



The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 16, 2026

FREDERICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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10:30 am

GATHERING

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

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE

OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: Let the people praise you, O God;

People: let all the peoples praise you.

Leader: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

People: for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

People: let all the peoples praise you.

Leader: The earth has brought forth its increase;

People: God, our own God, has blessed us. *(from Psalm 67:3-6)*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

***HYMN 610** *"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

AZMON

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess we have not been obedient to your will for us.

We have sought justice for ourselves but neglected justice for others.

We have insisted on our rights but have not lived rightly with others.

We have desired mercy for our sins,

but we have not offered mercy to those who have sinned against us.

By the power of your Holy Spirit free us from the prison of our disobedience.

Help us to love as you have loved us that our lives may testify

to your abounding grace through Jesus Christ. 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

C Em F C/E

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

Dm G/B F/C C G/B

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

Am Em F6

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

C/G G F G C

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

WORD

The people of God share God's Story.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Reader: Gabby Miscenich

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 45:1-15

PSALM 133

Pablo Sosa

(The congregation sings the refrain as directed.)



SECOND LESSON

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

ANTHEM

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 15:10-28

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Eric T. Myers

***HYMN 506 "Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!"**

COPELAND

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

***PROFESSION OF FAITH**

*(Worshippers are invited to stand and affirm their faith using the words of
The Apostles' Creed - page 35, Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal)*

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

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

(The Prayer continues. . .)

THE BAPTISM

LAYING ON OF HANDS

WELCOME

Leader: . . . in the worship and mission of the church.

People: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

***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.)

TABLE

The people of God respond to God's Word.

OFFERTORY

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:

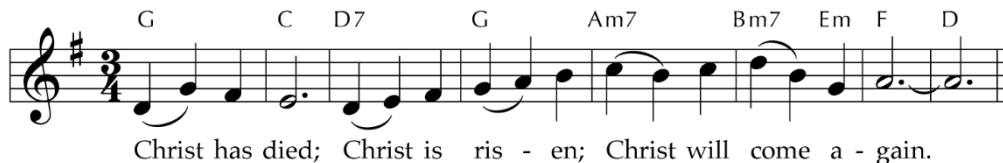


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

(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.

(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.*

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

*We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own goodness, but in your all-embracing love and mercy.
We are not worthy even to gather up the crumbs under your table,
but it is your nature always to have mercy.
So feed us with the body and blood of Jesus Christ, your Son,
that we may forever live in him and he in us. 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 769 "For Everyone Born" FOR EVERYONE BORN

HYMN 527a "Eat This Bread" BERTHIER

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(in unison)*

*God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation
you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

SENDING

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

***HYMN 301 "Let Us Build a House"**

TWO OAKS

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

Leader: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *(Phil. 4:7)*

People: Amen.

Leader: And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, remain with you always.

People: Alleluia! Amen!

Leader: Go now in the power and provision of Christ
believing that God has provided all you need.
Go - tend the sick, feed the hungry, serve and change the world.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen!

POSTLUDE

**Those who are able, please stand.*

***Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God
in gratitude to the Deacons and our church friends
who have supported us during a difficult year
with prayers, visits, meals and phone calls
by
George Freeze and Angelyn Forbes-Freeze***



NEW MEMBER CLASS AUGUST 23rd and 30th

Interested in learning more about FPC? Want to become a member?

FPC is a dynamic and alive church. There is something for everyone. We'd love to have you join us. The New Members' class will be held at **9:30 am** in the Weaver Room. New Members will be received during Worship on August 30th.

Speak to [Pastor Myers](#) or [Rebecca Layman](#) for more information.

- * Worship led by the Pastor Myers, Brian Bartoldus, Gabby Miscenich and the FPC Men's Choir
- * Greeters: Shelly and Ron Adams
- * Acolyte: Ivanna Ndingwan
- * PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *FEASTING ON THE WORD: Worship Companion, Year A, Vol. 2, Kimberly Bracken Long, editor.*
- * PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS: *Book of Common Worship, PCUSA, 2018, adapted from the 1549 Book of Common Prayer*
- * Songs are used with permission from OneLicense.net - license number A-708024

STAY CONNECTED TO YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

FPC Reads Book Discussion

Missions Committee Meeting

Wednesday Morning Prayer

New Members Class

Women's Choir

Youth Service Trip Reflections

Blessing of the Backpacks

Family Choir

Mondays, August 17 and 24 at 7 PM FPC

Tuesday, August 18 at 7 PM FPC

Wednesday, August 19 at 7 AM

Sundays, August 23 and 30 9:30 AM

Sunday, August 23 at 9:30

Sunday, August 23 at 10:30 AM

Sunday, August 23 during worship

Sunday, August 30 at 9:30 AM



CHURCH-WIDE PICNIC

Saturday, August 29 4 pm (we will eat at 5 pm)

Middletown Park Shelter 1

Catered by Mission BBQ!

Everyone is Welcome!!! Invite a Friend!!!

Bring a dessert to share. Contact [Dennis Burkhardt](#) for more information.

As the FPC summer music continues, we invite you to join our summer choir, which meets for on Sunday mornings 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 23 Women's Choir

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



STREET DOG COALITION clinic will be back at FPC on Saturday, August 22!

