

FREDERICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 2025 10:30 am

GATHERING

The people of God come together as the Body of Christ.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS

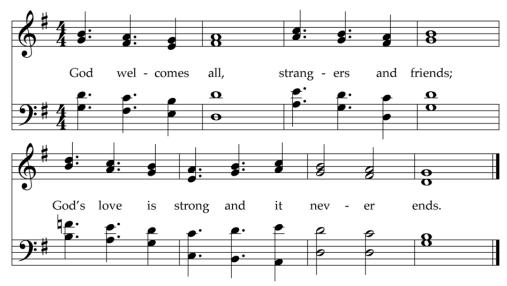
PRELUDE "When We Are Living"

arr. Joel Raney

(Amy Coldren, flute)

CALL TO WORSHIP - "God Welcomes All"

THEMBA AMEN



PRAYER OF THE DAY

(...now and forever. Amen.)

*HYMN 611 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

HYMN TO JOY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in Jesus you show us a way that is humble and that seeks the good of others.

We confess that we go our own way;

we elevate ourselves and ignore the needs of others.

Free us from the temptation to pursue our own pleasure only.

Help us to live in harmony with all your people,

sharing one world and eating around one table,

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

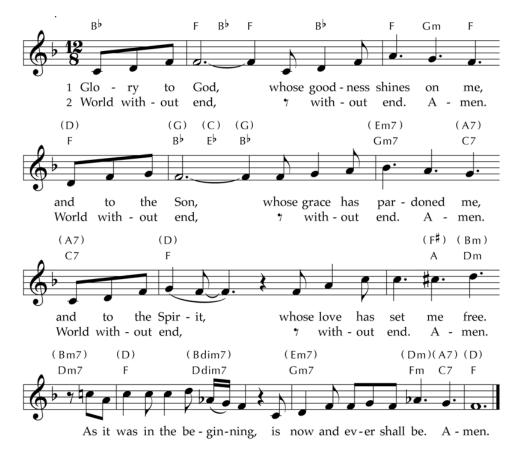
*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: ... Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*SUNG RESPONSE "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

GLORY TO GOD



*THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

People: And also with you.

(The people exchange signs and words of Christ's peace.)

WORD

The people of God share God's Story.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 2:4 - 13

PSALM 81 Presbyterian 2

(The congregation sings the refrain as directed.)



SECOND LESSON Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

ANTHEM "Panis Angelicus"

César Franck

Reader: Emily Hegamyer

(Andrew Sillers, baritone)

Panis angelicus fit panis hominum; Dat panis coelicus figuris terminum: O res mirabilis! Manducat Dominum Pauper, servus et humilis.

Te trina Deitas, unaque poscimus, Sic nos tu visita, sicut te colimus; Per tuas semitas duc nos quo tendimus, Ad lucem quam inhabitas. The bread of the angels becomes the bread of man; the bread of heaven is given a bounded form.

O wondrous thing! They do feast on the Lord,
The poor, the slave and the humble.

Of you, threefold and one God, we ask: Come to visit us as we worship you; lead us on your paths to where we want to go: to the light in which you dwell.

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 14:1, 7-14

SERMON The Rev. Dr. Eric T. Myers

*HYMN 769 *"For Everyone Born"* FOR EVERYONE BORN



TABLE

The people of God respond to God's Word.

OFFERTORY "Meditation"

William Averitt

Because of all that God has done for us and has given to us, we respond by offering our very lives to God out of great thanksgiving. Other ways to give include <u>online</u> or by mail at FPC, 115 W 2^{nd} St., Frederick, MD 21701.

*DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

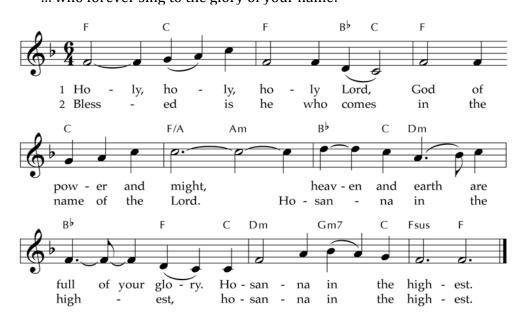
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(The Great Prayer continues...)

Leader: ... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People:



(The Great Prayer continues...)

Leader: ... as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

People:



(The Great Prayer continues...)

Leader: ... now and forever.

