A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion

October 2, 2022
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*All who are able may stand.
**Bold type** spoken by the congregation

GATHERING. . .

The Prelude
Let Us Break Bread
arr. Paul Taylor

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introt
In Christ There is No East or West

The Call To Worship
God has set us on the path together for a time.
God has led us through all the years before and is with us now.
God is faithful, giving us what we need for the journey.
Trusting in God's provision, we walk in the light of the Lord.

The Prayer of Adoration
We shall dwell in Your house forever, O God, and seek to live upright and blameless lives in Christ Jesus, our Guide. You show us Your mercy. Christ teaches us justice. We live by Your Spirit, Who enlightens our way. Blessed Trinity, You do not forsake us. We can walk with integrity because of Your love. Hear our glad praises as we enter Your sanctuary. You are worthy of all the glory Your children can bring. Accept our worship in Christ's Name, Amen.

*The Hymn 327
From All That Dwell Below the Skies

From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, in every tongue. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

In every land begin the song; to every land the strains belong: Alleluia! Alleluia! In cheerful sound all voices raise and fill the world with joyful praise. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends thy word: Alleluia! Alleluia! Thy praise shall sound from shore, till suns shall rise and set no more. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*The Prayer of Confession
Merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness and shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive us and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon
Robert Fidler, liturgist

The power of God has saved us:
grace is given to us in Christ Jesus, Who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light.
We believe the Good News of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

*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 stand to greet one another in the name of Christ. For those worshiping at home, please share Christ's peace with someone outside your home this week.)
The Prayer for Illumination

Almighty God, give us ears to hear Your story in these words of Scripture; give us eyes to see Your story in the faces of those that surround us; and give us faith enough that by Your grace, we might serve You until the end of our days. Through Christ our Lord, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

The Old Testament Lesson: Lamentations 1:1-6

The Psalter Lesson: Psalm 137

The Epistle Lesson: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

The Anthem

A Communion Invitation

Come, if you are lonely, my door is open wide. All of you are welcome, come and step inside.

Enter with My blessing, no one is denied. Come, sit at My table, come, sit by My side.

Come, if you are thirsty, I will pour the wine. If you hunger, take this bread, sit with Me and dine.

Every weary traveler, every troubled soul, rest for just a moment and leave the table whole.

The feast I spread before you, the cup that we will share, the bread we'll break together, I've lovingly prepared.

Come, if you are thirsty, I will pour the wine. If you hunger, take this bread, sit with Me and dine.

Every weary traveler, every troubled soul, rest for just a moment and leave the table whole.

A Moment with the Children

*The Hymn 72

By the Babylonian Rivers

By the Babylonian rivers we sat down in grief and wept,
hung our harps upon the willow, mourned for Zion when we slept.

There our captors in derision did require of us a song:
so we sat with staring vision, and the days were hard and long.

How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange and bitter land;
can our voices veil the sorrow? Lord God, hold your holy band.

The Gospel Lesson: Luke 17:5-10

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The Communion Meditation

Luke's Primer: Tending our Mustard Seed

Kim Clayton

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD...

*The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with
the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and
the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the
third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is
seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and
the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through
the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the
dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.
To CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER. . .
The Presbyterian Church welcomes and invites everyone - children and adults - baptized in the name of Jesus Christ to come to The Table of the Lord and participate in The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

The Invitation

The Call To Prayer

   The Lord be with you. And also with you.
   Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

   . . . who forever sing to the glory of Your Name,
   Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
   heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
   Hosanna in the highest.
   Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord.
   Hosanna in the highest . . .
   . . . Great is the mystery of faith.
   Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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 Communion

(As you receive the elements, after a moment of reflection, you may partake of the sacrament in your own time.)

The Prayer after Communion

   God our hope, we give You thanks that You have given us this foretaste of the heavenly realm of justice and peace. Strengthen us with this food from Your table as we seek to serve You in our daily walk. Lead us in lives of purpose and joy as we await the coming again in glory of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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

*The Hymn 536

Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen

Rise, O Church, like Christ arisen, from the meal of love and grace; may we through such love envision whose we are, and whose, our praise. Alleluia, alleluia: God the wonder of our days.

Rise, transformed, and choose to follow after Christ, though wounded, whole; broken, shared, our lives are hallowed to release and to console. Alleluia, alleluia: Christ, our present, past, and goal.

Rise, remember well the future God has called us to receive; present by God’s loving nurture, Spirited then let us live.

Alleluia, Alleluia: Spirit, grace by whom we live.

Service be our sure vocation; courage be our daily breath; mercy be our destination from this day and unto death.

Alleluia, Alleluia: Rise, O church, a living faith.

*The Charge and Benediction

*The Postlude

Recessional

Humphrey Turner

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Announcements for September 28-October 5

Finding Connections

This week we have a lot happening at the church; Rev. Kim Clayton’s first Sunday is this week and we begin Sunday Lunches following the second service. In addition to these exciting happenings at our church, we are also recognizing and celebrating World Communion Sunday. According to the PC (USA), World Communion Sunday “...celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world.” As we go through our weeks, I encourage us all to think about the ways that we are connected to individuals and communities across the world. Perhaps we have family who live in another part of the world or we have found a deep connection with those who live in our community here in Fredericksburg. I’m reminded of the movements in the book of Acts. The Jesus movement began locally in Jerusalem among the 12 disciples, and then extended to the entire region of Judea, and then again it spread to the entirety of the Roman Empire and the Mediterranean. In every single one of these places, both near and far, we find connection with all of God’s children. Our siblings in Christ are as far away as the other side of the globe and as near as the person sitting next to us in the pew on Sunday mornings. How might you find that connection this week as we prepare to celebrate this wondrous day in the life of the Church?

