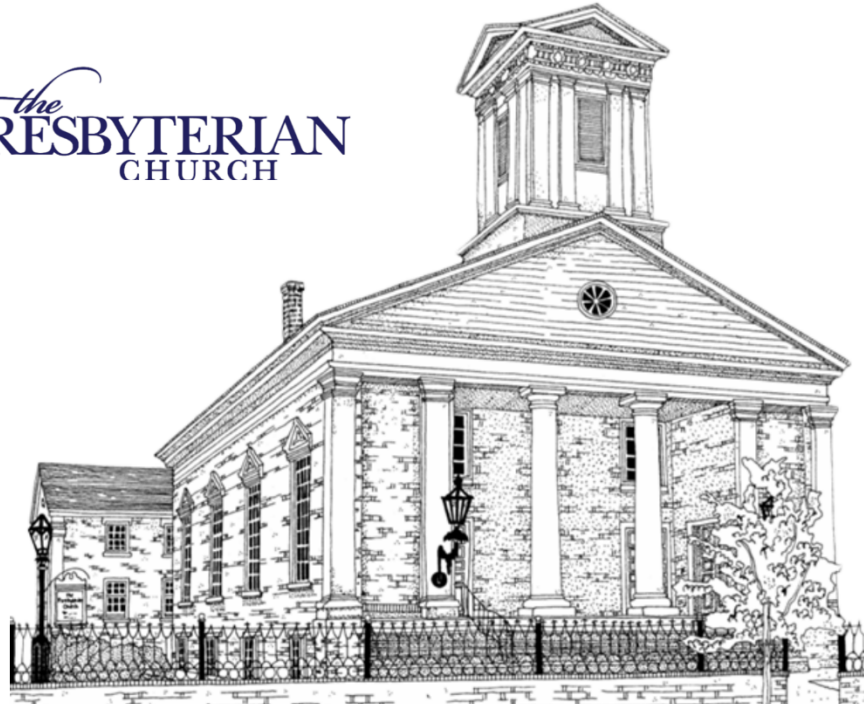


the
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



October 26, 2025, 10:30 am
Reformation Sunday

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 words in bold together.

GATHERING

Prelude

Trillium
Dolce Flutes

Catherine McMichael

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Prayer *from the Reformed liturgy of Strasbourg by Martin Bucer, circa 1540.*

Almighty and ever gracious God, since all our salvation depends upon your holy Word: therefore grant that our hearts may be set free from worldly things, so that we may with all diligence and faith hear your Word, rightly understand your gracious will, and in all sincerity live according to the same, to your praise and glory; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Introit

A Mighty Fortress is Our God (Hymn 275)

Call to Worship *Psalm 124:8, Matthew 18:20, & John Calvin* Liturgist: Bridget Harvey

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

From this the face of the church comes forth and becomes visible to our eyes.
Wherever we see the Word of God purely preached and heard,
wherever the sacraments administered according to Christ's institution,
a church of God exists.

For his promise cannot fail: "Wherever two or three are gathered in my name,
there I am in the midst of them."

✠Hymn 624 *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

*I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
my only trust and Savior of my heart,
who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.*

*Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,
reigning omnipotent in every place:
so come, O King, and our whole being sway;
shine on us with the light of thy pure day.*

*Thou art the life, by which alone we live,
and all our substance and our strength receive;
sustain us by thy faith and by thy power,
and give us strength in every trying hour.*

*Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness;
no harshness hast thou and no bitterness.
O grant to us the grace we find in thee,
that we may dwell in perfect unity.*

*Our hope is in no other save in thee;
our faith is built upon thy promise free;
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,
that in thy strength we evermore endure.*

✠Prayer of Confession *John Calvin at Geneva & John Knox in Scotland, circa 1539.*
Almighty God, eternal Father, we acknowledge and confess to you that we were born in unrighteousness. Our life is full of sin and transgression; we have not gladly believed your Word nor followed your holy commandments. For your goodness' sake and for your name's sake, be gracious unto us, we pray, and forgive us all our sin, which is very great. . . (let each of us come before the face of the Lord, confessing our own faults in silence)

✠Assurance of Pardon

I proclaim to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

✠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.*

Celebrating our Heritage (see insert)

✠Peace and Greeting

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

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings: *Luke 18:9-14*
Psalms 65:1-13

p. 99 in the pew Bible
p. 649 in the pew Bible

Moment with the Children

Anthem *Guide Me Thou, O Great Jehovah (Hymn 65)* Craig Courtney, arr.

