

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

August 2, 2020

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING. . .

The Prelude

Love of the Father
based on Song 22 by Orlando Gibbons

arr. David Paxton

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

Arise, Your Light is Come

The Call To Worship

Macon Fino, liturgist

The Prayer of Adoration

Loving God, You are our creator and sustainer. Your generosity floods the world with goodness and You shower creation with abundance. When You open Your hand, You satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing. Through dreams and visions, You broaden the horizon and hope of Your people, and lead us to discover the meaning of Your covenant, even in the midst of trial and exile. Gracious God, every generous act we embody comes from the grace You bestow upon us. We bow down before You, as our ancestors have done before us, in praise and adoration of Your gracious Name. Glory be to You, the One eternal God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Hymn

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of God's grace!
The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.

*The Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God, in Your presence we confess our failure to be what You created us to be. You created us to receive Your blessing and give Your blessings to others, but we act as if we would run out of Your love if we were to offer it to each other. We imagine that we have Your ways all figured out, and so we reject or ignore those who see You differently. We accumulate goods for ourselves, forgetting that You intend for us to share and celebrate. In Your mercy, forgive us ... (time for silent confession) ... Name us as Your people again, and restore us to Your favor, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News: God's mercy is plentiful, and God's grace is abundant.
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!
(For those worshipping in the Sanctuary, please be careful to maintain adequate distance as you exchange this ancient greeting with worshipers seated near you.
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: *Genesis 32:22-31*

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 17:1-7, 15*

The Anthem

Come to the Water

John Foley/Jack Schrader, arr.

*O let all who thirst; let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord: Without money, without price.
Why should you pay the price? Except for the Lord?
And let all who seek; let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord: Without money, without strife.
Why should you spend your life? Except for the Lord?
And let all who toil; let them come to the water.
And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord: All who labor without rest.
How can your soul find rest? Except for the Lord?
And let all the poor; let them come to the water.
Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord.
Bring the children, without might, easy the load and light. Come to the Lord.*

The Epistle Lesson: *Romans 9:1-5*

The Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 14:13-21*

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

The Sermon

What's in a Miracle?
Brittany Tamminga

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 816

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

*If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hopeful heart through all thy ways,
God will give strength, whate'er betide thee, to bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the rock that nought can move.*

*Only be still, and wait God's leisure in cheerful hope, with heart content
to take what e'er thy Keeper's pleasure and all-discerning love hath sent.
No doubt our inmost wants are clear to One who holds us always dear.*

*Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, but do thine own part faithfully.
Trust the rich promises of grace; so shall they be fulfilled in thee.
God never yet forsook at need the soul secured by trust indeed.*

The Charge & Benediction

The Postlude

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing
tune: *Sonne Der Gerechtigkeit, 1566*

Gerhard Krapf

Announcements for - August 2-9

Thanks...

Many thanks to all participated in the congregational survey to measure your comfort level and concerns in returning to the Sanctuary and Church grounds. Your feedback is appreciated as we continue explore what it might look like to return to in-person worship services. Session will review the information and responses gathered from the survey at their meeting on August 9.

If you haven't yet responded, there is still time! Complete the survey online: <https://forms.gle/WxSYRm86MvLYVgFu9> or print the included in these announcements and returned to the Church Office. Thank you for your input and your continued support and prayers for the ministry and mission we share.

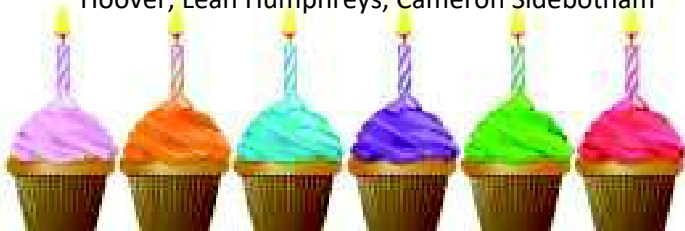
Blessings to you and yours in Christ!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays this week August 2-9

2. Chris Fisher, Patrick Foreman, Lois Nixon, Ava Wright
3. Jacob Demarest, Caroline Noxon, Francesca Poudrier, Rebecca Whitford
4. Paul Leimer, Daniel Whalen
5. Patrick Catullo, Nita Deegan, Mary Jane King
6. Terrie Crawley, Bob Graff
7. John Gaines
8. John Conway, Tricia McDaniel, Doris Miller, Evelyn Oplinger
9. Jeannette Gibbons, Lizzie Hamlett, Jackie Hollister, Ali Hoover, Leah Humphreys, Cameron Sidebotham



Lectionary Readings for Sunday, August 9:

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b;
Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

Church Family News:

Capsule of Concern: Donn Langfitt, Karla Lewis Debra Myers, Billie Plank

New address for Billie Plank:

Noah's Landing
101 W. Otter Ridge Dr.
Goode, VA 24556

Getting Involved Through Service and Mission

Thanks to all those who have volunteered to help with the School Feeding Program. We have slots to be filled if you would like to volunteer. The food distribution site is at the Weston Circle Apartment Complex (100 Weston Ln) from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. We are looking for two volunteers per day (or one family unit). Please use the following link to sign-up or be in touch with Carol Campbell, 352-372-5227.

