

Frederick Presbyterian Church

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026

GATHERING

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

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE ***"Proclamation"*** Kevin McChesney

(Handbell Choir)

OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: Come, people of God, gather as the tribes once gathered at Shechem.

People: We come to remember the God who called Abraham and Sarah and led our ancestors.

Leader: The Lord has guided, protected, and provided through every generation.

People: We come to worship the God who has been faithful from the beginning.

Leader: Choose this day whom you will serve.

People: As for us, we will serve the Lord! *(Joshua 24:15, 24)*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(…now and forever. **Amen.**)

HYMN 10** ***"Sing Glory to the Name of God" LASST UNS ERFREUEN

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

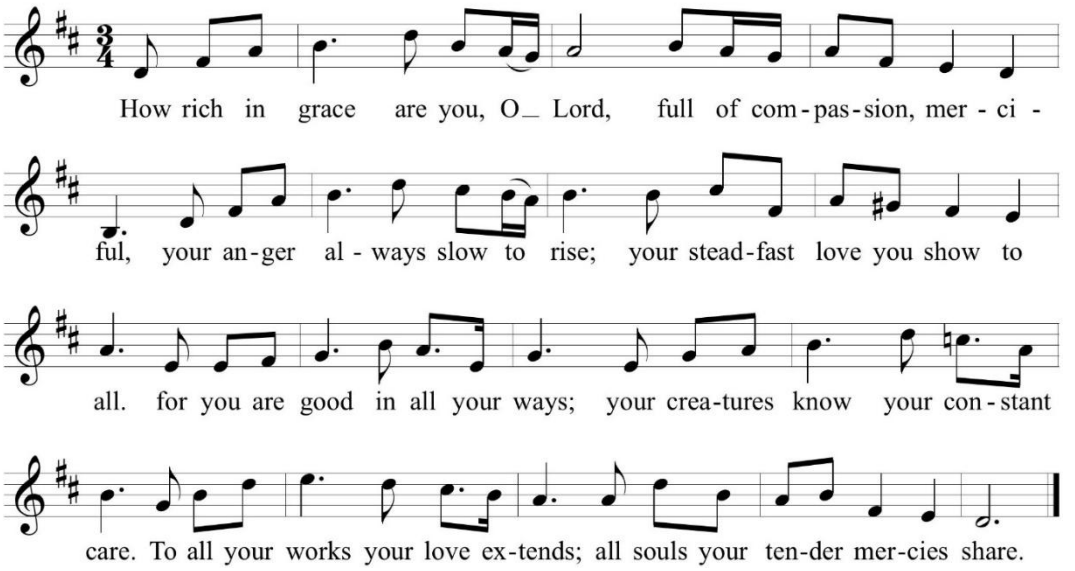
Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy kingdom.
We waste our days with idle pursuits, instead of choosing to serve you.
We spend our nights in foolishness, instead of watching for your return.
Forgive us, merciful God,
so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence:
through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

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

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***SUNG RESPONSE** JERUSALEM



***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.

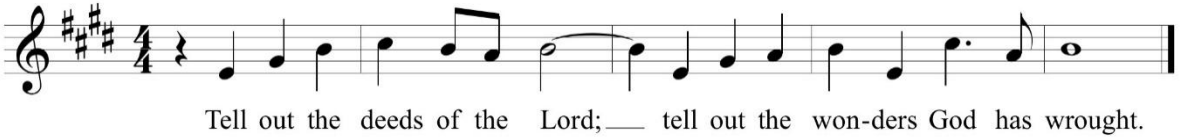
TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *Reader: Rachel Kurtz*

FIRST LESSON Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

PSALM 78 PRESBYTERIAN 4

(The congregation sings the refrain as directed.)



SECOND LESSON 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

ANTHEM ***"Like as a Father"*** Cherubini, arr. Lovelace

Like as a father, (lovingly) filled with compassion, pities all his children,
so the Lord has mercy on those who fear him.

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 25:1-13

SERMON The Rev. Dr. Eric T. Myers

HYMN 628 ***"Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord"*** JE LOUERAI L'ÉTERNEL

PRAYERS OF THE 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 for ever. Amen.

Scan here to give by Venmo.

THANKS

The people of God respond to God's Word.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Brett Shelley

OFFERTORY ***"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*** Ronald Kauffmann

(Handbell Choir)

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.

