



*I am the resurrection
and the life.*

*He who believes in me
shall live . . .*

John 11:25

CHILD OF BLESSING is a five-year project of the Presbyterian Association of Musicians (PAM), funded by the Lilly Endowment's **Nurturing Children through Worship and Prayer Initiative**.

The goal of the initiative is: *"to nurture the faith of children by motivating and supporting congregations to give greater attention to the inclusion of children in their worship services and prayer practices in sensory-rich ways."*

Frederick Presbyterian Church is one of a few pilot congregations which will make use of resources being developed to enrich the worship life of the church now and into the future as we make our worship inclusive for all. Throughout the season of Lent and Easter we will make use of suggested materials such as songs, responses, and prayers.

Scan the QR code which will lead you to a Spotify playlist that includes recordings of many of the suggested songs of the season.



Give it a listen... learn a new song, sing one you already know.

CHILD OF BLESSING



Following morning worship on April 12th, grab a snack and join Eric in the Weaver Room for a brief time to reflect on worship during Lent and Easter.

FREDERICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2026

10:30 am

GATHERING

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

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS

GATHERING MUSIC

HYMN 790 *"In Silence My Soul Thirsts"*

MY SOUL THIRSTS

HYMN 851 *"Come, Bring Your Burdens to God"*

WOZA NOMTHWALO WAKHO

OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: We come with longing, *Place one hand over heart.*

People: We come with longing,

Leader: out of the depths, *Slowly extend both arms outward, palms open.*

People: out of the depths,

Leader: into God's presence,

People: into God's presence,

Leader: toward life made new.

People: toward life made new.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

***HYMN 806** *"I'll Praise My Maker"*

OLD 113TH

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: God, we bring you our sorrow *Wipe hands across cheeks, as if drying tears.*

People: God, we bring our sorrow

Leader: and you weep with us.

People: and you weep with us.

Leader: You hold our grief, *Cross arms over chest.*

People: You hold our grief,

Leader: but we do not trust your care. *Lower arms to side.*

People: but we do not trust your care.

Leader: You call us by name, *Cross arms over chest.*

People: You call us by name.

Leader: but we do not respond. *Lower arms to side.*

People: but we do not respond.

Leader: You invite us to rise, *Raise arms.*

People: You invite us to rise,

Leader: but we stay wrapped in what has been. *Grasp arms.*

People: but we stay wrapped in what has been.

Leader: Forgive us. *Wipe one palm over another.*

People: Forgive us.

Leader: Unbind us and call us to new life. *With palms facing you,*

People: Unbind us and call us to new life.

Leader: In Jesus' name. *raise hands upward in front of you.*

People: In Jesus' name. Amen.

***RESPONSE "Lord, Have Mercy"**

KYRIE ELEISON

The musical notation is presented in three systems, each with a Leader part and a People part. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system shows the Leader part with the lyrics "Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:" and the People part with "Lord, have mer - cy." The second system shows the Leader part with "Chri - ste e - le - i - son:" and the People part with "Christ, have mer - cy." The third system shows the Leader part with "Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:" and the People part with "Lord, have mer - cy." The notation includes treble clefs, a key signature of one flat, and a 4/4 time signature. The Leader parts are marked with "LEADER" and the People parts with "PEOPLE".

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: ... You are unbound by love.

Raise both hands slowly from sides about shoulders

You are forgiven.

then open them wide, like a deep breath made visible.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

***RESPONSE "You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!"**

WAYWARING STRANGER

Em D Em Am Em D Em
You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!

Am D C D Em C Em
You are the Christ, giv-er of mer-cy!

Em D G Am Em D E
You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!

The musical score consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The first staff has the lyrics 'You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!' with chords Em, D, Em, Am, Em, D, Em. The second staff has the lyrics 'You are the Christ, giv-er of mer-cy!' with chords Am, D, C, D, Em, C, Em. The third staff has the lyrics 'You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!' with chords Em, D, G, Am, Em, D, E. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a final double bar line at the end of the third staff.

***PASSING OF 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: Taylor Raborn

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1-14

(The Word of the Lord . . . Thanks be to God.)
(A period of silence follows for personal reflection.)

PSALM 130

Hal H. Hopson



Lord, from the depths to you I cry; Lord, hear my prayer.

SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:6-11

(The Word of the Lord . . . Thanks be to God.)
(A period of silence follows for personal reflection.)

GOSPEL LESSON

John 11:1-45

(The Word of the Lord . . . Thanks be to God.)
(A period of silence follows for personal reflection.)

THE WORD IN SONG

["Songs of Faith"](#)

Paul Basler

TABLE

The people of God respond to God's Word.

OFFERTORY "Reverie (for Celestes)" from *Suite Sebastienne*

Thomas H. Kerr

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 FPC, 115 W 2nd St., Frederick, MD 21701.

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:

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 the One who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

(The Great Prayer continues...)

