



SEASON OF CREATION

a worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home.

September 7, 2025, 10:30 am

Thirteenth 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 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

Song Without Words

Henry Kihlken

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Prayer

God of creation, we give thanks for the goodness of the earth that you made and sustain. Our voices join in praise with all creation: with the sea that roars, the trees that clap their hands, and the birds that sing in joy. Unite us by your Spirit, that we may be signs of your abundant mercy and live in thanksgiving by your grace, as we wait for the completion of your creation in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Introit

Look at the World

John Rutter

Call to Worship *based on Genesis 1*

Liturgist: Elizabeth Smith

In the beginning, there was chaos. And the hovering wind of God.

Then God said, “Let there be light.”

The marvelous work of creation began:

Earth and sky, plants, sun, moon, and stars, and every living creature imaginable.

And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image,”

and God blessed them and charged them with caring for all God had created.

In creation, God gives us our holy purpose.

Let us worship the One who summons us to life.

✠ Hymn 20

All Things Bright and Beautiful

*REFRAIN: All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.*

*Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors; God made their tiny wings. [Refrain]*

*The purple headed mountain, the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky: [Refrain]*

*The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one. [Refrain]*

*God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how great is God almighty, who has made all things well. [Refrain]*

✠ Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you charged us with caring for your good and glorious creation. We confess that we have neglected that calling. Worse – our violence, waste, and greed endanger the very world you made. Have mercy on us, O God. Pour out your abundant grace to refresh the parched earth, to restore the beauty of your creation, and to replenish our resolve to serve you as faithful caretakers of the world you so love; through Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.

✠ Assurance of Pardon *based on Jeremiah 2:5, Psalm 81:6*

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

✠ Sung Response (Hymn 611, verse 2)

*All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.*

✠ Peace and Greeting

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

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings: *Philemon 1:1-7*

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

p. 263 in the pew Bible

p. 710 in the pew Bible

Moment with the Children

Anthem

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

Scripture Reading: *Jeremiah 18:1-11*

p. 881 in the pew Bible

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

Sermon

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Rev. Elizabeth Lovell Milford

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

✠Hymn 695 (sung twice)

Change My Heart, O God

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✠Affirmation of Faith *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 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.

Moment for Mission

CE Volunteer Dedication

Bridget Harvey

The list of Christian Education volunteers is found at the end of this bulletin.

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.

✠Song of Praise (Hymn 15, verse 6)

O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

All creatures, bless the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!

Sing Praises! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

✠Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

✠Hymn 23

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

*God, you spin the whirling planets, fill the seas and spread the plain,
mold the mountains, fashion blossoms, call forth sunshine, wind and rain.
We, created in your image, would a true reflection be of your justice, grace and
mercy and the truth that makes us free.*

*You have called us to be faithful in our life and ministry.
We respond in grateful worship joined in one community.
When we blur your gracious image, focus us and make us whole.
Healed and strengthened as your people, we move onward toward your goal.*

*God, your word is still creating, calling us to life made new.
Now reveal to us fresh vistas where there's work to dare and do.
Keep us clear of all distortion. Polish us with loving care.
Thus, new creatures in your image, we'll proclaim Christ everywhere.*

✠Charge and Benediction

✠Postlude

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Gerhard Krapf

Go in peace, holding quiet space for those who wish to reflect and pray.



The flowers on the pulpit are given by Cheryl May in memory of Curtis Gore.

Serving in Worship Today:

Choirmasters: Mary Ann & Larry Casey

Organist: Amy Shirk

Ushers: Michele Coffman, Paul Kukla

Elevator Assistant: Bryan Eland

Sanctuary Guild: Lynn and Preston Simms

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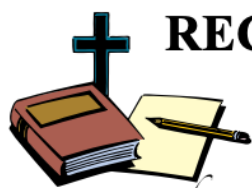
Church Family News

Our Christian love and sympathy is extended to Anita Deegan on the death of her mother, Anita Rochelle-Keyser, who died on August 6, 2025.

We pray for: Mary Lowman, Frank Johnson, Pete Humes

We continue to pray for: Irene Repanshek, Emily Stephens (mother of Amy Talmadge), and Douglas Smith (son of Bruce and Elizabeth Smith)

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