FREDERICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 2025 10:30 am

GATHERING

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

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE "Be Thou My Vision"

Paul Manz

OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: Come! Praise the Lord!

People: Praise God for the heavens and the earth and all that is in them!

Leader: Come! Praise the Lord!

People: Praise God who feeds the hungry and uplifts the downtrodden!

Leader: Come! Praise the Lord!

People: Praise God who gives sight to the blind and sets prisoners free!

Leader: Come! Praise the Lord!

People: The Lord will reign forever! Praise the Lord!

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

Almighty God, you call us to lives of service,

but we confess that we ignore our neighbors in need right outside our door.

You call us to share our abundance,

but we confess that we choose our own comfort over generosity to others.

You call us to build community, but we confess that we are too often gatekeepers, letting in only the ones that make us comfortable.

Forgive us, Lord.

Help us to be content with enough and inspire us to share what we have

- our prosperity, our power and our love -

until all your children have life and dignity in beloved community.

Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

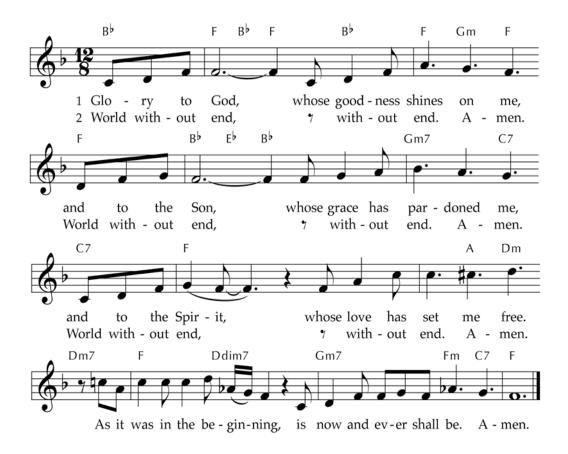
*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

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

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*SUNG RESPONSE "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

GLORY TO GOD



*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: Jana McCabe

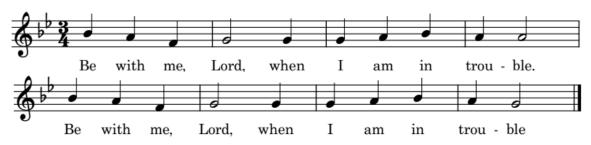
FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

PSALM 91 "Psalm 91"

Val Parker

(The congregation sings the refrain as directed.)



SECOND LESSON 1 Timothy 6:6-19

ANTHEM ""Be Thou Mv Vision"

trad. Irish, arr. Young

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, Naught be all else to me save thou art, Thou my best thought by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence, my light.

Be thou my wisdom and Thou my True word, I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord, Thou my Great Father, and I Thy true son, O Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

High King of Heaven, my victory won, May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, O still be my vision, Thou ruler of all.

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 16:19-31

SERMON The Rev. Judy Johnson

*HYMN 451 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

OPEN MY EYES

TABLE

The people of God respond to God's Word.

OFFERTORY "Comunione"

Mel Bonis

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 <u>online</u> or by mail at FPC, $115 W 2^{nd} St.$, 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

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.

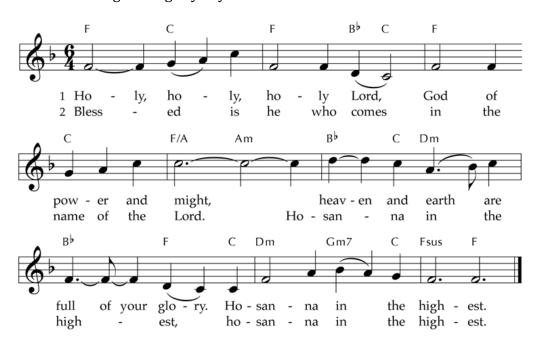
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

(The Great Prayer continues...)

