

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

July 18, 2021

9:00 and 10:15 a.m.

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING. . .

The Prelude *Jesus Is All the World to Me* arr. Edward Broughton

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit *I Love Thy Kingdom Lord*

The Call to Worship (from *Ephesians 2*) Macon Fino, liturgist

You are no longer strangers and aliens, but members of the household of God.

We are built upon the foundation with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.

In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple.

In the Lord we are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

The Prayer of Praise

O God of promise, Who in Christ assembled the alienated and the excluded into the folds of Your compassion, we give You praise for Your redeeming grace. You break down dividing walls of hostility, and fill us with Your Spirit of reconciling love. You set our feet firmly on the foundation of Your goodness, and impart to us wisdom that enlightens our days. You are God, who indeed promises new life to all. Praise be to You - Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer of all. Amen.

The Hymn 321 *The Church's One Foundation*

(vv 1, 2, & 5)

*The church's one Foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord. She is his new creation by water and the word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.*

*Elect from every nation yet one o'er all the earth, her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.*

*Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.*

*The Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, Your steadfast love endures forever. We confess that we act as if we are in control, as if You will bless whatever we do. If we think of others at all, it is with an eye toward their usefulness to us. If we consider Your creation, it is to ponder what benefits us. We have failed to show Your love or to do justice in obedience to You. We have no right to be called Your children. Have mercy on us, God of grace. Lord, have mercy. Forgive our sins, we humbly pray ... (time for silent confession) Put the mind of Christ within us, O God, so that our lives take the form of a cross. Use us to break down walls of hostility within the church, among the nations, and around the world. Equip us to do Your will, giving You glory, honor, and praise together with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

Our Lord Jesus gives us rest and peace.

Our Master's touch heals us, and his shed blood is our salvation.

Believe the Good News of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Alleluia! 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

(from *Ephesians 1:7, 13*)

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you!**

(Please stand to greet one another in the name of Christ. For those worshipping at home,
please share Christ's peace with someone outside Your home this week.)

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: *2 Samuel 7:1-14a*

The Anthem

Consider the Lilies

Roger Hoffman/Laurence Lyon

The Epistle Lesson: *Ephesians 2:11-22*

A Moment with the Children

The Gospel Lesson: *Mark 6:30-34, 53-56*

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

The Sermon

Teaching Shepherd
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

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 the People

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 269

Lead On, O King Eternal!

*Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come; Henceforth in fields of conquest Your tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation Your grace has made us strong, and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.*

*Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease, and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;
for not with swords' loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums;
with deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.*

*Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears; for gladness breaks like morning where'er Your face appears;
Your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light. The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!*

The Charge & Benediction

The Postlude

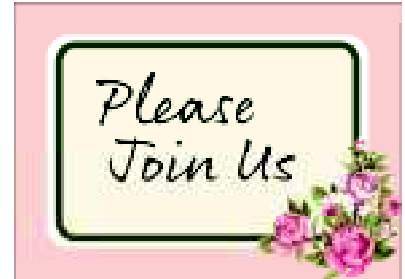
Sometimes a Light Surprises

arr. William Barnett

Announcements for July 14-21

Session is excited and pleased to announce that Brittany Harvey, Jen Rowe, and Erik Snader have joined our church staff as Coordinators for Faith Formation. Brittany's ministry will focus on Volunteer Recruitment and Connection; Jen's ministry will focus on Leadership Training and Development; Erik's ministry will focus on Youth Programming and Social Media. Together, these three individuals will cultivate and encourage intentional practices of shared community. With their leadership, we will flourish through experiences of learning, serving, playing and growing together in the ways Jesus Christ modeled and taught.

We hope you will join us in welcoming each of these individuals to their new roles, as well as praying for them and the entire congregation as we enter a new phase of Faith Formation. Stay tuned for more information, including opportunities to greet and become better acquainted with Brittany, Jen, and Erik.