*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.*

Scripture Reading: *Joel 2:23-32*

p. 1038 in the pew Bible

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

Sermon

Dare to Dream

Rev. Elizabeth Lovell Milford

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

✠Hymn 291

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

*Refrain: Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.*

*You moved on the waters; you called to the deep;
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing,
“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.” [Refrain]*

*You swept through the desert; you stung with the sand;
and you goaded your people with a law and a land.
When they were confounded with idols and lies, then you spoke through your
prophets to open their eyes. [Refrain]*

*You sang in a stable; you cried from a hill;
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still.
And down in the city, you called once again
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. [Refrain]*

*You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes;
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams.
Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise. [Refrain]*

✠The Apostles' Creed *from the liturgy of Ulrich Zwingli at Zurich, Easter Sunday 1525*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
Row Home Side: and in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord,
Street Side: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Row Home Side: born of the virgin Mary,
Street Side: suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried.
Row Home Side: He descended into hell.
Street Side: The third day he rose again from the dead.
Row Home Side: He ascended into heaven
Street Side: and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty.
Row Home Side: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
Street Side: I believe in the Holy Ghost,
Row Home Side: the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
Street Side: the forgiveness of sins,
Row Home Side: the resurrection of the body,
Street Side: and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

Mission Trip Commissioning

*Connie Barnes, Larry Comerford, Bryan Eland, Margaret Hardy,
Anita Holle, Les Johnson, Barry Jones, Mark Mayer,
Steve Spratt, Tom Theado, Jim Toler, Gary Vaughn*

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer p. 35 in the hymnal
... and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors ...

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 450

Be Thou My Vision

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

*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.*

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word:
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.*

*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.*

✠ Charge and Benediction

✠ Postlude

All Glory Laud and Honor
Dolce Flutes

arr. Ricky Lombardo

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: Laura and Jesse Chewning
Elevator Assistant: Piper Foresman
Sanctuary Guild: Piper and Ed Foresman
Videographer: Ed Foresman

Church Family News

We pray for: Carole Fariss

We continue to pray for: Lista
Winger-Eger, Marjolijn Bijlefeld,
Judy Balch, Irene Repanshek,
Douglas Smith (son of Bruce and
Elizabeth Smith)



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The Presbyterian Church
Heritage Sunday
October 26, 2025

**We honor the following who have been members
of our church for:**

25 Years (joined: 2000)

Tristin Fidler, Robert Fidler, Guy Gormley, Sue Grussendorf, Allen Ramer

30 Years (joined 1995)

Mike Adams, Kerry Devine, Scott Fischer, Della Hall,
Tammy Hancock, Susan Harrison, Pete Humes, Dennis Makovsky,
Diane Makovsky, Dorothy Mondak, Michael Mondak, Elizabeth Rehm

35 Years (joined 1990)

Sally Edwards, Gary Hynden, Grace Hynden

40 Years (joined 1985)

Larry Casey, Mary Ann Casey, Betty Ellett, Erica Foreman,
Roy Jarnecke, Denny Keffer, Sue Keffer, Amy Spinnanger

45 Years: (joined: 1980)

John Bailey, Susie Gillespie, Betty Hume,
Shirley Phillips, Lynn Simms

50 Years or more:

Betty Merrill (1975)	Chauncey Kutz (1968)
Sammy Merrill (1975)	Shirley Kutz (1968)
David Hancock III (1974)	Dr. C. Kinsey (Kin) Glover (1967)
Debbie Leimer (1974)	Ann Glover (1967)
Ted Williams (1972)	Joanne Kinnamon (1967)
Harry Farley (1971)	Nancy Wilson (1966)
Joanne Farley (1971)	Doris Miller (1965)
Don Newlin (1971)	James Campbell III (1963)
Ann Lewis (1971)	Virginia (Gina) Whitticar (1963)
Lynne Rawlings (1970)	Jacqueline (Jackie) Hollister (1963)
Dorothy Rice (1970)	John Garrison (1961)
Judith (Judy) Hansen (1970)	Barbara Spangler (1960)
Linda Spratt (1969)	Joyce Nichols (1960)
Jean Mitchell (1969)	Cary Beverley (Bev) Newlin (1956)
J. Richard Garnett (1968)	Elsie Janney (1948)
Ann Harry (1968)	