

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 1, 2021

9:00 and 10:15 a.m.

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

Self-service assistive listening devices are located on top of the bookcase at the rear of the Sanctuary on the Princess Anne St. side.

GATHERING. . .

The Prelude *Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* arr. Franklin Ritter

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

The Call To Worship (from *Ephesians 4*) John Howe, liturgist

I beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called.

**There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God Who is above all and through all and in all.**

Each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head.

The Prayer of Adoration (from *The Church of Scotland Book of Common Order*)

Lord God, the wonders of Your creation, the splendor of the heavens, the beauty of the earth, the order and richness of nature, all speak to us of Your glory. The coming of Your Son, the presence of Your Spirit, the fellowship of Your Church show us the marvel of Your love. We worship and adore You, God of grace and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Hymn 4 *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

*Holy God, we praise you name; Lord of all, we bow before you. All on earth your scepter claim;
All in heaven above adore you. Infinite Your vast domain, everlasting is Your reign.*

*Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising, cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising, fill the heavens with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy Lord."*

*All apostles join the strain as Your sacred name they hallow; prophets swell the glad refrain,
and the blessed martyrs follow, and from morn to set of sun, through the church the song goes on.*

*Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: Three we name You, while in essence only One;
undivided God we claim You, and adoring, bend the knee while we own the mystery.*

*The Prayer of Confession (from *The Church of Scotland Book of Common Order*)

Merciful God, You made us in Your image, with a mind to know You, a heart to Love You, and a will to serve You. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete. Day by day we fail to grow into Your likeness, yet You are slow to be angry with Your children. For the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior, do not hold our sins against us, but in Your tender love, forgive ...(time for silent confession)... .

*The Assurance of Pardon

The bread of life God sends is the offering of the only begotten Son.

Whoever comes in Jesus Christ shall never be hungry; Whoever believes in him shall never thirst.

Believe the Good News of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven. Amen.

*The Gloria Patri (spoken)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: World without end. Amen.**

*The Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you!**
(Please exchange this ancient greeting with worshipers seated near you.
Please stand to greet one another in the name of Christ.)

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: *2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a*

The Epistle Lesson: *Ephesians 4:1-16*

The Anthem

One Faith, One Hope, One Lord

Craig Courtney

*One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which He died.
One voice, one song we lift in praise to Him who was and is and shall be evermore.
There is one body, one Spirit, as you were called to one hope.
One Lord, baptism and faith, one God and Father of all, Who is in you all.
Though we be many people, diverse with various gifts, we are given to each other
For the unity of faith, that we grow in the knowledge of the Son of God, in the fullness of Christ.*

The Gospel Lesson: *John 6:24-35*

p. 119 in the pew Bible

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

The Gift and The Grasp
Bruce Smith

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

The *Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of
the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended
into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the
right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the
forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we
forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE IN GOD'S NAME. . .

The Hymn 547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.

In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”

“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure. Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.

Here you heard my dear Son’s story, here you touched him, saw his glory.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”

“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me. Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.

Here my Spirit’s power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”

The Charge & Benediction

The Postlude

The Memorial Trumpet

Franklin Ritter

The Reverend Bruce Smith is an honorably retired ministry of the Presbytery of Northern New York. He is a graduate of Drew University, and Princeton Theological Seminary. His last parish was in Watertown, New York as Pastor of Stone Presbyterian Church. At Drew, he met his future wife, Elizabeth. They have moved out of the lake effect snow and live in the Celebrate community. Elizabeth serves as a Deacon here, and uses her talents in art and theatre in our community and town.

Announcements for July 28-August 4

Unreserved

As a young child growing up with 4 younger siblings, although I was the oldest, or perhaps because I was the oldest, I heard many reminders never to take more than I could eat at meals. This admonition to conserve and be modest in our portions served us well. But Jesus, for all the deprivation and limited means of people around him was frequently accused of being a glutton. (Especially in Matthew's Gospel with so many feasts and banquets.)

But in the stories of the miraculous feedings, he shows us a different value. The miracle of loaves and fishes invites us to feast, to indulge, to eat unreservedly. And it is underscored by the collection of scraps that remained after the amazing feeding.

You have been patient and cooperative in helping us plan for worship attendance throughout the months of the pandemic. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and consideration. Beginning this Sunday, August 1, we will no longer ask for advance reservations. We want to encourage you to come to worship unreservedly!

When you do come, notice that vaccinated persons are able to remove masks once in your pew. As a matter of courtesy and consideration of others, we do ask you to use face coverings while in the aisles. Although a large majority of the congregation has been vaccinated, vaccines are not yet available to children under 12. So please be courteous, charitable, and thoughtful when you interact with our children in the Sanctuary. And we know that some vaccinated persons will choose to wear masks in worship throughout the service. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Summer worship hours are 9:00 and 10:15 a.m., with nursery available at the 9:00 a.m. service.

See you in worship!

