

# FREDERICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## *The Fourth Sunday in Lent*

March 15, 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: Awake, come into the newness of the day.

**People: Awake, come into the newness of the day.**

Leader: God welcomes us as we are.

**People: God welcomes us as we are.**

Leader: We are alert;

**People: We are alert;**

Leader: Our hearts are ready to receive.

**People: Our hearts are ready to receive.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

**\*HYMN 624** *"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"*

TOULON

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: All-knowing God,

*Place hands over heart*

**People: All-knowing God,**

Leader: you give us compassion,

*Open arms*

**People: you give us compassion,**

Leader: but we do not always receive it.

*Cover ears with hands*

**People: but we do not always receive it.**

Leader: You are with us, *Open arms*  
**People: You are with us,**  
 Leader: but we do not always notice. *Cover ears with hands*  
**People: but we do not always notice.**  
 Leader: You call us beloved, *Open arms*  
 People: You call us beloved,  
 Leader: but we do not believe you. *Cover ears with hands*  
**People: but we do not believe you.**  
 Leader: Forgive us. *Wipe one palm over another*  
**People: Forgive us.**  
 Leader: Help us receive your grace *With palms facing you,*  
**People: Help us receive your grace**  
 Leader: and live as your people *raise hands upward in front of you*  
**People: and live as your people.**  
 Leader: In Jesus' name.  
**People: In Jesus' name. Amen.**

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

KYRIE ELEISON

The musical notation consists of three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The time signature is 4/4. Each staff is divided into two parts: LEADER and PEOPLE. The lyrics are written below the notes.

**LEADER** Ky - ri - e e - le - i-son: **PEOPLE** Lord, have mer - cy.

**LEADER** Chri - ste e - le - i-son: **PEOPLE** Christ, have mer - cy.

**LEADER** Ky - ri - e e - le - i-son: **PEOPLE** Lord, have mer - cy.

**\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: ... In Christ, we are forgiven. *Raise both hands slowly*  
**People: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

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

WAYWARING STRANGER

The musical score consists of three staves of music in G major and 6/8 time. The lyrics are: "You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy! You are the Christ, giv-er of mer-cy! You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!"

Staff 1: Chords: Em D Em Am Em D Em. Lyrics: You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!

Staff 2: Chords: Am D C D Em C Em. Lyrics: You are the Christ, giv-er of mer-cy!

Staff 3: Chords: Em D G Am Em D E. Lyrics: You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!

**\*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: Annabelle Jackson*

### FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 16:1-13

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

### PSALM 23

Marty Haugen

*(The congregation sings the refrain as directed.)*

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -  
yond my fears, from death in - to life.

### SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 5:8-14

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

### ANTHEM "Psalm 23" from *Songs of Faith*

Paul Basler

*(Festival Choir; Al Beith, horn; Eric Myers, piano)*

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

*He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.*

*He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*

*Yea, thou I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:*

*for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

*Thou preparest a table for me in the presence of my enemies:*

*thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:*

*and I will dwell in the house of the Lord.*

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want, the Lord is my shepherd, forever. Amen.*

### GOSPEL LESSON

John 9:1-41

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

### SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Eric T. Myers

### HYMN OF AFFIRMATION 840 "When Peace like a River"

VILLE DU HAVRE

# TABLE

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

**OFFERTORY** excerpt from "**For the Beauty of the Earth**"

Cathy Moklebust

*(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. 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: . . . and all the faithful of every time and place, singing:

**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:

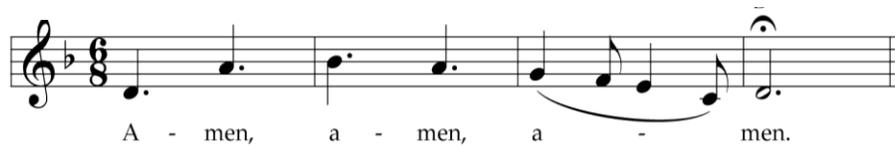
**People:**

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:



## 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

A musical score for 'Agnus Dei' in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The score is written on four staves. Chords are indicated above the notes. The lyrics are: '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 819** *"Be Still, My Soul"*

FINLANDIA

**\*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** *excerpt from "For the Beauty of the Earth"*

Cathy Moklebust

*(Handbell Choir)*

This morning we welcome representatives from **Empowering Community Leaders Network** (ECLN). They provide educational and cultural opportunities to foster leadership development in middle school girls. ECLN is supported by the mission portion of the FPC operating budget. **Thank you for your support!!**

**Notes on Today's Music:** Today's anthem is a selection from Paul Basler's **Songs of Faith**, which the Festival Choir has been hard at work learning for the past several weeks. The larger work includes settings of chant, hymnody, and a raucous Alleluia, and will be performed in full during worship next week!

\* Worship led by Pastor Myers, Brian Bartoldus, Annabelle Jackson, Al Beith, Handbell Choir, and Festival Choir  
\* Cantor: Elizabeth Slade      \* Acolyte: James Kurtz  
\* Opening Sentences and Prayer of Confession: *Child of Blessing, trial worship materials*  
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Welcome  
—We are glad you are here—

*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 Fellowship after the service.
- 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](http://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:*



**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 during the service.  
All ages invited, no music reading required!*

### **STAY CONNECTED TO YOUR CHURCH FAMILY**

<b>Lenten Study</b>	<b>Monday, March 16 at 7 PM</b> (Weaver Room)
<b>Tuesday Morning Bible Study</b>	<b>Tuesday, March 17 at 10 AM</b> (Weaver Room)
<b>Wednesday Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Wednesday, March 18 at 7 AM</b>
<b>Lenten Study</b>	<b>Wednesday, March 18 at 10:30 AM</b> (Weaver Room)
<b>OPEN DOOR</b>	<b>Wednesday, March 18 at 6:30 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday Evening Study</b>	<b>Wednesday, March 18 at 7 PM</b> (Weaver Room)
<b>Men's Fellowship Breakfast</b>	<b>Saturday, March 28 at 8:30 AM</b> (Airways Inn)

### **New Members' Class Sundays, April 12 and 19**

FPC is a dynamic and alive church. There is something for everyone. We would love to have you join us. A new members' class will be held on **April 12 and 19 at 9:30 AM** in the Weaver Room. New Members will be received during Worship on April 19.

