

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 11, 2021

9:00 and 10:15 a.m.

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING. . .

The Prelude

Largo

Daniel Purcell

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine

The Call To Worship

We worship God with song and dance,
singing God's praise and shouting for joy.
We worship God with silence and sighs,
Grieving for loss and longing for comfort.
We worship God with prayers and hands,
praying for healing and working for peace.
We gather in-person and apart to create a sabbath space.
and worship the God Who gives life,

The Prayer of Adoration

O God, we worship and praise You for Your gift of redemption. In Christ You chose us before the world was created. You sent him to cleanse us of all our unrighteousness. He sacrificed himself for us that we should be blameless. Your Grace surrounds us, and Your Peace dwells within us. Through Christ, who calls us and names us as Your chosen people, we gather to praise You for Your wondrous Grace. All glory be to You, the One Eternal God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The Hymn 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

*Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!*

*Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?*

*Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for aye we adore him.*

*The Prayer for Confession

Brittany Harvey, liturgist

We are neither holy nor blameless, O God, holy and pure. Instead, we have tried to be like everybody else. Our lives bear the blemishes of not trusting You. We rely on appearances to pass for goodness. We find scapegoats among those who fall in to public error while we wander in our own wilderness of heart-deep sin. Forgive us Lord when we keep our lives just loud enough to drown Your call. Forgive us Lords, when we keep our days just busy enough to convince ourselves that we have a righteous excuse. We know that You call Your people to lives of service and works of justice—and so often we have fallen short. Have mercy on us in Christ's Name... (time for silent confession)...

*The Assurance of Pardon

According to the riches of his grace, which God has lavished upon us
and sealed for us by the promised Holy Spirit,
we rejoice in the goodness of God!

And we proclaim the great Good News of the Gospel:
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

The Old Testament Lesson: *2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19*

The Anthem *It Is Well with My Soul*

Tom Fettke, arr.

The Epistle Lesson: *Ephesians 1:3-14*

A Moment with the Children

The Gospel Lesson: *Mark 6:14-29*

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

The Sermon

Picking Parties
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

*The Affirmation of Faith

A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the water of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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 374

O Holy City, Seen of John

*O holy city seen of John, where Christ, the Lamb, does reign,
Within whose four-square walls shall come no might, no need, nor pain,
And where the tears are wiped from eyes that shall not weep again!*

*Give us, O God, the strength to build the city that has stood
Too long a dream; whose laws are love, whose ways are servanthood,
And where the sun that shines becomes your grace for human good.*

Already in the mind of God that city rises fair.

*Lo, how its splendor challenges the souls that greatly dare,
And bids us seize the whole of life and build its glory there.*

The Charge & Benediction

The Postlude

Toccatina

Franklin Ritter

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Announcements for July 7-14

Change in Health and Safety Protocols

Since the beginning of the Pandemic, Session has been following the guidance of the CDC, the Rappahannock Area Health District, as well as our own convictions for keeping our community safe and healthy.

Beginning this Sunday, July 11, we will no longer require masks to be worn indoors during worship for people who are fully vaccinated. We do ask that appropriate distancing continue to be observed and masks continue to be worn as you enter and exit the Sanctuary. People who are not yet fully vaccinated or are immunocompromised should still wear masks indoors, in keeping with guidance from the CDC. Additionally, anyone who is not comfortable being unmasked indoors should feel free to continue to wear a mask.

We're excited to take this next step with you in safely returning to life as "normal" and hope to see you live in person with us for worship soon!

Grace and peace,
Brittany



Weekly Meetings & Activities

- Thurs. (7/8) — Choir, 7:30pm (Choir Room)
- Sun. (7/11) — Worship, 9 & 10:15am (Sanct. & Youtube-9am)
Sacred Dance, 11:30am (Undercroft)
- Mon.— Fri. (7/12-16) — Vacation Bible School, 9am
- Tues. (7/13) — Men's Breakfast Group, 7:30am (FH & Zoom)
Contact John Howe (jhowe1969@cox.net)
- Wed. (7/14) — Meditation Group, 5:30pm (Library)
Contact Marsha Lockett (marshajlockett@gmail.com)

Church Family News:

Capsule of Concern: Doris Glidden, Doris Gulatsi, Mary Lowman, James Lockett, Shirley Kutz, Billie Plank, Irene Repanshek, Larry Repanshek, Pam Werner

Last Sunday, July 4, the **Sacrament of Baptism** was celebrated for Dylan Adam Nelen, born November 14, 2009. Dylan is the son of Adam and Carole Nelen.

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, July 11:

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24;
Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29



There is still time to climb aboard for mountains of fun at **Rocky Railway!** Join us this Monday July 12, through Friday July 16, from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Register or volunteer at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/7710ec>. Any questions please contact Robin Joel.

Birthdays this week July 11-18

11. Ann Harry, Annette Richards, Althea Harvey
13. Clyde Bentley, Erma Baker, Jackson Stevens
14. Marnie Schattgen
15. Bob Harry, Greg Cox, Kim Baker
16. Meg Bohmke
17. Ann Glover, Nancy Raines, Christopher Hall, Michael Wimberly
18. Josh Rehm, Adelaide Stevens, Holly Saunders, Kierstin Schneider, Jo Smiley



The nursery for 9:00 Worship Services is re-opening July 11, for babies through 3- year-old children. Two rooms (Cradle and Toddler-3-year-old) will each be staffed with vaccinated workers, understanding social distancing is not possible with young children. They will be open 8:45-10:00 each Sunday. If you have questions, please reach out to Michelle Porter, nursery coordinator, 540-424-7886 (porters_porters@yahoo.com).

Volunteers will be needed in these nursery rooms. If you are interested in serving in this important way over the summer and/or in the fall when nursery services expand, please contact Paulla Loder, volunteer nursery coordinator, 540-379-5296 (Paulla.Loder@gmail.com).

A "Summer Cheer" project for the month of July, has been organized by Katie Fidler and the Mary Washington Healthcare Hospice, Palliative, and Grief Support Services.



We will be collecting donations that will be put in gift bags and given to hospice care patients to brighten their day! We have a collection bin in the Education Building Lobby for your donations.

Items needed for the gift bags: Personal hygiene

products including: washcloths, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, shaving cream, manicure kits, toothbrush, toothpaste, mouth wash, chapstick; Large print books including

crossword puzzles, word searches, etc.; Soaps and lotions – A&D cream, hand lotion, cuticle cream; Blankets, throws, shawls, or anything to keep them warm; Diabetic socks, Fuzzy socks, Slippers; Games/puzzles/playing cards; Pens, markers, highlighters; Denture adhesive, cleanser; Instant coffee; Tissues, baby wipes; Band-Aids; Stationary; Stuffed animals; Flashlight; Air freshener
For more information, contact Katie Fidler 540-656-0057 (katie@fidlernet.com).

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, lkrab@verizon.net.

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