Blessings,

Allen



Weekly Meetings & Activities

- Wed. (7/28) — Meditation Group, 5:30pm (Library)
Contact Marsha Lockett (marshajlockett@gmail.com)
- Wed.-Sat. (7/25-31) — Montreat Youth Conference
- Sun. (8/1) — Worship, 9 & 10:15am (Sanct. & Youtube-9am)
Sacred Dance, 11:30am (Undercroft)
- Tues. (8/3) — Men's Breakfast Group, 7:30am (FH & Zoom)
Contact John Howe (jhowe1969@cox.net)
Fellowship Committee, 7pm (Conf. Rm)
- Wed. (8/4) — Meditation Group, 5:30pm (Library)
CE Committee, 6pm (Conf. Rm)

Church Family News:

Capsule of Concern: Doris Glidden, Doris Gulatsi, Bill Nix, Billie Plank, Jean Ravinsky, Irene Repanshek, Larry Repanshek, Gerry Smart, Pam Werner

Condolences to:

Kay Roscoe and family on the death of her husband, Richard, who died on July 25, 2021;
Ellie Crane and family on the death of her father, Vince Crane, who died on June 21, 2021.

Birthdays this week July 25-Aug 1

1. Elliott Farley, Mike O'Brien, Susan Frost
2. Chris Fisher, Lois Nixon, Patrick Foreman, Justin LeFebre, Ava Wright
3. Jacob Demarest, Rebecca Whitford
4. Paul Leimer, Daniel Whalen
5. Mary Jane King, Nita Deegan
6. Terrie Crawley, Allen Ramer, Bob Graff
8. Doris Miller, Evelyn Oplinger, Tricia McDaniel, John Conway

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, Aug. 1:

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12;
Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

Childcare is now available Sunday mornings during the 9:00 a.m. service. The cradle nursery and toddler room are staffed with paid, vaccinated workers and vaccinated volunteers. Social distancing and masks are not expected in this age group.

We multiple have slots open to volunteer in both the Cradle and Toddler nurseries. Please reach out to Paulla Loder paulla.loder@gmail.com or use the sign up genius links:

Cradle Nursery Room

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0448A8AC23A46-cradle1>

Toddler - 3 Year Old Room

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0448A8AC23A46-toddler>

For general nursery inquiries contact Michelle Porter porters_porters@yahoo.com.



We have all missed our Toddlers for Sunday Church School Bible Stories. To help bridge the gap, Lynn Simms along with our expert videographers Milton McNatt and Ed Foresman put together some **Bible Stories for toddlers on our Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church YouTube Channel**. Please enjoy these stories until we get to see you in person. Go to [Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church - YouTube](#). Or, go to our church website (fredericksburgpc.org); select Online Recording, then select Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church YouTube Channel (link is under TPCF Online Services in blue font). Then, select Playlists. Then select Bible Stories View Full Playlist and you select the story you want to see. There are 24 stories plus 1 Introduction.

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE. DONATE BLOOD.

We will be sponsoring our next blood drive with the American Red Cross on Tuesday August 24, from 1:00-7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Appointments are being taken now at redcrossblood.org. (sponsor code: FredericksburgPresbyterian) or 1-800 733-2767. It's safe, it's simple and it saves lives!!

For information, please contact Linda Benn, 540 370-1646 (lkbrab@verizon.net).

Volunteer: As we have occasion for more in-person gatherings, including memorial services, the Congregational Care Committee is looking for people willing to usher, prepare food, help set up, or clean up after receptions. Please let us know if we can add you to our list by getting in touch with Linda Benn, 540-370-1646, (lkbrab@verizon.net).



You are invited to celebrate **PW Gives Day** on July 31. A day to celebrate the many ways that Presbyterian Women give to witness to the promise of God's realm. PW Gives Day commemorates the founding of Presbyterian Women and the ongoing journey of PW-thecommunity that is PW and each individual woman who is PW! PW projects for 2021 include:

- Camp Hanover
- Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands
- Churchwide Presbyterian Women
- Church Women United (CWU)
- Youth Ministries, PoJ and Members of the Youth Council of PoJ
- Least Coin
- CARE
- Disaster Relief

You may give to PW on Gives Day either online at www.presbyterianwomen.org/ give or by mail to Presbyterian Women Inc., PO Box 643652, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3652. Please indicate annual fund and PWGDAY21 in the memo line of your check.

Mark your calendar for August 5, 2021 for **PW's Fall Gathering** via ZOOM. Please watch for more information and the link for this wonderful event.

Presbyterian Women Circles begin Meeting

September marks the beginning of the year for the PW Bible Study. Many of our Circles use the Horizons study course. This title of this year's series is "What My Grandmothers Taught Me," *Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus*, by Merryl Blair. Does that title strike a chord in your memory? It did for me.

If you are not in a Circle, please join one for this dynamic study. A list of Circles and contact information can be found at <http://fredericksburgpc.org/ministries/the-presbyterian-women>.

Of course, individuals may order this wonderful study guide at any time. Ordering is easy! Shop on line at www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop. Or call 800/533-4371, Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (cost \$19.95 which includes five issues of the very informative magazine along with the study guide.) Some Circles discount this cost.

For more information and an overview of the study to www.presbyterianwomen.org/horizons