

*Frederick Presbyterian Church  
Sunday, July 5, 2026*

# FREDERICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

July 5, 2026

10:30 am

## GATHERING

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

### WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS

### PRAYER FOR RESPONSIBLE CITIZENSHIP

*Lord, keep this nation and all nations under your care.*

*Bless the leaders of our land,*

*that we may be a people at peace among ourselves*

*and a blessing to other nations of the earth.*

*Help us elect trustworthy leaders,*

*contribute to wise decisions for the general welfare,*

*and thus serve you faithfully in our generation,*

*to the honor of your holy name; through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.*

**PRELUDE** selections from "*Water Music*" (HWV 348-350)

G.F. Handel

### OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song;

**People: sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

Leader: Declare God's glory among the nations;

**People: tell all the people of God's marvelous works.**

Leader: Say among the nations: The Lord is sovereign!

**People: God will judge the peoples with equity.**

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, the glory due God's name.

**People: Worship the Lord in holy splendor.** *(from Psalm 96)*

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

(... now and forever. Amen.)

**\*HYMN 327** "*From All That Dwell Below the Skies*"

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**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world.  
Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves  
as we cling to the values of a broken world.*

*The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas.*

*The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor  
and nation against nation.*

*We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason,  
and have turned them into bonds of oppression.*

*Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us.*

*Set us free to serve you in the world as sharers of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.*

**\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

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

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**\*SUNG RESPONSE**     *"Praise God, All You Nations"*

DA N'ASE

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "Praise God, all you na - tions. Peo - ple of God, sing praise! Da n'a - se! Da n'a - se! Da On - ya - me a - se!". The second staff continues the melody with the same lyrics. The third staff has a different melody and lyrics: "God's love is great and en - dures for - ev - er. Ef - ia - se o - ye n'a n'a - do - e do - e so.". The fourth staff concludes with the same melody and lyrics as the first two staves.

**\*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: Eirene Mbella*

### FIRST LESSON

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

### PSALM 45 - HYMN 333 *"How Our Hearts with Joy Abound"*

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### SECOND LESSON

Romans 7:15-25a

### ANTHEM *"Lord of Life and King of Glory"*

Grancini, arr. Proulx

*(Amy Coldren, flute)*

*Lord of life and King of glory, grant us thy blessing, grant us salvation.*

*Son of God, eternal Savior, grant us thy blessing, grant us salvation.*

*Show us thy truth and thy light. We adore Thee, O Christ Jesu.*

### GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

### SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Lucy Lind Hogan

### \*HYMN 340 *"This Is My Song"*

FINLANDIA

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.*

# THANKS

*The people of God respond to God's Word.*

## **OFFERTORY**    *"Tribute to America"*

various, arr. Hayes

*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. Offering plates will be passed. Other ways to give include [online](#) or by mail at FPC, 115 W 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.*

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

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.**

Leader:    . . . now and forever.

**People:    Amen.**

# SENDING

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

**\*HYMN 772**    *"Live into Hope"*

TRURO

## **\*BLESSING AND CHARGE**

Leader: May God, who creates, redeems, and sustains, keep you steadfast in faith,  
alive with hope, and abounding in love.

And the blessing of God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**People: Amen.**

Leader: Sisters and brothers, God has called you to be in the world -  
showing and telling others the good news of God's love.  
Therefore, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People: Amen. Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**    *"Old Hundredth"*

Piet Post

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

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**Today we welcome The Rev. Dr. Lucy Lind Hogan!** Lucy served as the Hugh Latimer Elderdice Professor of Preaching at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. A priest in the Episcopal Church, Lucy is a graduate of Presbyterian-related Macalester College (BA), Virginia Theological Seminary (M.Div.), Wesley Theological Seminary (D.Min.) and the University of Maryland (Ph.D. in Communication and Rhetoric).

*Lucy lives in downtown Frederick and in fact, is a back-door neighbor of FPC.*

## **2026 Youth Service Trip    July 5 - 11**

### Youth Service Team

Maeghan Bowers  
Jarrett Coleman  
Nicky German  
Rosie Henson  
Annabell Jackson  
Thomas Jackson  
Kaitlyn O'Rourke  
Elizabeth Slade  
Adjoa Ward

### Adult Leaders

Jonathan Lyons  
Ashley Simms  
Ian Slade  
Catherine Thompson



*The team will be traveling to Charleston, WV to serve the community in Kanawha County.*

*Find out more information about the ASP project and the Kanawha site at [www.asphome.org/centers/wvkanawha](http://www.asphome.org/centers/wvkanawha).*

## STAY CONNECTED TO YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Church Office Closed

Monday, July 6

FPC Reads "Half Truths"

Monday, July 20 7 PM FPC

*read Chapter 3 ahead of discussion*

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Saturday, July 25 8:30 AM Airways Inn

