



FREDERICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2026

10:30 am

GATHERING

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

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE *"The Lord's My Shepherd"* (Brother James' Air)

Derek K. Hakes

(Meghan Micheals, handbells)

OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's name;

People: make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples.

Leader: Sing to the Lord, sing praises,

People: and speak of all God's marvelous works.

Leader: Glory in God's holy name;

People: let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. *(Psalm 105:1-3)*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(...now and forever. **Amen.**)

***HYMN 19** *"God of Great and God of Small"*

GOD OF GREAT AND SMALL

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,

you love us, but we have not loved you.

You call, but we have not listened.

We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns.

We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.

God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy,

we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness;

through Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

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

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*SUNG RESPONSE *"I Depend upon Your Faithfulness"*

TU FIDELIDAD

I de - pend up - on your faith - ful - ness.
Tu fi - de - li - dad es gran - de,

I can jour - ney on, for you are al - ways there.
tu fi - de - li - dad in - com - pa - ra - ble es.

None com - pares with you, O bless - ed One;
Na - die co - mo tú, ben - di - to Dios.

O how great your faith - ful - ness.
Gran - de tu fi - de - li - dad.

*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

Reader: Holta Trandafili

FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 3:5-12

PSALM 23

Hal H. Hopson

(The congregation sings the refrain as directed.)



SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:26-39

ANTHEM *“Domine Deus, Rex caelestis”* from *Gloria* (RV 589)

Antonio Vivaldi

(Silva Carlson, soprano)

Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.

Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father omnipotent.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

MIDDLERS YOUTH CONFERENCE REFLECTION

*HYMN 625 *“O Lord My God”*

HOW GREAT THOU ART

TABLE

The people of God respond to God’s Word.

OFFERTORY *“How Beautiful Are the Feet”* from *Messiah* (HWV 56)

G.F. Handel

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 [online](#), by Venmo or by mail at FPC, 115 W 2nd 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

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

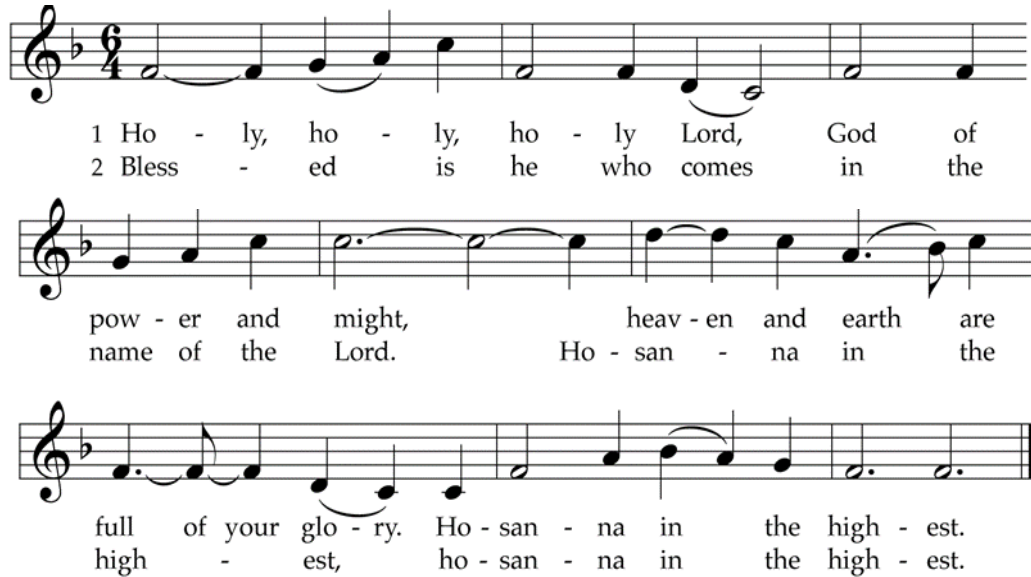
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

(The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving continues...)