***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: . . . and to be ready.
People: Amen.

SENDING

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

HYMN 350** ***"Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning KEEP YOUR LAMPS

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

Leader: Go into all the world…and may the Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord be kind and gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)
People: Alleluia! Amen.
Leader: Remember the words of Jesus:
Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your mind…and your neighbor as yourself. (Matt. 22:37-39)
People: We have been called. Let us go in the name of the Lord. Amen.

POSTLUDE ***"Fuga"*** from ***Sonate II*** Felix Mendelssohn

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Notes on Today's Music: *Today, we welcome our handbell choir for their first performance during liturgy of the season! Their offertory is a setting of the tune HAMBURG by the early American composer Lowell Mason. The tune was adapted from a centuries old Gregorian psalm tone, used to chant various parts of the liturgy.*

STAY CONNECTED TO YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Youth Fellowship	Sunday, November 8 at 5:30 PM
Women's Cancer Survivors' Support Group	Monday, Nov. 9 at 2 PM
Tuesday Morning Bible Study	Tuesday, November 10 at 10 AM
SESSION MEETING	Tuesday, November 10 at 7 PM
Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Tuesday, November 10 at 7 PM
Wednesday Morning Prayer	Wednesday, November 11 at 7 AM
Open Door	Wednesday, November 11 at 6:30 PM
Wednesday Book Study	Wednesday, November 11 at 7 PM
Mission Committee Meeting	Thursday, November 12 at 7 PM
Choir Rehearsal	Thursday, November 12 at 7 PM
Street Dog Coalition	Sunday, November 14 9:45 – noon
Women's Fellowship Breakfast	Saturday, November 14 at 9 AM

Isabella's Restaurant - RSVP to Ann Leyh at annleyh43@gmail.com or (301) 712-8613



Today's flowers are given to the glory of God
in honor of the brave men and women
who have selflessly served our country
by
the Coldren Family

* Worship led by Pastor Eric, Brian Bartoldus, FPC Handbell Choir, Rachel Kurtz, and Brett Shelley
* Greeters: Julia and Jim Schaeffer
* Acolyte: Samuel Ndingwan
* Cantor: David Cassatt
* Cover: www.hislife.co.uk/loins-girded-lamps-burning
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We continue the annual tradition of providing food baskets to families from our neighbors at Parkway Elementary School. This year we have been asked to provide **20 baskets!!**

How can you help? Pick up a claim slip for one or more menu items from the **TURKEY** in Heritage Hall, then bring your contributions back on **Sundays, November 15th or 22nd** (perishable/refrigerated food should be brought on **Nov. 22 only**).

In addition, we will buy a gallon of milk, a bag of apples, a pound of butter and a can of whipped cream to complete each meal. Items will be packed and delivered by FPC youth on Nov. 22.

Weekly Study Groups! Which one fits your schedule??

The **Tuesday Morning group** (led by Dennis Burkhart) is studying the book of ***Romans***. Come check it out on **November 10 at 10:00 AM**, all are welcome!!

Come be part of the **Wednesday Night Book Group at 7:00 PM**. Led by Greg Simms, the group is currently reading and discussing ***The Problem with Pain*** by C.S. Lewis.

Beginning November 8 and running through the end of the year, the Mission Committee is collecting WINTER COATS to be distributed to those in need through the Rescue Mission's Clothing closet, also known as Rescued Treasures.

Clean out your closets and drop off those clean, gently used coats in the bin in Heritage Hall from now through December. Items should be in good condition and clean. *Coats, gloves, mittens, hats, and scarves are accepted.* Contact Susan Mangold at 240-315-5235 for more information.

WOMEN'S CANCER SURVIVORS' SUPPORT GROUP

A gathering for those who are survivors or recently diagnosed or navigating treatment or life after cancer. **Our first meeting will be on Monday, November 9 at 2:00 PM** at the home of Patty Burgess (contact Patty or Cathy for address).

Come share your story or just listen to others share theirs as we find strength and hope together!

As part of our first gathering we'll look towards future times and places to meet.

Please RSVP to Cathy Nivling at *cathyjn@comcast.net*.



Family Choir – November 15 9:30 AM
Choir will sing during the Worship service.
<u>All ages and all people welcome</u>!



Festival Choir – Rehearsals begin Nov 15 after worship in the choir room.

Come join our expanded choral ranks for Lessons and Carols during Sunday morning worship on December 20. We'll learn a setting of "Angels We Have Heard on High," as well as a new work titled "This Silent Night," all with brass, organ, and four hand piano.