CORRECTED LINK: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044ba5a822a2fc1-school>

Since our **Food Pantry's** temporary closing due to issues related the coronavirus pandemic, we have shifted our efforts to help support the good work of our siblings in Christ at Fredericksburg United Methodist Church, as they continue to distribute food to neighbors in need. If you are interested in joining these efforts, please be in touch with Sherman Brown at (540) 226-3295.

Good news to report! The Interfaith Community Council and The Salvation Army are partnering to provide clothing and other items normally given out at the annual **School Dressing Days** event, which was cancelled for this year. Our filled bins have been moved to their new office space on Lafayette Boulevard (near the thrift shop) and they will give out items on Wednesdays and Fridays, similar to a food pantry. Details are being finalized but they plan to begin on August 12. Volunteers will likely be needed. We will restock items through the fall as needed. We will continue collecting soap, deodorant, shampoo and full size toothpaste. Boys L and XL boxer/briefs, men's M and L boxer/briefs, and teen girls (adult sized, not brief style) underwear size 5,6,7, & 8 are also in low supply.

Monetary donations can be made to Interfaith Community Council, memo School Dressing Days and mailed to P.O. Box 1336, Fredericksburg, 22402. Your ongoing support is so appreciated. Families will really need help this year and both The Interfaith Community Council and The Salvation Army organizations are excited to come together to help families in need.

The next **Community "Dinner"** is Saturday, August 15. If you would like to contribute individually bagged salads or brownies, or you would like to help deliver meal (most likely pizza) to Micah guests who are staying in local motels, contact Karen Johnson, ksjohnson422@msn.com, (540) 621-5685



We are holding an **urgent food drive** for families in our community who are lacking food and the means to get to our area food bank and charitable pantries. Many are immigrants who arrived in our area shortly before the COVID shutdown and are learning to adjust to our area, our culture, and our society. These families have been identified through the Fredericksburg School System as particularly in need of help. Please prepare a food box/bag for a family (recommended contents are below). Don't worry about the amount of food. More is better, but some is better than none. You may decorate the box and you may include a note if you are feel moved to do so. Drop off your box at the Education Building on Friday, July 31, or Monday, August 3, between 9:00 a.m. and noon.

RECOMMENDED CONTENTS (Non-perishable only, please):

Pasta; Canned Tomato Sauce, Fruits and Vegetables; Rice ; Sugar; Oil; Flour; Cereal; Beans; Tea/Coffee; Soups; Peanut Butter; Jelly or Fruit Preserves; Instant Potatoes.

For families currently living in motels microwavable items are needed. We have 15 families from Afghanistan with dietary restrictions. They cannot eat any items that contain pork or gelatin products.

Please, feel free to include other types of non-perishables.

Furthering the Conversation: Resources to Engage Issues of Race

WATCH: ***CBS News Analysis: 50 states, 50 different ways of teaching America's past***, Ibram X. Kendi reviews current history curriculum production and use across the U.S. (5 minutes)

READ: ***What White Children Need to Know About Race***, by Ali Michael and Elenora Bartoli

LISTEN: ***TED Radio Hour – Mary Bassett: How Does Racism Affect Your Health?*** host Guy Raz speaks with Dr. Mary T. Bassett, Director of the FXB Center for Health and Human Rights at Harvard University

Thank for your faithful support of our ongoing ministries. Please send your checks to the church office or give online through our website www.fredericksburgpc.org.

Scam Alert: Recently there has been a rash of 'phishing' emails sent to members of the congregation. They are attempts to connect, pretending to be from one of our pastors, members of the congregation or other people you may know. Scammers are not just limiting their attempt to steal our money or personal information to fraudulent email, they also use other forms of social media (FaceBook). So trust what you know and suspect the rest. Pause, do your research and think twice before you click. Note: Official communication and church emails come only from our @fredericksburgpc.org domain address. If you receive emails purporting to be from church staff with a different domain address (i.e. @gmail.com) please DO NOT REPLY, and DO NOT CLICK ANY LINKS. What sounds too good to be true usually is.

Our **Presbyterian Church sponsored summer Red Cross Blood Drive** will be on Tuesday, August 4, from 1:00-7:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Extensive precautions are implemented at each and every Red Cross Drive to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. Safety for every individual is at the center of all donations. Some steps being implemented include requiring masks be worn by all participants (workers included), sanitation of all areas touched and used by the people who make the wonderful choice to give their blood in order to save three lives. Please consider donating blood to the American Red Cross. Volunteers are needed for coordinator and registration help. Also, the Red Cross **will be testing for COVID-19 antibodies at the blood drive.** This test is being offered as an additional service on all completed blood donations. The antibody test is authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and will indicate if the immune system has produced antibodies to the coronavirus, regardless of whether symptoms were present. This test is not to diagnose current symptoms, referred to as a diagnostic

test. Results of your antibody test will be available in your Blood Donor App, or in your donor profile on RedCrossBlood.org about one week after your donation. To be a part of this life saving mission, register online at Redcrossblood.org; search for the sponsor code: FredericksburgPresbyterian. We highly encourage you to complete your RapidPass® pre-donation questionnaire before you come to the blood drive. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Benn via email lkrab@verizon.net, or phone 540-370-1646, before 9:00 p.m.