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

People:



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of the
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the

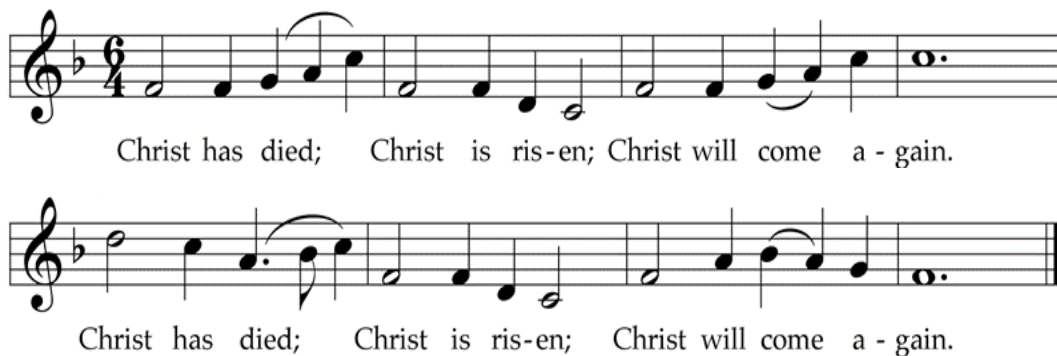
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

(The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving continues...)

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

People:



Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

(The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving continues...)

Leader: ... now and forever.

People:



A - men, a - men, a - men.

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 for ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

As directed, those desiring to receive Communion shall come forward to any available station to receive the bread and the cup of unfermented fruit of the vine. Please receive the elements as you are served or return to your seats and take the bread and the cup once all are served. Those desiring to receive the Sacrament in their seats should inform an usher. The Sacrament will be taken to them by servers.

The elements are given with the 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 735 “I Need Thee Every Hour”

NEED

HYMN 820 “Nothing Can Trouble”

NADA TE TURBE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(in unison)*

***God of grace, your Son, Jesus Christ, left us this holy meal of bread and cup
in which we share his body and blood.***

***May we who have celebrated this sign of his great love,
go into the world to serve you with gladness and singleness of heart,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

SENDING

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

***HYMN 837 “What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”**

SHOWALTER

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

Leader: May the grace of God our Christ attend you.
May the love of God the Father surround you.
And may God the Holy Spirit keep you, this day and forevermore.

People: Amen.

Leader: Brothers and sisters: of what are you convinced?
Go and live a life proclaiming what you believe in word and in deed.
Go and share the good news.

People: Let us go rejoicing! Alleluia! Amen!

POSTLUDE “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

Jason W. Krug

**Those who are able, please stand*

***Today’s Flowers are given to the glory of God
Gratulerer med dagen, Mormor
by
Elizabeth Bull***





Six FPC youth attended the **Middle School Conference** at Massanetta Springs from Thurs, June 18 - Sun, June 21.

Youth

Isla Beshore	Will Jackson
James Kurtz	Samuel Ndingwan
Carissa Richardson	Madeleine Sillers

Adult Leaders

Ashley and Greg Simms

FPC READS THIS SUMMER

Looking for a book to read this summer? Join with other FPCers as we read together ***HALF TRUTHS*** by Adam Hamilton. If you're in town on the dates below, gather with other FPCers for a time of chatting about the book!

Led by Pastor Eric, we'll gather at **7:00 pm** outside (weather permitting).

Bring your favorite drink and a snack to share!

July 27	<i>God Said It, I Believe It, That Settles It</i>
August 17	<i>Love the Sinner, Hate the Sin</i>
August 24	<i>Epilogue and "wrap up"</i>



Greeters Needed - What is required, you ask?

"Good Morning! Hi! How are you?" that's it!

Greeters are needed each Sunday morning to welcome people, hand out bulletins and children's bags, and collect the offering. The Worship & Music Committee is looking for more greeters and has placed a **sign up sheet in Heritage Hall**. Please sign up for a week (or more) when you can help with this important ministry.

