

**Frederick Presbyterian Church
Service of Word and Prayer
February 4, 2026**

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit gathers us into a community of prayer.



GATHERING

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

SILENCE (*Be still and aware of God's presence within and all around . . .*)

OPENING SENTENCES

One: You are gracious and merciful, O God, slow to anger, rich in love.
Receive our prayers as you have promised and uphold us by your Spirit,
until all things, mended by your mercy, are made whole and well in you,
through Jesus Christ, our healer and our hope.

All: **Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, in silence, in reflection.

PSALM 143 (read in unison)

**LORD, hear my prayer, and in your faithfulness heed my supplications;
answer me in your righteousness.**

Enter not into judgment with your servant, for in your sight shall no one living be justified.

**For my enemy has sought my life and has crushed me to the ground,
making me live in dark places like those who are long dead.**

My spirit faints within me; my heart within me is desolate.

**I remember the time past; I ponder all your deeds;
I consider the works of your hands.**

I spread out my hands to you; my soul gasps to you like a thirsty land.

**O LORD, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me;
do not hide your face from me, or I shall be like those who go down to the pit.**

**Let me hear of your lovingkindness in the morning, for I put my trust in you;
show me the road that I must walk, for I lift up my soul to you.**

Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD, for I flee to you for refuge.

**Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God;
let your good spirit lead me on level ground.**

**Revive me, O LORD, for your name's sake;
for your righteousness' sake, bring me out of trouble.**

**In your steadfast love, destroy my enemies and bring all my foes to naught,
for truly I am your servant.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 11:23-31

One: ... The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

(A period of silence follows for personal reflection.)

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John 6:52-59

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PRAYER

The Holy Spirit prays with us and through us.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

One: In Christ Jesus we meet the God who knows our weakness
and bears the wounds of the world.

All: **We pray trusting that God draws near to those in any kind of need.**

One: Listening God, you hear our prayers before we speak yet welcome our praying;
Therefore, we come with confidence to lay our requests before you.

All: **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

One: We pray for Christians everywhere, for our denomination and this congregation,
for strength to persevere in faithfulness.

We pray for the whole people of God.

All: **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

One: We pray for the nations of the world, for all leaders,
and for those who make policy decisions.

We pray for the well-being of our global community.

All: **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

One: We pray for the earth and all living creatures, for regions and species at risk,
and for the sharing of resources.

We pray for the wholeness of creation.

All: **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

One: We pray for those who are overcome by violence, for victims of injustice or oppression,
and for those in poverty or pain.

We pray for all who need healing and peace.

All: **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

One: We pray for those who endure trials, for those who are dying, and for those who mourn.
We pray for all in need of comfort and hope.

All: **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

One: People of God, for what else do we pray this morning?

(A time for silent or voiced prayers...)

One: Into your wide embrace, O God, we place all our prayers, spoken and unspoken,
trusting that you will receive them into your heart of mercy, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

All: **Amen.**

One: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: ***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.

SENDING

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

CLOSING RESPONSES

One: God all mighty, God most merciful bless us, keep us, and give us peace.

All: **Amen.**

One: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: **Amen.**

(Signs and words of peace are exchanged . . .)

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