Leader: ... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

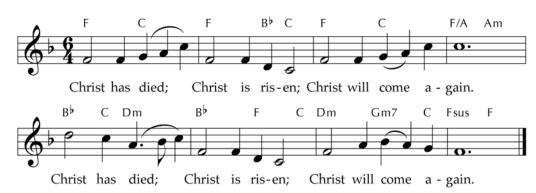
People:



(The Great Prayer continues...)

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

People:



(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 forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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 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 43 "You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord" ON EAGLE'S WINGS

HYMN 698 "Take. O Take Me as I Am" TAKE ME AS I AM

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (in unison)

God of grace, your Son, Jesus Christ, left us this holy meal of bread and cup in which we share his body and blood.

May we who have celebrated this sign of his great love, go into the world to serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

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

*HYMN 765 "May the God of Hope Go with Us"

ARGENTINA

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

Leader: May the God of hope

fill you with all joy and peace in believing,

so that you may abound in hope

by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13)

People: Amen.

Leader: Go out into the word in peace;

have courage;

hold onto what is good;

return no one evil for evil;

support the weak; help the suffering;

honor all people;

love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

POSTLUDE "Old 100th"

Piet Post

Notes on Today's Music: Just a reminder about our busy musical Sunday next week - in the morning, all are invited to join our **Family Singers at 9:30am** in the choir room to learn an early anthem. Then, enjoy a brief but delectable concert of Baroque music at **4pm with Handel Choir of Baltimore** - FREE admission!

^{*} Those who are able, please stand.



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 Sunday School and Worship beginning at 9:15 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.
- **Assistive Listening Devices** for the hearing impaired are available upon request. Please ask a Tech Volunteer in the back corner of the Sanctuary.
- 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.





Our Rise Against Hunger meal packing event will be October 5 following morning worship, with a lite lunch provided by the Mission Committee before packing begins. This is an inter-generational event, all ages are welcome!!

Register here - tiny.cc/z0es001

PLEASE NOTE: The online sign-up page includes an opportunity to support RISE AGAINST HUNGER financially, which is a wonderful thing but please know that expenses related to FPC's food-packing event on October 5^{th} are covered by your regular offerings and gifts to the work and ministry of FPC.

A Meeting of the Congregation of Frederick Presbyterian Church has been called by the SESSION for Sunday, October 12th immediately following morning worship for the purposes of receiving and acting on a report from the Nominating Committee.

Non members are welcome. Members are encouraged to attend.

- * Worship led by Judy Johnson, Brian Bartoldus, Jana McCabe and the FPC Sanctuary Choir
- * Acolyte: James Kurtz
- * Cantor: Elizabeth Bull
- * Prayers and Call to Worship: The Presbyterian Outlook, September 15, 2025
- * Songs are used with permission from OneLicense.net license number A-708024

10 Sing Glory to the Name of God



Open My Eyes, That I May See 451



The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.

43 You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord On Eagle's Wings (Psalm 91)



Although the body of this text is a paraphrase of Psalm 91, the refrain combines allusions to Exodus 19:4, Psalm 139:9, and Isaiah 40:31; 49:16. Written in response to the death of a friend's father, this piece has been a source of consolation to many people.



698 Take, O Take Me as I Am



The brevity of this text and tune invite repeated singing, either as a sustained chain of sound or as a sung response in a series of prayers. It offers a more reflective approach to the same theme of self-dedication evident in older hymns such as "Just as I Am" (see no. 442).

TAKE ME AS I AM

TEXT and MUSIC: John L. Bell, 1995 Text and Music © 1995 WGRG, Iona Community (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)

May the God of Hope Go with Us 765

Song of Hope / Canto de esperanza



This Argentine folk melody sets Spanish and English words, both created by a PC(USA) missionary with much Latin American experience. The two versions complement each other: the Spanish text offering a prayer to God, and the English one providing inspiration for the singers.

TEXT: Alvin Schutmaat, 1984 MUSIC: Argentine folk melody