GATHERING. . .

The Prelude
Prelude on *Let All Things Now Living*
Douglas E. Wagner
The Jubilate Ringers

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit
*Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

The Call To Worship
Psalm 90

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**Before the world was ever formed, from everlasting to everlasting, you are God.**

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper the work of our hands.

**O prosper the work of our hands!**

The Prayer of Adoration

**Eternal God, neither death nor life can separate us from your love.** We praise you for calling us into the church where we may serve you faithfully. We praise you for the promise that one day, in heaven, we will rejoice with all your saints, forever proclaiming your glory. Even now, we offer our prayers of adoration before you, the Author of all our days; the Giver of every good and perfect gift. In your Triune name, we pray. Amen.

*The Hymn 275
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing. Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.

His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing, were not the right man on our side, the man of God’s own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he, Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same, and he must with the battle.

And though this world with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us. The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him. His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure. One little word shall fell him

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth. The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also. The body they may kill; God’s truth abideth still. His kingdom is forever.

*The 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 struggle to do your will in the living of our days. You call us to proclaim your glory; too often we are silent. You call us to do what is just; too often we remain idle. You call us to live according to your kingdom; so often we are timid disciples. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow so that, joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may, with them, inherit the kingdom. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.
*The Assurance of Pardon
Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. And Christ died for us. Christ rose for us.
Christ reigns in power for us.
Christ prays for us. In Christ, the old life is gone and a new life is begun.
We are forgiven by grace. 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 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

The Old Testament Lesson: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4p. 1066 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: Psalm 119:137-144

The Anthem
Surely the Presence
Joel Raney, arr.

The Epistle Lesson: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4,11-12 p. 251 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

The Recognition of Membership Anniversaries

*The Hymn 731
Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm
Give thanks for those whose faith is firm when all around seems bleak: on God’s good promise they rely, so while they live and when they die how forcefully they speak: the strong, who once were weak!
Give thanks for those whose hope is clear, beyond mere mortal sight: who seek the city God has planned, the true, eternal promised land, and steer on toward that light, a beacon ever bright.
Give thanks for those whose love is pure, a sparkling precious stone: they show by what they say and do an inward beauty, warm and true, for God’s concerns they own: God’s love through them is known.
Give thank for saints of ages past and saints alive today: though often by this world despised, their hearts by God are richly prized. Give thanks that we may say we share their pilgrim way.


The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The Sermon
The Spirit of Zacchaeus
Kim Clayton

TO RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD. . .

* 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.
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 326

For All the Saints

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, are all are thine.

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!

*The Charge & Benediction

The Postlude

How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord

Please be seated in personal reflection until the Postlude ends.

The flowers today are given by Christina Critzer and the Fariss family to the glory of God and in memory of Scott Critzer.
Announcements for October 26–November 2

Church Finance Notes—Where Does the Money Goes

Church expenses, like household expenses, have specific items that demand priority on our income. Church expenses fall into three broad categories: ministry programs, buildings and grounds, and mission.

In order to deliver a meaningful ministry program to our members and the greater Fredericksburg community, worship, youth programs, adult programs, and missions and community outreach need to be appropriately funded. It would be impossible to have meaningful ministry programs without staff and funds to support youth, adult, and music programs. Through September, nearly 80 percent of our expenses supported our ministry programs and all that goes into them.

We are rightfully proud of our beautiful campus – the historic buildings and nicely maintained grounds. It would be impossible to host worship, Sunday School, youth events, and community dinners for ourselves, as well as our Micah neighbors, without our buildings. Through September, costs associated with the buildings and grounds accounted for nearly 19 percent of our expenses. These include utilities, insurance, and mortgage costs as three of the largest demands to the cost of keeping our doors open every day.

If you are doing the math, yes ministry programs and property expenses are about 98 percent of our expenditures so far this year. The mission component, funds sent to organizations outside our gates, has received 2 percent of our expenditures so far – because we have had to hold back on those distributions. Compare that to this time last year: In September 2021, the mission component was 14.8 percent of the expenses, and we had funded over 50 percent of our mission budget.

