



**October 12, 2025, 10:30 am**  
*Eighteenth 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 words in bold together.**

## GATHERING

Prelude

*My Jesus, I Love Thee*

arr. Lani Smith

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Prayer

**God of our salvation, you are the source of wisdom and joy. Your love and mercies are not limited to one time or to one people. For such expansive love, it is our right, duty, and joy to offer you all our thanks and praise, now and forever. Amen.**

Introit

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (Hymn 610)

Call to Worship

Liturgist: Brian Raska

God has given us this beautiful earth and all that grows and runs upon it.

**Thanks be to God!**

God has given us breath to live and spirit to sing.

**Thanks be to God!**

God has gathered us into a community of care and worship.

**Thanks be to God!**

Let us worship God with love, thanksgiving, and praise.

✠Hymn 26

*Earth and All Stars!*

*Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Hail, wind and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
God has done marvelous things. We too sing praises with a new song!*

*Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Harp, lute and lyre! Loud humming cellos! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
God has done marvelous things. We too sing praises with a new song!*

*Engines and steel! Loud pounding hammers! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Limestone and beams! Loud building workers! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
God has done marvelous things. We too sing praises with a new song!*

*Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Daughter and son! Loud praying members! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
God has done marvelous things. We too sing praises with a new song!*

✠ Prayer of Confession *by Maren C. Tirabassi*

**Gracious God, we confess our sins. When we act out of fear, when we act out of anger, when we act out of selfishness, we sin. When our thoughts are small-minded, when our thoughts are unruly, when our thoughts are bitter, we sin. When our words are unfeeling, when our words are thoughtless, when our words are admirable but empty, we sin. When we waste your gifts and possibilities, when we do not live out of love, we sin. You are the source of love and life. We ask your forgiveness and your re-forming of our very selves, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior. 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: *Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7*  
*Psalms 66:1-12*

p. 894 in the pew Bible  
p. 649 in the pew Bible

Moment with the Children

Anthem *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* Handel/Liebergren  
*Sing praise to God who reigns above, Proclaim His name to all the earth.  
Sing to the Lord, the King of all, Be glad and praise the Lord on high!  
Sing joyful praise to God above, rejoice and sing in loud acclaim.  
And bless the Lord, our God.*

Scripture Reading: *Luke 17:11-19*

p. 98 in the pew Bible

Holy wisdom, holy word. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Joyful Noises*

Rev. Elizabeth Lovell Milford

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

✠Hymn 772

*Live into Hope*

*Live into hope of captives freed, of sight regained, the end of greed.  
The oppressed shall be the first to see the year of God's own jubilee!*

*Live into hope! The blind shall see with insight and with clarity,  
removing shades of pride and fear, a vision of our God brought near.*

*Live into hope of liberty, the right to speak, the right to be,  
the right to have one's daily bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.*

*Live into hope of captives freed from chains of fear or want or greed.  
God now proclaims our full release to faith and hope and joy and peace.*

✠Affirmation of Faith from *The Heidelberg Catechism*, questions 116-117

**Prayer is the most important part of the thankfulness God requires of us. . . . First, we must pray from the heart to no other than the one true God, revealed to us in his Word, asking for everything God has commanded us to ask for. Second, we must fully recognize our need and misery, so that we humble ourselves in God's majestic presence. Third, we must rest on this unshakable foundation: even though we do not deserve it, God will surely listen to our prayer because of Christ our Lord. That is what God promised us in his Word.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

p. 35 in the hymnal

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

Moment for Mission

Thanksgiving Food Boxes

Krista Lovell

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](http://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 39

### *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

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

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.*

REFRAIN *Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

*Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. REFRAIN*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! REFRAIN*

## ✠Charge and Benediction

### Called Congregational Meeting



*The flowers on the pulpit are given by Kim Baker  
in memory of her parents, Jeanne and Jim Vennard.*

### ***Serving in Worship Today***

Choirmasters: Mary Ann & Larry Casey

Organist: Amy Shirk

Ushers: ValasKo Family

Elevator Assistant: Bill Stewart

Sanctuary Guild: Ed & Piper Foresman

Videographers: Kristen Betsill

## ***Church Family News***

We pray for: Lista Winger-Eger

We continue to pray for: Judy Balch, Marjolijn Bijlefeld, Mary Lowman, Irene Repanshek, Douglas Smith (son of Bruce and Elizabeth Smith)

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# Thanksgiving Food Boxes

Providing food for families in  
Fredericksburg City Public  
Schools who are living with  
food insecurity.

## Ways you can participate

- Donate any of individual items on the list.
- Donate enough items to "Fill A Box."
- Donate \$40 to cover the cost of a full box.
- Deliver boxes to the schools Nov. 10-14.

We're packing "as we  
go," with a final  
packing event set for  
**November 9th**  
following  
worship.



## Thanksgiving Food Box Shopping List

- ☐ 2 cans corn
- ☐ 2 cans green beans
- ☐ 2 cans other veggies
- ☐ 1 can fruit
- ☐ 1 can cranberry sauce
- ☐ 1 box stuffing mix
- ☐ 1 pack/can gravy
- ☐ 1 box instant potatoes
- ☐ 1 box rice
- ☐ 1 box mac & cheese
- ☐ 1 box corn muffin mix
- ☐ 1 box pie crust mix
- ☐ 1 can pie filling
- ☐ 1 box cake mix
- ☐ 1 can frosting
- ☐ **1 \$10 Gift Card**  
(Giant /Walmart)  
for fresh food

Questions? Contact  
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