Vacation Bible School

July 27 - July 30 FPC

FPC Reads "Half Truths"

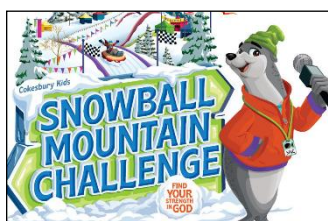
Monday, July 27 7 PM FPC

*read Chapter 4 ahead of discussion*

Churchwide Picnic

Saturday, August 29 Middletown Park

Wednesday Morning Prayer is on break July 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Morning Prayer will resume on July 22<sup>nd</sup> (in person and ZOOM)



## Vacation Bible School - Snowball Mountain Challenge!

July 27 - 30 | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Free! Open to children age 4 through rising 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

Register today and invite a friend! [www.myvbs.org/fpc2026](http://www.myvbs.org/fpc2026)

Join us for a fun-filled week as we **Find Our Strength in God!** Kids will enjoy songs, crafts, science, recreation, and snacks. Scan the QR code to register today!

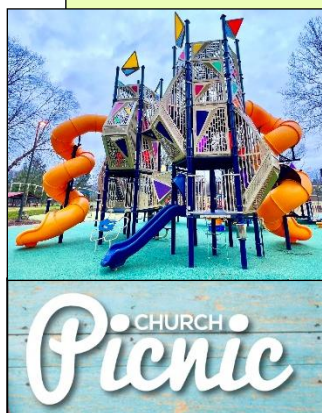
**VBS Volunteers Needed!** We're looking for volunteers to help make this year's VBS a great experience for our kids! If you're interested in helping, please email [Lindsay](mailto:Lindsay@families@frederickpresbyterian.org) at [families@frederickpresbyterian.org](mailto:families@frederickpresbyterian.org) to receive more information about volunteering.

### 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.



## FPC Church-Wide Picnic

**FOOD FELLOWSHIP FUN**

Saturday afternoon, August 29<sup>th</sup>

Middletown Town Park Shelter 1

*Catered by Mission BBQ!*

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

Games, Kickball, and other Activities

Bring a dessert to share. Email [Dennis Burkhart](mailto:Dennis.Burkhart) for more info.



It's time for our summer **Church World Service supply drive!** The Kids kits and Hygiene kits are small packages that make a meaningful difference.



**We will receive contributions from July 12 - August 23.** Then after worship on Sunday, August 30, we will have a packing party in the Weaver Room.

Our goal is **130 Kids Kits** and **80 Hygiene Kits**, an increase over last year's goal – we can do it!!! Check out the supply lists at [www.cwskits.org](http://www.cwskits.org).



There is an [Amazon gift registry](#) under the name Frederick Presbyterian Church or scan the QR code. Amazon purchases have the option of being mailed directly to the church.



### CWS Kids Kit

Each kit is filled with school and art supplies that help children feel cared for, supported and ready to learn - at home, in the classroom or wherever life takes them.

### CWS Hygiene Kit

Each kit includes everyday essentials - soap, towels, a toothbrush - offering comfort and care and a fresh start each day.



Please consider glorifying God through nature's beauty by placing flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday Worship. The 2026 flower calendar is posted in Heritage Hall. Select a Sunday now to honor a special person or event in your life. Signup on the kiosk or contact [Niki](#).

**Upcoming available dates: July 12 & 19**

Today we welcome **Nelda Clelland**. With over 50 years of experience as an organist and specialist in historical tracker pipe organs, Nelda brings both technical mastery and passion to her performances. Throughout her accomplished career as a seasoned church organist and choral accompanist, she has seamlessly united her love for music with a background in physics and engineering. Known for her artistic sensitivity and technical precision, she can be seen performing throughout Maryland, captivating audiences with her versatile approach.

In addition to her musical achievements, Nelda holds undergraduate degrees in Physics and Music and a Master of Education in Technology Education. She has worked as a technical training coordinator and developer for engineers at a large corporation for the past 18.5 years, following her six years as a math instructor at two community colleges.

A proud mother of two sons and grandmother to three, Nelda resides in Catonsville, where her musical journey continues to inspire. When not performing she enjoys running and a rich array of athletic activities.