Speak to [Pastor Eric Myers](#), [Elder Rebecca Layman](#), or call the office at 301-663-5338.

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

## **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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> graders through adults - Men, women, kids - everyone's invited!**

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

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 $\sharp$ 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 both 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 final 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 Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art 624

1 I greet thee, who my sure Re - deem - er art,  
 2 Thou art the King of mer - cy and of grace,  
 3 Thou art the life, by which a - lone we live,  
 4 Thou hast the true and per - fect gen - tle - ness;  
 5 Our hope is in no oth - er save in thee;

my on - ly trust and Sav - ior of my heart,  
 reign - ing om - ni - po - tent in ev - ery place;  
 and all our sub - stance and our strength re - ceive;  
 no harsh - ness hast thou and no bit - ter - ness.  
 our faith is built up - on thy prom - ise free;

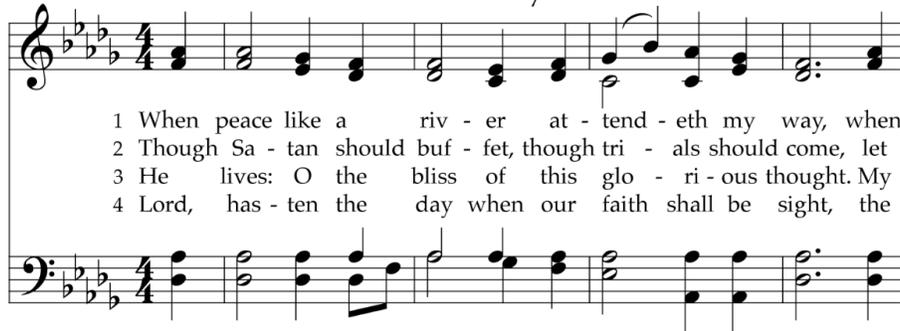
who pain didst un - der - go for my poor sake;  
 so come, O King, and our whole be - ing sway;  
 sus - tain us by thy faith and by thy power,  
 O grant to us the grace we find in thee,  
 Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,

I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.  
 shine on us with the light of thy pure day.  
 and give us strength in ev - ery try - ing hour.  
 that we may dwell in per - fect u - ni - ty.  
 that in thy strength we ev - er - more en - dure.

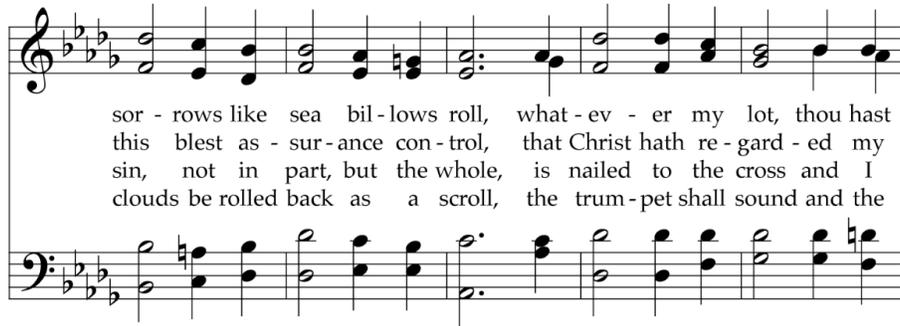
The original French text, sometimes attributed to John Calvin, seems to be a Protestant reworking of a Roman Catholic hymn, not a typical practice for him. Yet this text and tune (adapted from GENEVAN 124) clearly date from the early years of the Reformed tradition.

# 840 When Peace like a River

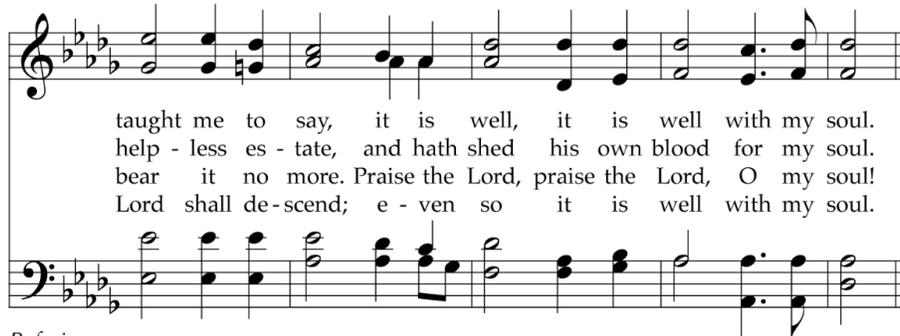
## It Is Well with My Soul



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
3 He lives: O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought. My  
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

### Refrain



It is well with my soul;  
It is well with my soul;



it is well; it is well with my soul.

## Be Still, My Soul

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.  
 2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take  
 3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on

Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain.  
 to guide the fu - ture sure - ly as the past.  
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord;

Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide,  
 Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;  
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

who through all chang - es faith - ful will re - main.  
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.  
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heaven - ly Friend  
 Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
 Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past

through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.  
 his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.  
 all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.