Please plan to join us on Sunday July 25, for **celebration of Brittany's ministry with us** will include a reception after each service. If you plan to make a contribution to her appreciation gift from the congregation, please send or bring it to the church office soon and mark checks with AP Gift.

Weekly Meetings & Activities

- Wed. (7/14) — Meditation Group, 5:30pm (Library)
Contact Marsha Lockett (marshajlockett@gmail.com)
- Wed.— Fri. (7/14-16) — Vacation Bible School, 9am
- Fri. (7/16) — Memorial Service for Debra Myers 1pm (Sanct.)
- Sun. (7/18) — Worship, 9 & 10:15am (Sanct. & Youtube-9am)
Sacred Dance, 11:30am (Undercroft)
- Mon. (7/19) — Mission Committee, 7pm (zoom)
- Tues. (7/20) — Men's Breakfast Group, 7:30am (FH & Zoom)
Contact John Howe (jhowe1969@cox.net)
- Wed. (7/21) — Meditation Group, 5:30pm (Library)
C.E. Committee, 6pm (Conf. Room)

Birthdays this week July 18-25

- 18. Josh Rehm, Adelaide Stevens, Holly Saunders, Kierstin Schneider, Jo Smiley
- 19. Adam Dowling, Ellie Cox, Matthew Rembisz
- 20. Joe Mathias
- 21. Sydney Coffman, Mallory Veil, Penny Vaughn, Steve Eubank
- 22. Jim Gillespie, Chauncey Kutz, Piper Foresman, Sue Grussendorf, Ben King, Ralph Hughes, Michele Coffman, Nicholas Kallay
- 23. Suzi Bevan
- 25. Reid Schattgen, David Wright, Cheryl Page, David Samson, Susie Kuliasha, Julie Chewning



Church Family News:

Capsule of Concern: Hattie Bingham, Doris Glidden, Doris Gulatsi, James Lockett, Billie Plank, Jean Ravinsky, Irene Repanshek, Larry Repanshek, Pam Werner

Our heartfelt **Christian love and sympathies** are extended to Dorian Myers and family and friends on the death of his wife, Debra, who died on July 9, 2021. A **Memorial service for Debra** will be held on Friday, July 16, at 1:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary with a reception following in the Fellowship Hall.

Lacey Virginia Sarver was born on July 8, 2021. Her parents are Erin and Steven Sarver, and her grandparents are Ginger and Scott Bushman.

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, July 18:

2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37;
Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

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.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with this important service please use the sign up genius links or reach out to Paulla Loder paulla.loder@gmail.com. General nursery inquiries can go to Michelle Porter porters_porters@yahoo.com.

Cradle Nursery Room

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

Toddler - 3 Year Old Room

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



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.

POJ PW News

The POJ Presbyterian Women Planning Team is busy planning a Fall Gathering; the date and location will be announced soon.

The new POJ PW officers are:

Kathy Peebles, Chester, Moderator
Barbara Glenn, Richmond, Secretary
Sally Beal, Blackstone, Treasurer
Sharon Moser, Fredericksburg, Historian
Barbara Gary, Manassas, Spiritual Faith and Development Coordinator
Evalyn Page, Richmond, Resource Coordinator
Linda Smiley, Culpeper, Missions Coordinator
Patricia Langfitt, Fredericksburg, Area 7 Coordinator

Two positions, Vice Moderator and Newsletter Coordinator for "Spotlighting" are vacant. If you would like to be considered for these important positions, please contact Sharon Moser, 540-786-2661, (slmhorsewm@aol.com).

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

SAVE THE DATE and plan to join us for our next **Blood Drive** on August 24, from 1:00 – 7:00p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Appointments are being taken now at redcrossblood.org. (Enter FredericksburgPresbyterian for the sponsor code) or 800 733-2767. For more information, please contact Linda Benn, 540 370-1646, lkbrab@verizon.net.