- \* Worship led by Rev. Dr. Lucy Lind Hogan, Nelda Clelland, Eirene Mbella and Amy Coldren
- \* Greeter: Becky Baquet
- \* Acolyte: Christopher Albee
- \* Songs are used with permission from OneLicense.net - license number A-708024
- \* Prayer for Responsible Citizenship: *Book of Common Worship* (WJK, 2018), 629, alt.
- \* Opening Prayer: *Book of Common Worship* (WJK, 2018), 629
- \* Prayer of Confession: *Book of Common Worship* (WJK, 2018), 59, 734-735

# 327 From All That Dwell Below the Skies

(Psalm 117)

*Unison*



1 From all that dwell be-low the skies let the Cre - a - tor's praise a -  
2 In ev - ery land be - gin the song; to ev - ery land the strains be -  
3 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord; e - ter - nal truth at - tends thy

*Harmony* *Unison*



rise: Let the Re - deem - er's  
long: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! In cheer - ful sound all  
word: Thy praise shall sound from



name be sung through ev - ery land, in ev - ery tongue.  
voic - es raise and fill the world with joy - ful praise.  
shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.

*Harmony*



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

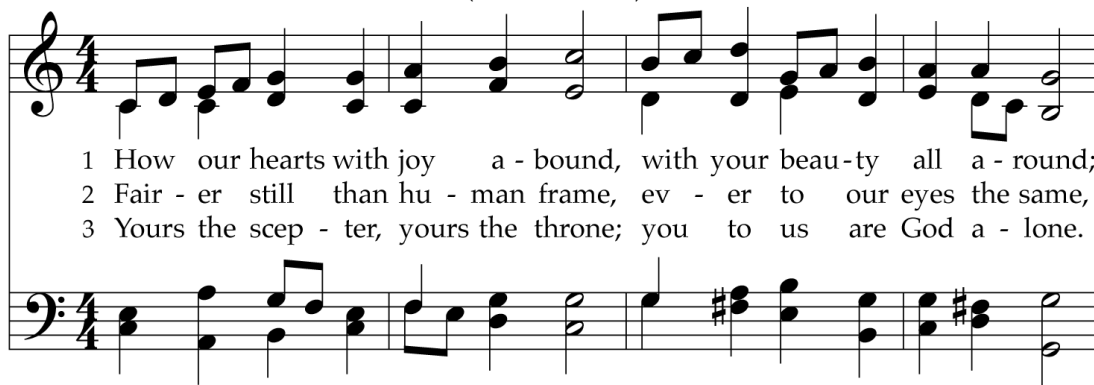
*Unison*



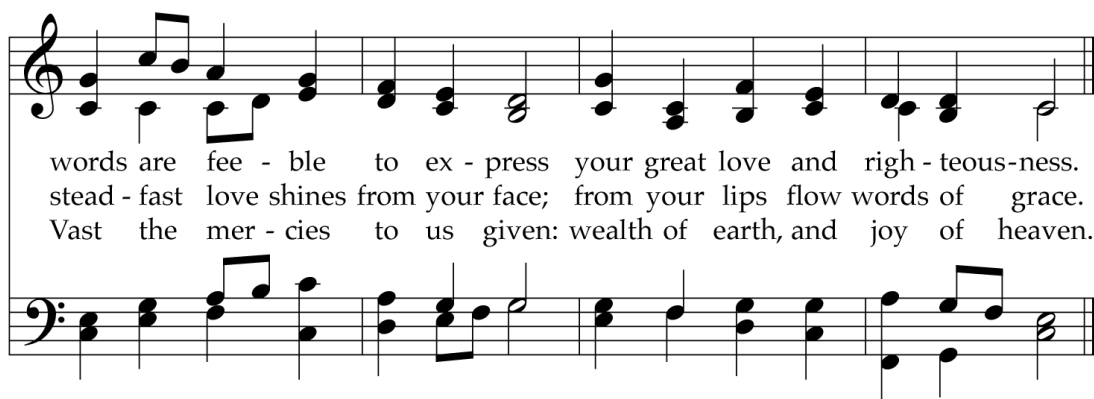
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

# 333 How Our Hearts with Joy Abound

(Psalm 45)



1 How our hearts with joy a - bound, with your beau - ty all a - round;  
2 Fair - er still than hu - man frame, ev - er to our eyes the same,  
3 Yours the scep - ter, yours the throne; you to us are God a - lone.



words are fee - ble to ex - press your great love and righ - teous - ness.  
stead - fast love shines from your face; from your lips flow words of grace.  
Vast the mer - cies to us given: wealth of earth, and joy of heaven.

Though it may have originated as a royal marriage ode, Psalm 45 has come to be understood in both Jewish and Christian traditions as having messianic overtones, and it is quoted that way in Hebrews 1:8-9. This 20th-century paraphrase skillfully maintains that double application.

TEXT: Michael Morgan, 1995

MUSIC: Freylinghausen's *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704, alt.

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## This Is My Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,  
 3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.  
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.  
 thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;  
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,  
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;  
 and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.  
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing  
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.  
 my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

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## Live into Hope

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -  
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight  
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to  
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the  
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of  
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's  
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!  
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.  
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.  
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

This text on Luke 4:16–20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.