What can you do to help improve the budget outlook? Review current giving objectives and increase your giving, if you have the capacity to do so. If you are behind in your pledge for 2021, try to catch up. Watch for announcements and information on the 2023 Stewardship Campaign and pledge to support your church in 2023. Your pledges help us to make realistic budget plans for providing a meaningful ministry to our members and to the community.

John Howe, Financial Secretary

Weekly Meetings & Activities

Wed. (10/26) — Meditation Group, 6pm (Zoom)
Thurs. (10/27) — Ladies Morning Bible Study, 9:30am (MH)
Handbells, 6:00pm (Sanct. Balcony)
Stewardship Campaign Mtg, 7pm (Conf. rm/Zoom)
Property Committee, 7pm (FH)
Adult Choir, 7:30pm (Choir rm)
Sat. (10/29) — Scott Critzer Memorial Service, 3pm (Sanct.)
Sun. (10/30) — Worship, 8:30am (Sanct./Youtube)
LIFT Hour, 9:45am (FH)
Worship, 11am (Sanct.)
Sunday Lunch, 12pm (FH)
Youth Group, 12pm (FH)
Tues. (10/25) — Men’s Breakfast Group, 7:30am (Conf.rm)
Wed. (10/26) — Meditation Group, 6pm (Library
Worship Committee, 7pm (Conf. rm))

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 in Carols, 11:00 am worship service.

Birthdays this week Oct 26–Nov 2
27 Andrew Kuliasha
28. Jake Jacobs
31. Margaret Beattie, Jeffrey Spinnanger, Fred Dunbar
November
1. Lista Winger-Eger

Capsule of Concern: Bobbie Kerns, Doris Glidden, Doris Gulatsi, Lou Silvey
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!

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. 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. 13 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

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

LIFT classes - Click the link here for the list of classes or check the website. We hope you can join us.

Faith and Movies Class-will discuss So Dear to My Heart (1949) this Sunday, October 30th. So Dear to My Heart may be rented or purchased from Amazon Prime.

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

Our FPC shared Food Pantry with FUMC is in need of diapers size 4, 5 and 6, feminine products, and cereal. Items can be dropped off in the bin located in the Lobby of the CE building.

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.

Please support The Campus Christian Community (CCC) with their Fall Fundraiser by joining us at Trivia Night.
**Thanksgiving Food Baskets**

This year our church will continue to assist Fredericksburg City Schools with providing Thanksgiving Boxes for families in need. Our congregation will provide 20 boxes. Families or groups can sign up to provide all the items for one box by calling the church office.

Please bring items to the CE Building Lobby no later than Sunday morning, November 13.

At 1:00, Sunday, November 13, we will partner with Beth Sholom Temple and The Islamic Center to pack and decorate boxes in the Fellowship Hall. Families are welcome and encouraged to participate in this activity.

We will deliver boxes to Lafayette Upper Elementary School, Saturday, November 19. If you would like to help with delivery, contact Bill Nix, chair of the Outreach Committee.

**These are the items for one basket/box:**
- 2 cans of corn
- 2 cans of green beans
- 1 can of mixed vegetables or other canned vegetables
- 1 can of gravy
- 1 can of cranberry sauce
- 1 box or a bag of stuffing mix
- 1 box of instant mashed potatoes or a bag of potatoes
- 1 bag of rice or a box of macaroni and cheese
- 1 bag of dinner rolls
- Pumpkin/fruit pie or a ready to make pie crust with pumpkin or pie filling.
- 1 box of cake mix and frosting.

Please feel free to include any additional Thanksgiving items if you wish.

**Cold Weather Shelter (CWS) Mission Volunteer Opportunities**

If you are willing to be a CWS volunteer for a Wednesday night this Winter, please fill out the form located under the SERVE tab on our Churches website. If you have any questions about being a volunteer, please contact Bill Nix at: bnixatc@aol.com or 540-848-5106.

*November 5th will be a Cleanup Day* for Micah. More information will be coming soon.