

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

## *The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost*

July 25, 2021

9:00 and 10:15 a.m.

\*All who are able may stand.

**Bold type spoken by the congregation**

### GATHERING. . .

The Prelude

*Gratitude*

Edvard Grieg, arr. Thomas Chesterton

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

The Call To Worship (from *Ephesians 3*)

Mary Katherine Greenlaw, liturgist

May you have power to comprehend, with all the saints,  
what is the breadth and length and depth of God's love.

**We come, seeking to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge;  
we come, seeking to be filled with all the fullness of God.**

Now to the One Who is able to accomplish  
far more than all we can ask or imagine,  
**to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus  
to all generations, forever and ever.**

The Prayer of Adoration

**O God, Your glory flows through all generations. You hear the cries of the needy, and do no wait for us to call before coming to our aid. While we were still lost in our brokenness and sin, You came to us, lived among us, died our death, and rose to lead us into life. Your grace is higher than the farthest star; Your peace is deeper than our greatest emptiness; Your love spans the abyss of death; Your hope stretches into all eternity. And so, we come to worship, to offer You our devotion and love, our thanksgiving and praise, for you alone are worthy. Praise be to You, the One eternal God – Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.**

\*The Hymn 401

*Here in This Place*

(vv 1 & 3)

*Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away;  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.*

*Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
Call to us now and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of new birth.*

*Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.*

*Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you;*

*Nourish us well and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.*

\*The Prayer of Confession

**Compassionate Christ, You have shown Your love in the works of healing, forgiveness, and justice, and by giving Yourself to us and for us, in Your death and resurrection. Yet we are slow to love and to serve; we seek to have our own needs met before caring for the needs of others; we fail to give ourselves, and choose instead to preserve our safety, our comfort and our privilege. Forgive us for hoarding life that only grows when shared, for taking love when love is made for giving. Forgive us, heal us, and teach us to live lives of compassion following Your example ...(time for silent confession)...**

\*The Assurance of Pardon

Jesus, in extravagant compassion, has already secured our forgiveness.

Receive this grace, and share it.

**We will rejoice and give God glory,  
for in Jesus Christ we 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

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

**Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from Your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.**

The Old Testament Lesson: *2 Samuel 11:1-15*

The Anthem

*Give Me Jesus*

Larry L. Fleming

*O, when I am alone, O, when I am alone, O, when I am alone, give me Jesus.  
Give me Jesus, give me Jesus, You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.  
O, when I come to die, O, when I come to die, O, when I come to die, give me Jesus.  
And when I want to sing, and when I want to sing, and when I want to sing, give me Jesus.*

The Epistle Lesson: *Ephesians 3:14-21*

The Gifts of Appreciation

The Gospel Lesson: *John 6:1-21*

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

The Sermon

*Rooted and Grounded*  
Brittany Tamminga

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

\*The *Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

TO CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT. . .

The Presbyterian Church welcomes and invites everyone - children and adults - baptized in the name of Jesus Christ to come to The Table of the Lord and participate in The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

\*The Hymn of Preparation 497

*Bread of Life from Heaven*

(vv 1 & 3)

*Refrain: Bread of life from heaven, your blood and body given,  
We eat this bread and drink this cup until you come again.*

*Break now the bread of Christ's sacrifice; giving thanks, hungry ones, gather round.  
Eat, all of you, and be satisfied; in Christ's presence the loaves will abound. (Refrain)*

*Love as the One who, in love for you, gave himself for the life of the world.  
Come to the One who is food for you, that your hunger and thirst be no more. (Refrain)*

*Dwell in the One who now dwells in you; make your home in the life-giving Word.  
Know only Christ, holy One of God, and believe in the truth you have heard. (Refrain)*

The Invitation

The Call To Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

...we sing the ageless hymn of Your glory:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**  
**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

...According to his commandment:  
**We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.**

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.**

The Communion

(You are invited to partake of the elements as you receive them with reverent meditation.)

The Prayer After Communion

**O God You have so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us. Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills, and our works as a continual thank offering to You; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

The Hymn 509

*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*  
*All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.*  
*Come from wilderness and wandering. Here in truth we will be fed.*  
*You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.*  
*Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.*  
*All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.*  
*Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.*  
*We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.*  
*Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.*  
*All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.*  
*Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.*  
*Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.*  
*Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.*

The Charge & Benediction

The Postlude

*Let the Trumpet Sound!*

Lani Smith

# Announcements for July 21-28

## **Farewell & Thanks**

*"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."*

As I have reflected these past months on my time with this congregation, Paul's words from Philippians have become my own.

I praise God for the years which we have shared together. I have known your love and your patience. You have ministered to me as I have sought to minister to you. You have been my teacher as I have sought to be yours. I thank you for the kindness, the compassion, the trust, and the support shown to me and my family during my ministry among you.

Since the announcement of my move, I have been overwhelmed by your show of care and expressions of appreciation. You've shared memories of times together, often intimate moments, and thanked me for my service. It has been a humbling and gratifying experience to think back with you over the past six years together.

As I prepare to depart Fredericksburg, my prayer is this: May the One, whose everlasting love for all is trustworthy, help each of us to trust the future which rests in God's care, until that time to come when we are completely one with you and with each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God be with you,  
*Brittany*



## **Weekly Meetings & Activities**

- Wed. (7/21) — Meditation Group, 5:30pm (Library)  
Contact Marsha Luckett ([marshajluckett@gmail.com](mailto:marshajluckett@gmail.com))  
C.E. Committee, 6pm (Conf. Room)
- Thur. (7/22) — Adult Choir, 7:30pm (Choir Rm.)
- Sun. (7/25) — Worship, 9 & 10:15am (Sanct. & Youtube-9am)  
Farewell Reception, 9:50 & 11:15am (Church Lawn)  
Sacred Dance, 11:30am (Undercroft)
- Sun-Sat. (7/25-31) — Montreat Youth Conference
- Tues. (7/20) — Men's Breakfast Group, 7:30am (FH & Zoom)  
Contact John Howe ([jhowe1969@cox.net](mailto:jhowe1969@cox.net))
- Wed. (7/21) — Meditation Group, 5:30pm (Library)

## **Birthdays this week July 25-Aug 1**

25. Reid Schattgen, David Wright, Cheryl Page,  
avid Samson, Susie Kuliasha, Julie Chewning
26. Gaye Copley, Carol Mayer
27. Maggie Wilder, Pearl Miller, Elizabeth Hamlett
29. Karen Duffy, Nancy Brandon, Annie Pates
30. Noah Adams, William Oplinger,  
Megan King, Willard Raines
31. Julian Cadger, Scarlett Joel,  
William Demarest



Please plan to join us on Sunday July 25, for **celebration of Brittany's ministry with us** which will include a reception after each service.

## **Church Family News:**

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



A special 2-part **Storied** Episode honoring Rev. Allen Fisher's 25 years of ministry here has become available on our Church's YouTube Channel. On behalf of the staff and former staff, Thank you Rev. Fisher for your leadership and service in our community.

## Lectionary Readings for Sunday, July 25:

2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14;  
Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

**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](mailto:paulla.loder@gmail.com). General nursery inquiries can go to Michelle Porter [porters\\_porters@yahoo.com](mailto: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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...). Or, go to our church website ([fredericksburgpc.org](http://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.

**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](http://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](mailto:lkbrab@verizon.net).

**Volunteer:** As 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](mailto:lkbrab@verizon.net)).

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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/](http://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.

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### 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](http://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](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/horizons)