GATHERING. . .

The Prelude
Impromptu, Op. 142  
F. Schubert, arr. Franklin Ritter

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit  
Jesus Calls Us

The Call To Worship
God welcomes those whose hearts are sick. God's invitation comes to people whose joy is gone.

**Why is the health of God's people not restored?**
Why must we weep day and night for those we have lost?
There is a balm in Gilead. There is a physician who heals.

**Jesus Christ is our Mediator, Healer and Savior.**

The Prayer of Praise and Adoration
Giver of every good and perfect gift, Your steadfast love endures forever. You redeem the nations from distress and trouble. You gather Your people from the corners of the earth. We enter Your courts singing thanksgiving for the bountiful mercies You lavish upon us. Hear our glad praises and be pleased with our worship, for You are worthy of all honor. Glory and praise be to You, O God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The Hymn 697
Take My Life

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise. Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for thee, Swift and beautiful for thee

Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King. Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from thee, Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect and use  
Every power as thou shalt choose, every power as thou shalt choose.

*The Prayer of Confession
Creator of the universe, casualty of our sin, breath of life, we come trembling before You for we have hoarded and bartered what has never been ours in the hope of securing our future. We have yearned for wealth far more than we have yearned for You. We have squandered Your trust and grieved Your heart with our betrayal. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your Name; deliver us, and forgive our sins, for Your Name’s sake ...(time for silent confession)... .

*The Assurance of Pardon
God our Savior desires that all should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.

**There is one God, and one Mediator, Christ Jesus, who came as a ransom for all.**  
Believe the Good News of the gospel:  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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

The Epistle Lesson: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

The Psalter Lesson: Psalm 79:1-9

The Anthem

Come, Now Is the Time to Worship
Arnold B. Sherman


A Moment with the Children

*The Hymn 792

There is a Balm in Gilead

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole. There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin sick soul. Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my works in vain, But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. Refrain: There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole. There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin sick soul.

Don’t ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend; And if you lack for knowledge, He’ll never refuse to lend. Refrain

If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul, You can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all." Refrain.

The Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

There is a Balm in Gilead
Elizabeth Snader

*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.

*The Hymn 340

This is My Song

This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine. This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine; but other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine. My country’s skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine. But other lands have sunlight too, and clover, And skies are everywhere as blue as mine. So hear my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine. This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth’s kingdoms: Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done. Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him, and hearts united learn to live as one. So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations: myself I give thee; let thy will be done.
Rev. Elizabeth Snader is a pastor in the United Methodist Church and has a passion for helping others develop and deepen faith. She and her husband, Eric, moved to Fredericksburg in July 2019 and she has enjoyed working for the CCC and the greater community of the University of Mary Washington. She would describe herself as a creative person who loves connecting with people.

*The Charge & Benediction

*The Postlude

The Call to Victory

David Paxton

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Announcements for September 14 - 21

Introducing the Deacons

The word Deacon, from the Greek Diakonia, means “Servant”. Called to love and serve thy neighbor, the deacons are at the center of pastoral care. They celebrate our joys, comfort us when we are distressed, feed us when we hunger, care for us when we are sick, and pray for us, always. Here at the Presbyterian Church in Fredericksburg, we are blessed with a truly wonderful group of Deacons. Each is a faithful disciple of Christ with a generous heart. It is a joy to (re)introduce to you, our Deacons.