Meghan Micheals has been ringing handbells for over 36 years with various church ensembles and professionally for the last 15 years. She was invited to perform at the National Handbell Festival with the Westminster Ringers in 2016 and was accepted into the auditioned Allstar choir in 2024 under the direction of David Harris of the Raleigh Ringers. She has been solo ringing since 2010 and has studied under professional handbell soloist Ron Bellamy, with whom she has also played duets on several occasions. When not ringing she enjoys fixing things, 3D printing, playing games, crafts, reading, nature and spending time with her family in Maryland.

Silva Carlson, soprano, is a rising senior at Governor Thomas Johnson High School, and a member of the Peabody Vocal Preparatory Academy in Baltimore. She has appeared in the ensemble of *Le Nozze di Figaro* at the Northwestern University Summer Vocal Performance Intensive, and with TJ Stage, Silva performed the role of Cosette in *Les Misérables*. Silva cantors frequently at St. Katherine Drexel Church and studies voice with Francesca Aguado.

* Worship led by the Pastor Myers, Brian Bartoldus, Holta Trandafil, Meghan Micheals, and Silva Carlson
 * Acolyte: Liam Betah
 * PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *CALL TO WORSHIP* Vol. 56.1
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Join Us for a Special VBS Celebration!

During worship on **Sunday, August 2**, our VBS children will share some songs they learned throughout the four days of **Snowball Mountain Challenge** and we will celebrate this year's Mountain Motto:

"Challenge Accepted - With God, I Am Strong!"

After the service, stay for fellowship and enjoy a refreshing **Kona Ice** from their truck outside as we celebrate an amazing week together.



STAY CONNECTED TO YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Vacation Bible School	July 27 - 30 FPC
VBS FPC Reads Book Discussion	Monday, July 27 at 7 PM FPC
Wednesday Morning Prayer	Wednesday, July 29 at 7 AM
Women's Fellowship Breakfast	Saturday, August 8 at 9 AM <i>Isabella's Restaurant</i>
CHURCH PICNIC	Saturday, August 29 Middletown Park 4 PM
Pack CWS kits	Sunday, August 30 after Worship (<i>Weaver Rm</i>)

FPC summer music continues ~ we invite musicians from the congregation to share instrumental and vocal pieces to enhance our musical worship. Want to sing, but don't want to perform a solo? We also welcome you to join our summer choir, which meets roughly every other Sunday morning at 9:30 to practice for the 10:30 worship service.

Contact Brian Bartoldus at music@frederickpresbyterian.org to learn more!

Join the choir for a day!! Come to the Choir room at 9:30 AM.

Sunday, August 16 Men's Choir

Sunday, August 23 Women's Choir

Sunday, August 30 Family Choir (children of all ages and their families)



Acolyte Sign-ups Available Now!

At Frederick Presbyterian Church, we love involving people of all ages in worship. All 4th - 8th graders are invited to serve as acolytes. Sign-ups available through Sign-up Genius or scan the QR code.

Contact [Rachel Kurtz](mailto:rachel_mead03@hotmail.com) (rachel_mead03@hotmail.com) with any questions.



2026 FPC Weekend Get-Away

September 25 - 27

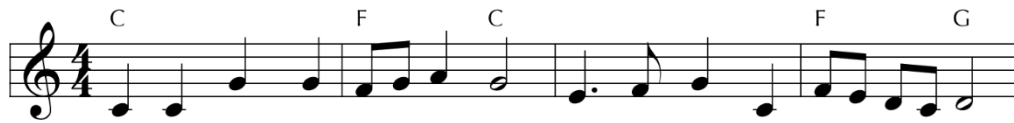
Massanetta Springs Conference Center Harrisonburg, VA

Some say it is the BEST weekend of the year!!

FUN, FELLOWSHIP, GAMES, FOOD, WORSHIP, NATURE WALKS, LAUGHTER, CAMPFIRE SONGS, ACTIVITIES, LEARNING & GROWING!