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

People:

Dy - ing you de-stroyed our death; ris - ing you re -
stored our life. Lord Je - sus, come in glo - ry.

(The Great Prayer 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

AGNUS DEI -- "Lamb of God"

FARLEE

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace; grant us peace.

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 body of Christ given for you. . . . The blood of Christ shed for you" . . .

to which the people respond "Amen."

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(in unison)*

***Thank you, gracious God,
for giving us bread for the journey of these forty days.
As we travel on through the wilderness,
help us to share your grace with others
and draw us ever closer to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

SENDING

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

***HYMN 440 "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"**

ABERYSTWYTH

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

Leader: May the steadfast love of God, the abundant grace of Jesus Christ, and the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit be with you this day and always. (Psalm 51:1, 11)

People: **Amen.**

Leader: Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Remember the words of the Lord Jesus:
If any wish to be my disciples let them take up the cross and follow me.
Go and follow the way of Christ. *(Mark 8:34)*

People: **With our Savior with us along the way, we will go the way of the cross.
Amen. Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE "Quasi Marcia"

Mel Bonis

***Today's flowers are given in celebration of the life of
Eirene's grandmother, who turned 100 years old on March 18
by
The Mbella Family***



* Worship led by Pastor Myers, Brian Bartoldus, Taylor Raborn, Dr. Bradley Tatum, Nancy Beith, Festival Choir and Instrumentalists
* Greeter: Karen Raymond
* Acolyte: Liam Betah
* Cantor: John Eliot
* Opening Sentences and Prayer of Confession: *Child of Blessing, trial worship materials*
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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 a time of Fellowship.**
- 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.
- Visit our website at: www.frederickpresbyterian.org for more information 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:



Notes on Today's Music: Our offertory is by Thomas Kerr, former Howard University faculty. Its titular reference to "celestes" is a terminology for an organ registration that employs two sets of pipes, one tuned slightly sharp from the other. The effect is one that mimics a string ensemble.

FPC Annual Health and Hygiene Drive

During Lent we are reminded of our annual Health and Hygiene Drive to benefit the clients of BEYOND SHELTER.

Items Needed . . .

- Laundry Pods**
- Toilet tissue**
- Baby wipes**
- Body Wash or Soap**
- Deodorant**
- Hand soap (any size)**
- Shampoo and conditioner**
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes**
- Diapers, especially sizes 5, 6, and 7**



Help us meet our goal of 2300 items! We are over 1/2 way there!

The offering will continue until March 29.

[Amazon](#) - "Find a List or Registry" and search on "2026 FPC Lenten Hygiene Drive."

Join the choir for a day!! ALL AGES 2 - 102!!!

Sunday, March 29 9:30 AM FPC Family Singers (children, adults, families)

Come to the Choir room this Palm Sunday, and learn an easy anthem to sing in the service. All ages invited, no music reading required!

Palm Sunday Egg Dyeing Event

Join us on **Palm Sunday, March 29**, immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall for an egg dyeing event. *All supplies will be provided, just bring your hard-boiled eggs.* Lunch will be served, and there will be fun games for everyone.

Invite a friend or neighbor to join us and experience the fun and fellowship at FPC!

EASTER EGG HUNT Sunday, April 5 at 9:45 AM

Join us for our Easter Egg Hunt for Families and Children on April 5th, starting at 9:45 am (between services). This will be a fun time for children of all ages, from toddlers all the way to 5th grade

We need your help!!! We need LOTS of FILLED PLASTIC EGGS for our annual Egg Hunt to be held on Easter Sunday. Please take some from Heritage Hall or bring your own filled eggs.

Intergenerational Knit & Crochet Event Saturday, April 18 at 2:00 PM

Join us for a Knit & Crochet Workshop in Fellowship Hall. Beginners are welcome, and our talented helpers will be there to guide you along the way. We'll finish with a Pizza Party.

Open to 2nd graders through adults - Men, women, kids - everyone's invited!

Come learn something new and stitch together some fun! RSVP to Lindsay Dingman by **April 11th**

SPAGHETTI DINNER with Dessert Auction Sunday, April 26 immediately after worship

Benefitting the Youth Service Trips - look for more details soon.

Flying Cows Basketball Game Saturday, May 30 at 5:00 PM

Come cheer on the Frederick Flying Cows at Hood College. Discounted tickets are available.

E-mail Lindsay Dingman (families@frederickpresbyterian.org) for more details.

SAVE THE DATE FPC Kayaking Trip Saturday, June 6

We'll be paddling a gentle stretch of the Monocacy River known for its smooth waters and minimal current - perfect for an easy, enjoyable trip. Contact Jonathan Lyons jp846a@gmail.com, more details to come.

SAVE THE DATE Vacation Bible School July 27 - 30

A week full of faith, fun, friends, and discovering God's love! More details to come.