People:



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Beginning from the back pews of the sanctuary, those desiring to receive Communion shall come forward as directed to receive bread and the cup of unfermented fruit of the vine. Those desiring to receive the Sacrament in their seats should inform an usher. The Sacrament will be taken to them by the worship leaders. The elements are given with these words:

"The bread of heaven.... The cup of salvation." ... to which the people respond "Amen."

NOTE: Gluten-free Communion wafers are available at each station.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

The congregation sings the following hymns during the receiving of the Sacrament.

HYMN 479 *"Ho, All Who Thirst"* JACOB'S WELL
HYMN 767 *"Together We Serve* SAN ANSELMO

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (in unison)

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life.

May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

SENDING

The people of God depart to live as God's People in the world.

*HYMN 512 "The Bread and the Wine Are Here"

LOVE FEAST

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

Leader: May the God who gives us every good gift

bless you and keep you in the mind of Christ.

And may the blessing of God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit -

be with you this day and always.

People: Amen.

Leader: Since you have been raised with Christ seek the things that are of God,

and go forth to live lives worthy of your calling. (Col. 3:1-2)

People: Amen. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Postlude" J.H. Knecht



Today's flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of my parents, James and Ella Bell Fraser, who instilled in me a love of God by

Susan Mangold

FOOD GIFT SUNDAY is SEPTEMBER 7th - The Food Bank is in need of the following items...

- * Canned Fruit
- * Canned Veggies
- * Gluten-Free and Dairy Free Items

- * Nut Butter
- * Cereal
- * Canned Meats/Proteins

Notes on Today's Music: Today's offertory is a work for flute and organ, a rare combination, perhaps because of the difficulty of differentiating two instruments so similar in timbre. It was composed by William Averitt, my composition teacher, for Steven Cooksey, who taught organ to both Pastor Eric and myself.

- * Worship led by Pastor Myers, Brian Bartoldus, Emily Hegamyer, Amy Coldren and Andrew Sillers
- * Acolyte: Madeleine Sillers
- * Cantor: John Eliot
- * Greeters: The Hegamyer Family
- * PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Call to Worship, Vol. 55.1, 2021
- * Songs are used with permission from OneLicense.net license number A-708024

^{*} Those who are able, please stand.



Welcome to Frederick Presbyterian Church and we hope that you will continue to join in our worship and ministry.

If you are new to Frederick Presbyterian, here are some things you may like to know...

- Please join us in Fellowship Hall for Fellowship after the service.
- We welcome children to our worship services. However, if you prefer, childcare is available for infants and preschoolers during Worship beginning at 10:15 AM.

To reach the nursery, exit the sanctuary side door through Heritage Hall. Follow the stairs up and pass the church office. Go through the double doors to the nursery straight ahead.

- Older children Look for the special **WORSHIP ACTIVITY BAGS** and **CHILDREN'S BULLETIN** in the Narthex and Heritage Hall.
- **Assistive Listening Devices** for the hearing impaired are available upon request. Please ask a Tech Volunteer in the back corner of the Sanctuary.
- Visit our website at: **www.frederickpresbyterian.org** for more info. about Frederick Presbyterian.

God's Peace and Blessing be with you!

Is today your first time at FPC? We especially welcome you today! To celebrate your visit, FPC will make a donation in your honor to a local ministry of your choice.

To choose your designated ministry, scan here:



2025 FALL SCHEDULE Sunday School Kickoff - September 7th at 9 AM

Start your day with a **Pancake Breakfast**, then head to your Sunday School class and meet your teachers and make new friends!!



We have **THREE** options for Adults - **THE WIRED WORD**, **Bible Study for All** (led by The Rev. Judy Johnson), and a **Gathering for Young Adults** (facilitated by Pastor Eric).

Nursery Care is available for ages 0 - 2.

Please use the QR code to register your child(ren) so we can prepare classrooms and materials.

Interested in helping out? We're also looking for volunteer teachers and classroom assistants, **no experience necessary**, just a love for sharing God's Word!

Contact **Lindsay** to find out more about helping.

MIDWEEK STUDY GROUPS BEGIN SOON! WHICH ONE FITS YOUR SCHEDULE??

Starting on September 9th at 10:00 AM, our Tuesday Morning Bible Study will be using "Great Psalms of the Bible" by J. Clinton McCann, Jr. as a study guide.

All are welcome to participate in this time of study and fellowship. Led by Dennis Burkhart.