—STAYING— CONNECTED

Now on our **YouTube Channel: Storied**, a video series of **The Presbyterian Church**, as well as additional resources for young families. Subscribe to the channel for the latest updates, using the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIJ5e8hmZeE2K-SAtfjoWpA>

Weekly Worship

Recordings of our weekly worship service are available on our YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIJ5e8hmZeE2K-SAtfjoWpA>) or go to our website: www.fredericksburgpc.org and click on the video recording button on the right side of the page.

Summer Offerings for Christian Education

Faith and Art, Images of Jesus - A six-week Zoom class begins Sunday, July 12, at 9:45 a.m., led by David Johnson, Debe Garrison, and Mary Szymanski. Art that depict various representations of Christ will be displayed and used as a jumping off point for discussions of how we imagine Jesus theologically, historically and culturally. Class participants will be able to submit depictions of Christ and share how they are meaningful to them. Contact David Johnson (tomten46@msn.com), if you are planning to attend so we can create a backup email list.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/71567819287?pwd=YTV4ZzBZZ051T2Jobncram56RmdPZz09>

Meeting ID: 715 6781 9287; Password: 8WzVW1;

Faith and Movie Class will resume this Sunday, Aug 2, when the movie will be **Castaway** (2000). Next Sunday, August 9, the movie will be **Finding Forrester**. This class meets on Sunday mornings from 9:45 to 10:00 a.m., via Zomm. The Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84012359434>.

Sowing Tears, Reaping Joy: The Bible and Brahms' Requiem - Follow this famous requiem on a tour of Biblical prompts about death, grief, the brevity of life, and faith for here and hereafter. Through music and Scripture, we move from graveside to grieving, from the challenges of self-reflection to new perspectives and hope beyond. This class will meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m., beginning July 1. To participate in this study, please email Larry and Mary Ann Casey (lmacasey@fredericksburgpc.org), for the Zoom link.

Weekly Zoom Meetings

Men's Breakfast Group, Tuesday, 7:30 a.m. Contact John Howe (jhowe1969@cox.net) for the Zoom link.

Meditation Group, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Contact Marsha Lockett (lucyett@juno.com) for the Zoom link.

Women's Bible Study, Thursday, 9:30 a.m. Contact Marsha Lockett (lucyett@juno.com) for the Zoom link.

The Presbyterian Church in Fredericksburg, Virginia, is planning to resume in-person worship services by the fall. Session has required that all members and visitors wear masks on church grounds and in the sanctuary, and safety ushers will direct people where to sit to maintain appropriate social distancing. Total available seating will not exceed 50% capacity of the main floor.

We will continue to offer live-stream and recorded versions of the service to those who prefer to participate from home.

To help us determine interest and concerns, Session and staff ask that you please complete this short survey by July 26.

Which best describes your attitude about reopening in-person worship?

- I'm ready to come back.
- I'd be more comfortable continuing to watch online.
- I'm undecided.

In addition to guidance from government and healthcare officials, are there other signals you want to see before participating in person at Sunday worship? (check all that apply)

- We should open fully now.
- Schools should be open.
- Restaurants/bars should be fully open.
- Other downtown congregations should be resuming worship in-person.
- There should be wide availability of a vaccine.
- There should be a continual decline in regional COVID-19 cases.
- Other – (write in)

If in-person services resume, would you be willing to send your children to in-person church school on Sunday mornings?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe
- Not applicable

If in-person services resume, would you be willing to teach in-person church school on Sunday mornings?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

Have you been part of any ongoing virtual church school class?

- I didn't know about the option.
- I know about the option but haven't attended.
- I've been at least once.
- I'm a regular attendee.

How frequently have you viewed and participated in our online recorded services?

You can watch services here: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIJ5e8hmZeE2K-SAtfjoWpA?view_as=subscriber

- I didn't know there were online services.
- I knew there are online services, but I haven't watched them.
- I tune in occasionally.
- I'm a regular watcher.

Have you been able to continue your support of our ministries and mission during the quarantine? (Check all that apply.)

- I have been unable to provide financial support to the church.
- I have given online.
- I have mailed check(s).
- I would like to give online, but need help with the process.
- I am waiting for in-person services to resume.

You can mail checks to: *Presbyterian Church, 810 Princess Anne St. Fredericksburg, VA 22401*

You can give online <https://secure.accessacs.com/access/oglogin.aspx?sn=90894>

If you have questions, please email the office at cjforsing@fredericksburgpc.org