Women's Conference in Montreat, NC August 14-16

Limited housing is available at NEW SONG cottage again this year. If you would like to join the FPC women attending, please contact Lisa Myers ericlisamg1@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE

Outdoor Worship Service Sunday, June 7 (Monocacy Park)

FPC Churchwide Picnic Saturday, August 29 (Middletown Park)

In Silence My Soul Thirsts 790

(Psalm 62)

Capo 3: (D) (Em7) (A) (D)
 F Gm7 C F

1 In si - lence my soul thirsts for God; for
 2 In still - ness I pour out my fears; the
 3 In qui - et - ness my Lord con - ferred two

(G) (A7) (D) (Em7) (A7) (Bm) (Em)
 B \flat C7 F Gm7 C7 Dm Gm

God a - lone I wait. My en - e - mies may
 sol - i - tude builds trust. My ref - uge rests in
 truths I now de - clare: no great - er love than

(F#7) (Bm) (Em) (A) (Dsus) D (G)
 A7 Dm Gm C Fsus F B \flat

chase me down; love shields me from their hate.
 God's great grace. My anx - ious thoughts are hushed.
 God's is known; no pow - er can com - pare.

Refrain (D) (Em7) (A) (D) (G)
 F Gm7 C F B \flat

God is my rock; God is my strength; God is

(D) (Em) (D) (A7) (D) (Em)
 F Gm F C7 F Gm

my sal - va - tion, my ref - uge, my a -

(A) (D) (G) (D) (G) (A7) (D)
 C F B \flat F B \flat C7 F

bid - ing peace. I shall not be shak - en.

Psalm 62 is usually described as a song of confidence or trust, and that emphasis is made especially clear by the recurring refrain of this paraphrase. Its affirmations also serve as a testimony intended to lead others to make the same commitment to rely on God's steadfast love.

Come, Bring Your Burdens to God 851

Woza nomthwalo wakho

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. It features a Leader part and an All part. The Leader part consists of a single melodic line. The All part consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are in English and Xhosa. The score is divided into three systems. The first system includes the Leader's first line and the All part's first two lines. The second system includes the Leader's second line and the All part's second two lines. The third system includes the Leader's third line and the All part's third two lines. The piano accompaniment provides a steady harmonic and rhythmic foundation.

Leader
(no.) Come, bring your bur - dens; O

All
Come, bring your bur - dens to God; come, bring your
Wo - za nom - thwa - lo wa - kho; wo - za nom -

come, bring your bur - dens; O come, bring your bur - dens.

bur - dens to God; come, bring your bur - dens to God, for
thwa - lo wa - kho; wo - za nom - thwa - lo wa - kho U -

(except last time)
Je - sus will nev - er say

Je - sus will nev - er say no.
ye - s' a - ka - so - za - thi hayi.

A great strength of music from southeastern Africa is that it usually emerges from communal life, and in singing such songs we unite our sung prayers with those of the people who created them. This one is based on the singing of the Mooiplaas congregation in South Africa.

I'll Praise My Maker

(Psalm 146)

1 I'll praise my Mak - er while I've breath; and when my voice
 2 How hap - py they whose hopes re - ly on Is - rael's God,
 3 The Lord pours eye - sight on the blind; the Lord sup - ports
 4 I'll praise my Mak - er while I've breath; and when my voice

is lost in death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers.
 who made the sky and earth and seas with all their train;
 the faint - ing mind and sends the la - boring con - science peace.
 is lost in death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers.

My days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought
 whose truth for - ev - er stands se - cure, who saves the op - pressed
 God helps the strang - er in dis - tress, the wid - owed and
 My days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought

and be - ing last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.
 and feeds the poor, and none shall find God's prom - ise vain.
 the par - ent - less, and grants the pris - oner sweet re - lease.
 and be - ing last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.

This paraphrase of Psalm 146 was a great favorite of John Wesley: it appeared in his first hymn collection in 1737 (published in Charleston, South Carolina) and was on his lips when he died. The 16th-century tune to which it is set here is the one Watts had in mind for it.

440 Jesus, Lover of My Soul

1 Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bos - om fly,
 2 Oth - er ref - uge have I none; hangs my help - less soul on thee.
 3 Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find.
 4 Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to cov - er all my sin.

while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the temp - est still is high.
 Leave, ah! leave me not a - lone; still sup - port and com - fort me.
 Raise the fall - en, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
 Let the heal - ing streams a - bound; make and keep me pure with - in.

Hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide, till the storm of life is past.
 All my trust on thee is stayed; all my help from thee I bring.
 Just and ho - ly is thy name; I am all un - righ - teous - ness.
 Thou of life the foun - tain art; free - ly let me take of thee.

Safe in - to the ha - ven guide. O re - ceive my soul at last!
 Cov - er my de - fense - less head with the shad - ow of thy wing.
 False and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.
 Spring thou up with - in my heart. Rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

Originally titled "In Temptation," these four stanzas (of five) call to mind how a spiritual and emotional tempest can move from turmoil to tranquility. This tune was first used with this text in a cantata by the composer in 1910, and since then has become the standard one.