Eric Snader

Weekly Meetings & Activities

Wed. (9/28) — Meditation Group, 6pm (Zoom)
   Fellowship Cmte, 7pm (Conf. rm)
Thurs. (9/29)—Handbells, 6:00pm (Sanct. Balcony)
   Adult Choir, 7:30pm (Choir rm)
Sun. (10/2) — Worship, 8:30am (Sanct./Youtube)
   LIFT Hour, 9:45am (FH)
   Worship, 11am (Sanct.)
   Sunday Lunch, 12:00pm (FH)
   Youth Group, 12pm (FH)
   PW Neverending Circle, 2pm (Conf. rm)
Mon.(10/3) — PW Circle of Joyful Friendship, 10:30am (Parlor)
   Keep it Moving: Body and Soul,3:15pm (FH)
Tues. (10/4) — Men’s Breakfast Group, 7:30am (Conf.rm)
   Memorial Garden Cmte, 7pm (Conf. rm)
   Worship Cmte, 7pm (Middle House)
Wed. (10/5) — Meditation Group, 6pm (Library)
   Pints and Parables, 6:00pm (1781 Brewery)

Church Family News:

Capsule of Concern: Harry Farley, Preston Simms, Doris Glidden, Doris Gulatsi, Lou Silvey

Birthdays this week Sept. 28-Oct 5
28. Sally Edwards, James Luckett, Tricia Garner, Emma Rexrode, Mel Gloyd
29. George Cralle, Felicia Hibbeler, Jesse Chewning
30. Susan Raabe, Emma Liska, John Spear
Oct.
1. Ed Allison, Betsy Mathias
2. Sherri Cox
3. Jeremy Travis
5. Barbara Howe

Looking Ahead:

Oct. 22: Fall Festival at the Copley Farm
Nov: Sign up for Suppers for Seven

Covenant Choir and Youth Ensemble will sing at both the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, October 9.

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
It’s the first Sunday of the Month—All ages will meet together in the Fellowship Hall for LIFT. Covenant Choir (3yr-5th grade) and Youth Ensemble will rehearse in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. prior to all ages LIFT.

**Sunday Lunch!!**

The kickoff for Sunday Lunch is this Sunday October 2, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service. Come meet our new Interim Pastor, Kim Clayton, and enjoy a provided lunch. There is no cost; but donations will be accepted. No reservation needed, simply come as you are! Members and visitors are all welcome!

Do you love fellowship, beer, wine, and pondering what Jesus meant when he told stories?

Come join us for *Pints and Parables* Wednesday, October 5, at 6:00. We will be meeting at 1781 Brewery at Wilderness Run. They close early, so we’re meeting a little earlier. No preparation or expert theological knowledge is needed. Conversation is informal. There will not be a food truck at the brewery, so feel free to stop on the way to grab dinner, and bring it with you.

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**Help Camp Hanover Celebrate 65 Years**

Since 1957, hundreds of children and adults alike have had life-changing experiences during their time at Camp. Many of you have fond memories of your time at Camp whether it be forming relationships with others, connecting with nature, or becoming closer to God. Operating a camp, however, is expensive. To keep it affordable, we rely on support from people like you. On Friday, Sept. 30, you can give back to the Camp during the #GreatCampGive. If you would like to reconnect with the Camp through a donation, please go to [https://camphanover.org/give/robert](https://camphanover.org/give/robert). Camp Hanover is YOUR camp. Please help us ensure it is there for many more generations. Thank you for your generous support!

**Presbyterian Women Circles** are now in session. All women are welcome to join us for bible study, community service, and fellowship. See the list of Circles:

- **Never Ending Circle** - Meets on the 1st Sunday of the month in the conference room of the Education building (both in person and Zoom). Contact Trudy McNatt.
- **Circle of Joyful Friendship** - Meets on the 1st Monday of the month at 10:00 am in the Church Parlor. Contact Sara Broyles.
- **Faith Circle** - Meets on the 2nd Monday of the month in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Patti Kerns.
- **Circle of Prayer** - Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month on the second floor of the Education building at 10:30 am (both in person and zoom). Contact Jeanne Ramsburg.

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**New Website Information:**

When filling out a form or selecting *Contact Us* from the website, please make sure you write a message so we can better assist your needs and answer your questions.

**Brownies, bagged 2 to a bag, are needed for the Community Dinner** on Saturday, October 15. If you would like to donate brownies and/or help at the dinner please contact Karen Johnson, (540) 621-5685, ksjohnson422@msn.com.

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**Come Join us for the Fall Festival**

It’s time to gather at the Copley’s Farm for the Fall Festival. Bring a dish to share, a blanket or chair, and be ready for fellowship, horses, hay rides, and fun. Hot dogs, s’mores, and drinks will be provided. Festivities will begin at 4:00 p.m., October 22. The farm is located at 63 Springfield Lane.

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**NEW MISSION PROJECT**

The Presbyterian Women will be taking up knitting this year. Experienced knitters, as well as beginners, are invited to join us in the Undercroft after lunch on October 23. We will be making simple scarves and prayer shawls. Each woman needs to bring the following materials: two #9 needles and Lions brand Homestyle yarn (any color).

Come, knit, and learn together in fellowship as we work on our new service project.