“Love one another as I have loved you.”
John 15:12

Blessings,
Michelle

Weekly Meetings & Activities

Wed. (9/14) — Meditation Group, 6pm (Zoom)
Finance Cmte., 7pm (Conf. rm)
Hospitality Cmte., 8pm (Zoom)
Thurs. (9/15)—Handbells, 6:00pm (Sanct. Balcony)
Adult Choir 7:30pm (Choir rm)
Sat. (9/17) — Community Dinner 2pm Sun. (9/11)
Sun. (9/18) — Worship, 8:30am (Sanct./Youtube)
LIFT Hour, 9:45am (FH)
Worship, 11am (Sanct.)
Youth Group 12pm (FH)
Mon.(9/19) — Keep it Moving—Body and Soul,3:15pm(FH)
Outreach Cmte, 7pm (Zoom/Conf. rm)
Tues. (9/20) — Men’s Breakfast Group, 7:30am (Conf.rm)
PW Coordinating Team, 10am (FH)
Wed. (9/21) — Meditation Group, 6pm (Library)
CE Cmte. 7pm (Conf. rm)

Looking Ahead:
Oct 5: Pints and Parables
Oct. 22: Fall Festival at the Copley Farm
Nov: Sign up for Suppers for Seven

Birthdays this week Sept. 14-Sept. 20
15. Macon Fino
16. Tom Lewis, Susan Personius, Marjolijn Bijlefeld, Janet Hume
17. Maddie Foreman
18. John Howe, Jean Mitchell, Steve Davis, Jack Yealy
19. Emily Humes, Mary Grace Humes
20. Brad Repp

Church Family News:

Capsule of Concern: Mary Lowman, Sara Broyles, Doris Glidden, Doris Gulatsi, Lou Silvey

Our heartfelt Christian love and sympathies are extended to Minta Cadger on the death of her husband Julian, who died on August 30, 2022.

Our heartfelt Christian love and sympathies are extended to the family of Pam and Jeff Eisensmith on the death of their son Jerome, who died on September 11, 2022.

Weekly Readings for Sunday, Sept. 18:
Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9;
1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13;

Faith and Movie Class

On September 18, The Faith and Movies Class will discuss The Fisher King (1991). This movie is available from FiOS on demand, Amazon (rental or purchase), and discs at the library.

On September 25, The Faith and Movies Class will discuss The Railway Man (2014). This movie is available from Amazon (rental or purchase).
**Fellowship!!**

Fall marks the start of a new opportunity to gather in Fellowship! Starting October 2, through November 20, 2022, all are invited to enjoy “Sunday lunch” in the Fellowship Hall following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Come and share a casual lunch with old friends and new.

Groups or individuals interested in preparing a light lunch, please contact Trina Parsons 865-386-1988 (tkp76@icloud.com), or Sharon Humes 540-226-9771 (pshumes1@gmail.com).

Mark your calendars, and be on the lookout for more information coming soon.

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**Music at the Presbyterian Church**

The music ministry offers opportunities for all ages and we encourage you to participate whether you are experienced or an interested novice. We have exciting plans for the coming months and hope you will consider becoming part of this fellowship.

**Covenant Choir** - 4yrs.-5th grade: Children will meet with Mrs. Casey in the music room on the second floor of the Education building from 9:30-9:50 on Sunday mornings.

**Youth Music** - 6th-12th grade: Teens will meet with Mrs. Casey in the Sanctuary balcony for Youth Handbell Ensemble and choral activities to develop musical skills and confidence in worship participation from 9:50-10:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

**The Jubilate Ringers**: This is an adult ensemble and basic music reading skills are helpful. Ringers meet on Thursdays in the Sanctuary balcony from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

**Adult Choir**: Adults with interest in joining this special fellowship will be enthusiastically welcomed. Music reading skills or choral experience are not necessary only a desire use your voice in worship. The choir meets on Thursdays in the Adult Choir Room below the Sanctuary from 7:30-8:45 p.m.

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Brownies, bagged 2 to a bag, are needed for the **Community Dinner** on Saturday, September 17. If you would like to donate brownies and/or help at the dinner please contact Karen Johnson, (540) 621-5685, ksjohnson422@msn.com

A member of the church will be moving at the end of the month and is in need of moving boxes and old newspapers/bubblewrap. Donations of the moving materials can be left in Pastor Michelle’s office.

**LIFT classes** start this Sunday, September 18 at 9:45. Click the link [here](#) for the list of classes or check the website. Hope to see you there.

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**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. Feel free to bring a snack to share.