*They are in need of large/sturdy plastic or reusable grocery totes (new or gently used), pet food, and toys. **Drop off Saturday, August 22nd***

Want to volunteer, sign up at www.thestreetdogcoalition.org/volunteer or contact frederick@thestreetdogcoalition.org.



2026 FPC Weekend Get-Away

September 25 - 27

Massanetta Springs Conference Center

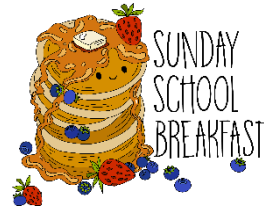
FUN, FELLOWSHIP, GAMES, FOOD, WORSHIP, NATURE WALKS, LAUGHTER, CAMPFIRE SONGS, ACTIVITIES, LEARNING and GROWING!

Forms can be found in Heritage Hall. Contact Lisa Myers at <mailto:ericclisam91@gmail.com> with questions.

2026 FALL SCHEDULE

Sunday School Kickoff - September 13th at 8:45 AM

Start your day with a **Pancake Breakfast**, then we'll break up into our Sunday School classes and meet your teachers and make new friends!!



Children and Youth Sunday School Registration is NOW OPEN!

We're excited to welcome children and youth back for another fun and faith-filled year of Sunday School. Through Bible stories, hands-on activities, music, games, and meaningful friendships, our young people will grow in their faith while learning about God's love.

Please take a few moments to register your Nursery through 12th grade kids now! Registration helps us prepare classrooms, order supplies, and ensure we have enough teachers and volunteers for everyone. We can't wait to learn, laugh, and grow in faith together this year! Link is available online and in the weekly email blast or go to <https://forms.gle/mJkQEz912ZGjGzp6>.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact [Lindsay Dingman](#) at (443) 306-1913

COLLEGE STUDENTS LET US KNOW YOUR UPDATED INFORMATION!
MAILING ADDRESS & E-MAIL

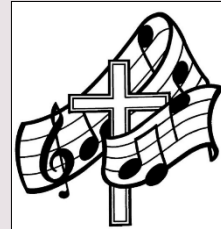
Send information to [Niki](#) - Thanks!

Come One, Come ALL!

Labor Day is around the corner and our Music Ensembles will begin again!

Sanctuary Choir - leads the music for weekly worship;
Rehearses **Thursdays 7:00-8:30 pm** starting **September 10th**.

Handbell Choir - rings handbells for hymns, anthems, and meditations;
Tuesdays 7:00-8:30 pm starting **September 15th**.



Contact Brian Bartoldus with questions or for more information at music@frederickpresbyterian.org.

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
 to re - joice; the poor in heart be - lieve.
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

SPANISH

1 *Mil voces para celebrar
 a mi Libertador,
 las glorias de su majestad,
 los triunfos de su amor.*

KOREAN

1 만 입이 내게 있으면
 그 입 다 가지고
 내 구주 주신 은총을
 늘 찬송하겠네

This text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.; Spanish trans. Federico J. Pagura;
 Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee, 2001

MUSIC: Carl Gottlieb Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

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506 Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!

1 Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries
 2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -
 3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand
 4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to

that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;
 ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled
 dif - ferent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:
 be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,

some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they're in -
 with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de -
 they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -
 who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and

vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they
 ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his
 vit - ed north and south and east and west to con - verge a -
 breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!—and then pass - es

all are wel - come. There is room for ev - ery - one.
 fruit - less ef - forts to ob - lit - er - ate the light.
 round this ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.
 wine that wak - ens in your heart the taste of love.

For Everyone Born



1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
 4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,
 5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,
 for just and un - just, a new way to live,
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

This hymn from a noted New Zealand hymnwriter affirms that God's hospitality transcends the barriers erected by human society and that we who have been created in God's image are called to live in ways that reflect our Creator's values: justice and joy, compassion and peace.

TEXT: Shirley Erena Murray, 1998

MUSIC: Brian Mann, 2006

Text © 1998 Hope Publishing Company

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FOR EVERYONE BORN

11.10.11.10 with refrain

Eat This Bread

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G C Am D Bm

Opt. A "Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to me and
Opt. B Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to Christ and

nev - er be hun - gry. Eat this bread;
nev - er be hun - gry. Eat this bread;

Em Dsus D G D

drink this cup; trust in me and you will not thirst."
drink this cup; trust in Christ and you will not thirst.

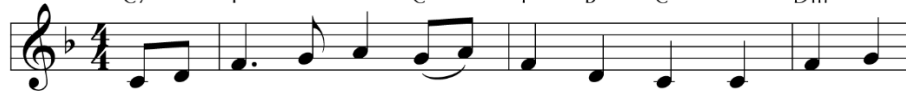
Em Bm C Dsus D G

This text from the Taizé Community is based on John 6:35, which is paraphrased here in two styles. The more immediate first version maintains the second-person invitation spoken by Jesus, while the alternative version provides a more general statement in the third person.

Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)
C7 F C F B^b C Dm



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

(D) (A) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)
F C F Dm7 Gm C



safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek
wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed

(Em) (A7) (G) (D) (F#m) (Bm)
Gm C7 B^b F Am Dm



how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

(Em) (A) (D) (G)
Gm C F B^b



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

Refrain

(D) (G) (F#7) (Bm) (Em) (Bm)
F B^b A7 Dm Gm Dm



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;
bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:

(F#m) (Em) (D) (Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
Am Gm F Gm C7 F B^b F



all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.