28%. This refinance matures in July 2030 at which time the unpaid balance is due. Currently, the loan balance is $723,000. The source of funds for the principal portion of the mortgage payment has been from the capital campaign and endowment funds. The 2019 and 2021 Capital Campaign cycle is complete, and the 2022 capital campaign ends in December. Currently, we have enough funds on hand to support the principal portion of the mortgage for 11 months. The interest portion of the mortgage payments are expensed in the general budget as part of property ownership expenses.

What can you do? Evaluate what you have been giving to this church and if possible, increase your current giving. Watch for information on the 2023 Stewardship campaign. Pledging will help Session plan for 2023.

John Howe, Financial Secretary

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, Oct 23
Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, Oct 30

Weekly Meetings & Activities

Wed. (10/19) — Meditation Group, 6pm (Library)
Thurs. (10/20)—Handbells, 6:00pm (Sanct. Balcony)
  Stewardship Campaign Mtg, 7pm (Conf. rm/Zoom)
  Adult Choir, 7:30pm (Choir rm)
Sat. (10/22) — Fall Festival at the Copley Farm, 4pm
Sun. (10/23) — Worship, 8:30am (Sanct./Youtube)
  LIFT Hour, 9:45am (FH)
  Worship, 11am (Sanct.)
  Sunday Lunch, 12pm (FH)
  Youth Group, 12pm (FH)
  PW Mission Workshop, 1pm (Undercroft)
Mon.(10/24) — Keep It Moving-Body and Soul, 3:15 (FH)
Tues. (10/25) — Men’s Breakfast Group, 7:30am (Conf.rm)
Wed. (10/26) — Meditation Group, 6pm (Zoom)

Looking Ahead:

Nov: Sign up for Suppers for Seven
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 and Carols, 11:00 am worship service—Please note this is a change of times for this event.

Church Family News:

Capsule of Concern: Bobbie Kerns, Mike Kulisha, Doris Glidden, Doris Gulatsi, Lou Silvey
Condolences are extended to all who knew Paul Ludwig who died on Friday, October 14, 2022. A memorial service will be held Friday, October 21, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at Mullins & Thompson funeral home.
A memorial service will be held for Scott Critzer, husband of Christina Fariss Critzer, in the Sanctuary on October 29 at 3 p.m.

Birthdays this week Oct 19–Oct 26
19. Jim Toler, Gary Hynden, Emma-Lee Gillespie
21. Bryan Harvey
22. Paul Rabatin, Wendy Whalen, Dan Hamilton
23 Janna Theado
24. Susan Pates, Al Stevens, Robin Hume, John Bothel
25. Helen Fortune
26. George Cralle, Mike Fariss, Maryann Piersall, Abby Rexrode.
**Sunday Lunch!!**

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

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**NEW MISSION PROJECT**

*New and long-time visitors are invited to attend the upcoming New Member Class* to learn more about our Presbyterian heritage and beliefs and more about this congregation in particular. Classes will be held during the LIFT time (9:45 a.m.) on the second floor of the Education building (room 215). Meeting Dates will be: October 30, Nov. 6 and 13. Those who wish to join will be received by the Session into membership on Nov. 13th and welcomed during the worship service on Nov. 20. Interim Pastor Kim Clayton will teach this class. For more information or to register, call 540-373-7057 or email: office@fredericksburgpc.org

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**LIFT News**

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)

**Faith and Movies Class** will discuss *Life of Pi* (2012/2013) this Sunday, October 23rd. *Life of Pi* is available from the library and may be rented or purchased from Amazon. Please note that this is a **change from last week’s announcement**, as *Father Stu* is being rescheduled (new date TBD).

**LIFT classes** - Click the link [here](https://fredericksburgpc.org/resource-page) for the list of classes or check the website. We hope you can join us.

- **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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**Ladies Thursday Morning Bible Study** resumes on Thursday, Oct 27 at 9:30 am in the Middle House. Both new and returning members are invited to join us as Jen Rowe leads us in a discussion of *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water and Loving Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans. In this bible study, we will investigate how to better understand what the Bible is and how it is meant to be read. Contact Jen Rowe or Debe Garrison for additional information.

**NEW MISSION PROJECT**

Join the Presbyterian Women this Sunday, October 23, after lunch in the Undercroft. We will be making simple scarves and prayer shawls. We will also be looming hats. Each woman needs to bring the following materials: two #9 needles and Lions brand Homestyle yarn (any color). We have some looms available as well as extra yarn and needles. *Come, knit, and learn together in fellowship as we work on our new service project.*

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**Our FPC shared Food Pantry with FUMC is in need of**

- diapers size 4, 5 and 6
- feminine products
- cereal

Items can be dropped off in the bin located in the Lobby of the CE building.

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**Confirmation Update**

The Christian Education Committee has decided to combine the current 7th and 8th grade classes for confirmation next year. Invitations and information will go out in the fall of 2023.
In loving memory of presbyterian women who have passed in recent years, the Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team of this church have donated the following books to the Gertrude Belk Adult Library and the Edith Walsh Children Library located on the top floor of the education building.

- **Faithful Families for Lent, Easter, and Resurrection: Simple Ways to Create Meaning for the Season** by Traci Smith in memory of **Bonnie Bernstein**
- **Find Rest: A Women’s Devotional for Lasting Peace in a Busy Life** by Shaunti Feldhahn in memory of **Becky Franklin**
- **The Mind of God: Neuroscience, Faith, and a Search for the Soul** by Dr. Jay Lombard in memory of **Kathryn Hower**
- **The Marvelous Mustard Seed** by Amy-Jill Levine and Sandy Eisenberg Sasso in memory of **Donna Hughes**
- **Walking toward Peace: The True Story of a Brave Woman Called Peace Pilgrim** by Kathleen Krull in memory of **Jane Via Illi**
- **Faithful Families: Creating Sacred Moments at Home** by Traci Smith in memory of **Jane Ann Johnson**
- **Mr. Tiger Goes Wild** by Peter Brown in memory of **Kay Lanceley**
- **Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times** by Bishop Michael Curry in memory of **Irene Maygarden**
- **Always a Guest: Speaking of Faith Far from Home** by Barbara Brown Taylor in memory of **Phyllis Muir**
- **What Is God Like?** by Rachel Held Evans in memory of **Phyllis Hall Murray**
- **Faithful Families for Advent and Christmas: 100 Ways to Make the Season Sacred** by Traci Smith in memory of **Debra Myers**
- **Finding Time For Serenity: Every Woman's Book of Days** by Barbara Crafton in memory of **Nancy Nash**
- **Sermon on the Mount, A Beginner’s Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven** by Amy-Jill Levine in memory of **Billie Plank**
- **Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul: Celtic Wisdom for Reawakening to What Our Souls Know and Healing the World** by John Philip Newell in memory of **Jean Ravinsky**
- **Come Here, Jesus** by Barbara Crafton in memory of **Carol Redman**
- **Prayers for Faithful Families: Everyday Prayers for Everyday Life** by Traci Smith in memory of **Opal Ritchie**
- **Wholehearted Faith** by Rachel Held Evans in memory of **Jean Gulatsi Snow**