Come be part of the **Wednesday Night Book Group** starting on **September 10**th **at 7:00 PM**. All are welcome to this time of discussion and reflection, led by Greg Simms.





Labor Day is around the corner, and our Music Ensembles are getting ready to begin again. Below are details about some of our wonderful groups, along with start dates.

Handbell Choir - rings handbells for hymns, anthems and meditations; rehearses Tuesdays 7:00-8:30pm starting **this week September 2**nd.

Sanctuary Choir - leads the music for weekly worship; rehearses Thursdays 7:00-8:30pm starting this week **September 4**th.

We are excited to announce our **Children's Music Groups** will start on **Sunday,**September 14th at 9:20 AM.



PreK - 1st **grade** led by Amy Varner-Gardner (meets in the younger elementary classroom)

2nd - 5th grade led by Pastor Eric Myers (meets in the older elementary classroom)

We can't wait to hear our young voices come together in song!

Questions about any of the music groups? Contact Brian Bartoldus.

Tuesday, September 2 Worship and Music Committee Meeting 7 PM

DEACONS Meeting 7PM Handbell Rehearsal 7 PM

Wednesday, September 3 Morning Prayer 7 AM

Thursday, September 4 Finance Committee Meeting 7 PM

Choir Rehearsal 7 PM

Tuesday, September 9 Bible Study 10 AM (Weaver Room)

Wednesday, September 10 Open Door Meeting 6 PM

Book Study 7 PM (Weaver Room)

Sunday, September 14 after Worship - Outside Fellowship - Apple Cider and Donuts!!

after Worship - Safe Sanctuary Training (Questions? Contact Judy Johnson)

September 26-28 FPC Weekend Get-Away Registration Info HERE. Contact Lisa Myers with questions.

UPCOMING MISSION PROJECTS

RISE AGAINST HUNGER Meal Packing

October 5 after Worship (Fellowship Hall)

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE Build Day

Saturday, October 18 9:00 - Noon

The FPC Mission Committee is partnering with Sleep In Heavenly Peace to provide a bed for every child in Frederick County (and beyond). Sign-up **TODAY** on the kiosk in Heritage Hall.

FPC is looking for a PART-TIME NURSERY ATTENDANT

Sunday mornings, year round, for a minimum of two hours (10AM to noon). Pay starts at \$18.00 per hour. Must be 18 or older; childcare experience is a plus. Selected candidate will undergo a background check, in keeping with FPC's Safe Sanctuary Policy.

Questions? Want to apply? E-mail Kyle Hegamyer at personnel@frederickpresbyterian.org.

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 1st for



On August 27, 2025, an 8-year-old and a 10-year-old were killed in a shooting at Minneapolis' Annunciation Catholic School. They were shot through an open window during a Mass marking the first week of class. At the time of publishing, 17 other people were being treated for injuries, with the youngest victim being 6 years old.

A litany and prayer after the Minneapolis shooting

For the children killed and the children wounded, for parents, families and all who grieve — **Lord, have mercy.**

For the people of Minneapolis, shaken and afraid — Christ, have mercy.

For healers, helpers and all who keep vigil — **Lord, have mercy.**

For our nation, trapped in the epidemic of gun violence — Christ, deliver us.

For courage to pursue the things that make for peace — Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Holy Savior, Prince of Peace, you wept at a tomb and gathered children in your arms. We believe you are weeping now — weeping with parents whose arms are empty, with siblings who cannot comprehend absence, with our Catholic neighbors numb with shock.

Hold the dead in your mercy. Hold the wounded in your healing. Hold the terrified in your tenderness.

Forgive us, God, for our numbness, our quick forgetting, our resignation to violence as "just the way things are."

Deliver us from our excuses, that we may choose the labor of peace: to protect children, to confront powers profiting from weapons and fear, to build a more just society where all your children can flourish.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Amen.

Written by Teri McDowell Ott, editor and publisher of Presbyterian Outlook

611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

For Everyone Born



Come Now to the Water



This song brings together many biblical references that help to enlarge an appreciation of the water of baptism. The refrain is based on Isaiah 55:1, stanza one adapts Jeremiah 2:13, stanza two draws on Revelation 7:17, and the third stanza condenses the imagery of John 4:10–14.



The first three words of this text appear in the website address for First Presbyterian Church of San Anselmo, California, for whose centennial the hymn was commissioned. The text draws on Ephesians 4:11–16, a passage describing the many gifts and ministries within the body of Christ.

512 The Bread and the Wine Are Here