Advent Workshop – Nov. 29
after Worship in Fellowship Hall.
Activities for all ages. Invite a friend or neighbor to join you.



Christmas Carol Sing-a-long
Dec 20 at 4 PM
Fun for the whole family!!



FPC Alternative Giving Fair
Sunday, December 6
immediately after worship





Mission of Mercy -
Dental Supplies for Veterans



Street Dog Coalition -
Vaccination for a dog

Alternative Giving options available for purchase in Heritage Hall before and after Worship beginning **Sunday, November 29** and continues through **December 20**.



Interested in learning more about FPC?

Want to become a member?

Come to the **New Members Class**! **Sun. December 6 and 13** - held in the Weaver Room at **9:30 AM.**

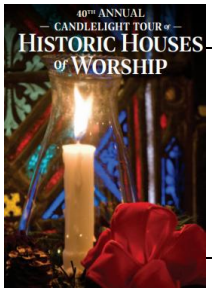
Speak to Pastor Myers or Elder Rebecca Layman for more information.

DOWNLOAD THE DAILY PRAYER APP!!

The PC(USA) **Daily Prayer app** *(available for Android and Apple devices)* offers daily Bible readings and simple services for prayer throughout the day, appropriate for individuals or small groups.

You can also access the daily readings at www.pcusa.org/daily/devotion.





Frederick's Candlelight Tour of Historic Houses of Worship returns this year on **Monday, December 28th**, 3:00 to 8:00 pm. As a participating church, FPC will offer holiday music and light refreshments to all who visit. More information coming soon.

STEWARDSHIP 2027

Our 2027 Stewardship theme is, ***"Rooted in Love, Extending Our Reach,"*** which reminds us that our ministry is deeply rooted in the love of God. Like a tree with deep roots, our congregation is nourished by faith, prayer, Scripture, worship, and the relationships we share with one another. Yet, as we grow, much like the branches and leaves of a tree, we are also able to extend our reach to others and share our unique gifts to be a part of one community. We can extend our reach by opening our doors, strengthening our ministries, serving our neighbors and communities, and sharing God's love in ways that reach far beyond our own walls. How far will your gifts reach?



Please bring your FINANCIAL COMMITMENT and your WAYS TO BE INVOLVED forms to Worship *next Sunday, November 15.*

Also, have you noticed all the ways to be involved? Things like reader and greeter and food provider and singer in children's choir and acolyte. Each person - young or not - member or friend - is encouraged to complete a **Ways To Be Involved Form**. Extra copies of all the forms can be found in Heritage Hall and the Narthex as well as in the weekly email blast.

Have questions? Contact Brett Shelley at stewartship@frederickpresbyterian.org for more information.

CONFIRMATION is the process in the Presbyterian Church (USA) through which youth are encouraged to think about what it means to be a believer. While meeting regularly with adult leaders, the youth are prepared to publicly profess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and to become a member of the congregation of the church.

Confirmation is open to youth who are currently in 8th grade or older.

Confirmation classes will begin in early 2027. The group usually meets on Sunday afternoons.

Please contact Eric at ***pastor@frederickpresbyterian.org*** to register your youth for the FPC 2027 Confirmation Class.



Deadline to register is November 22.

HI . . . WELCOME . . . HOW ARE YOU TODAY . . . SO NICE TO SEE YOU . . .

The Worship and Music Committee is looking for greeters to help on Sunday mornings. **TWO** volunteers are needed to welcome people, hand out bulletins, and receive the offering. Can you help one Sunday a month, once a quarter, once a year – or anything in between? Please sign up on the kiosk in Heritage Hall.

Questions? Contact Ellen Dean or Susan Thompson at worship@frederickpresbyterian.org.

10 Sing Glory to the Name of God

(Psalm 29)



628 Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord

Je louerai l'Éternel



FRENCH

Je louerai l'Éternel de tout mon coeur,
je raconterai toutes tes merveilles,
je chanterai ton nom.
Je louerai l'Éternel de tout mon coeur,
je ferai de toi le sujet de ma joie.
Alleluia!

This simple song based on Psalm 9:1–2 was created in the mid-1970s for a morning devotional of a group touring in the picturesque high Alps. Later it was incorporated into their programs and soon spread throughout Europe and the world, being translated into many languages.

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