Forms can be found online or in Heritage Hall. Scholarships are available, contact [Lisa Myers](mailto:ericlisam91@gmail.com) at ericlisam91@gmail.com.

God of Great and God of Small 19



1 God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
 2 God of land and sky and sea, God of life and des - ti - ny,
 3 God of si - lence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,
 4 God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,



God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things be - long,
 God of nev - er - end - ing power, yet be - side me ev - ery hour,
 God of day and dark - est night, God whose love turns wrong to right,
 God of now and days be - fore, God who reigns for - ev - er - more,

Refrain



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise be to your name.

Although it uses remarkably simple language, this text affirms a great mystery: beyond all our powers of explanation, God holds together all the opposites that seem to pull us in one direction or another. Yet God is present to them all and also to us; for that we give praise.

TEXT: Natalie Sleeth, 1973

MUSIC: Natalie Sleeth, 1973; arr. Beverly A. Howard, 2012

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GOD OF GREAT AND SMALL

7.7.7.7 with refrain

O Lord My God

How Great Thou Art

1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
 2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der and hear the
 3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion and take me

all the *worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees, when I look down from
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then *I shall bow in

hear the *roll-ing thun-der, thy power through-out the
 loft-y moun-tain gran-deur and hear the brook and
 bur-den glad-ly bear-ing, he bled and died to
 hum-ble ad-o-ra-tion, and there pro-claim, "My

**Author's original words are "works," "mighty," and "shall I bow."*

This tuneful retelling of the salvation story began in Swedish and was translated into German and then into Russian before reaching its English form. Despite such linguistic and musical revisions, it continues to be a meaningful source of comfort to many people.

TEXT: Stuart K. Hine, 1953; Spanish trans. Arturo W. Hotton Rives, alt.; Korean trans. anon.

MUSIC: Swedish folk melody; adapt. Stuart K. Hine, 1949

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HOW GREAT THOU ART

11.10.11.10 with refrain

735 I Need Thee Every Hour

1 I need thee ev - ery hour, most gra - cious Lord;
 2 I need thee ev - ery hour; stay thou near by;
 3 I need thee ev - ery hour; teach me thy will,
 4 I need thee ev - ery hour, Most Ho - ly One;

no ten - der voice like thine can peace af - ford.
 temp - ta - tions lose their power when thou art nigh.
 and thy rich prom - is - es in me ful - fill.
 O make me thine in - deed, thou bless - ed Son.

Refrain

I need thee, O I need thee, ev - ery hour I need thee!

O bless me now, my Sav - ior— I come to thee!

Encouraged by her pastor in Brooklyn, New York, the author of this text wrote over four hundred hymn texts. This is the only one to receive wide use, but it has been translated into many languages. Her pastor composed this tune and, with her consent, added the text of the refrain.

Nothing Can Trouble

820

Nada te turbe

Noth-ing can trou - ble; noth-ing can fright - en. Those who seek
Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te. Quien a Dios

God shall nev - er go want - ing. God a - lone fills us.
tie - ne na - da le fal - ta. So - lo Dios bas - ta.

This meditative refrain from Taizé is based on a saying attributed to Teresa of Avila: "Let nothing trouble you; let nothing frighten you. All things are passing; God never changes. Patience obtains all things. Whoever possesses God lacks nothing; God alone suffices."

TEXT: Attr. Teresa of Avila, 16th cent.; para. Taizé Community: Spanish, 1986; English, 1995
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1986
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NADA TE TURBE
Irregular

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine 837

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 2 O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
 last-ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,
 Refrain
 lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. Lean-ing, Lean-ing on Je-sus,
 lean-ing, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean-ing on
 Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

Refrain
 u-ni-verse dis-played:
 feel the gen-tle breeze: Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to
 take a-way my sin: God, how great thou art!"
 thee: How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my
 Sav-ior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!