

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

July 4, 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 *Fanfare on "National Hymn"* arr. Stanley E. Saxton

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit *My Country, Tis of Thee*

The Call To Worship (from *Psalms 48*) Suzi Bevan, liturgist

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God.

God's holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth.

We ponder Your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of Your temple.

Your Name, O God, like Your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth.

Tell the next generation that this is our God.

God will be our Guide forever.

The Prayer of Adoration

O God, source of all beauty and goodness, Your grace comes fresh every morning. In each new day You give us light. We praise You for Your never-failing love that satisfies our needs and shows us the way to follow. We rejoice in Your constant care, for You are faithful in love for all people, offering the world salvation through Jesus Christ, in Whose Name we worship and pray. Amen.

The Hymn 81

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God.

God whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for a blest abode.

On the rock of ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?

With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear

For a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near.

*Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna which God gives them when they pray.*

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,

Well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.

Who can faint while such a river ever flows, their thirst to assuage?

Grace, so like the lord the giver, never fails from age to age.

*The Prayer of Confession

God of justice, in baptism You anointed us to live boldly in the reality of Your coming kingdom. We confess that we have not fulfilled our calling. We have not used Your power to serve our neighbors. We have walked away from oppression and injustice. We have turned our backs on Your beloved children who hunger and thirst in a world of plenty... (time for silent confession)... . Forgive us, Lord. Make us courageous servants of Your justice, peace, and wholeness, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News! God's grace is all you need.

Divine power comes to full strength in our weakness.

Friends, believe the Good News!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

*The Gloria Patri (spoken)

**Glorify 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 5:1-5,9-10*

The Anthem

Zion's Walls

Aaron Copland/Koponen

The Epistle Lesson: *2 Corinthians 12:2-10*

A Moment With the Children

The Sacrament of Baptism (9:00 a.m.)

*The *Apostles' Creed*

The Baptism

The Welcome

**With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church
to share with us in His ministry, for we are all one in Christ.**

*The Hymn 482

Baptized in Water

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
heirs of salvation, trusting the promise, faithfully now God's praises we sing.*

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our King;
born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now God's praises we sing.*

The Gospel Lesson: *Mark 6:1-13*

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

The Sermon

Blinded by the Familiar
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 298

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

*Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word.
Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity:
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.*

*Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach."
That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community:
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.*

*Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend,
and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity:
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.*

The Charge & Benediction

The National Hymn 327

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

*From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, in every tongue.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*In every land begin the song; to every land the strains belong: Alleluia! Alleluia!
In cheerful sound all voices raise and fill the world with joyful praise.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Eternal are thy mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends thy word: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thy praise shall sound from shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

The Postlude

Battle Hymn of the Republic

arr. Rex Koury

The Sacrament of Baptism at our 9:00 a.m. service is celebrated for Dylan Adam Nelen, born November 14, 2009. Dylan is the son of Adam and Carole Nelen.

Announcements for June 30—July 7

When Parting is Real

At our recent Congregation meeting when we voted to concur in Brittany's request to dissolve her call, more than 110 computer connections representing far more members joined the nearly 100 hundred folks in the Sanctuary. Hearing the resolution of thanks read and then resounding applause of appreciation, it got very real for me. A trusted colleague and partner in ministry is moving on!

Many of you have sent greetings and notes of appreciation to Brittany already and some have also sent contributions to her appreciation gift from the congregation. If you plan to make a contribution, please send it soon and mark checks with AP Gift, or use the online giving button AP Gift.

A celebration of Brittany's ministry with us will include a reception after each service on Sunday July 25, her last Sunday with us. Please plan to join us in either service that day.

See you soon!

Warmly,
Allen



Weekly Meetings & Activities

- Wed. (6/30) — Meditation Group, 5:30pm (Library)
Contact Marsha Lockett (marshajlockett@gmail.com)
- Sun. (7/4) — Worship, 9 & 10:15am (Sanct.& Youtube-9am)
Sacred Dance, 11:30am (FH)
- Mon. (7/5) — Office Closed
- Tues. (7/6) — Men's Breakfast Group, 7:30am (FH & Zoom)
Contact John Howe (jhowe1969@cox.net)
- Wed. (7/7) — Meditation Group, 5:30pm (Library)

Church Family News:

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



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your excellent care of Donn during his health challenges. Your prayers, calls, and cards meant a great deal to him. During the last months I described the pictures and read the words on the cards to him as he was losing his vision to macular degeneration. We appreciated participating in the worship services via Zoom.

Thank you for your prayers, visits, calls, and many cards since Donn passed away. I am grateful for your remembrances of his time as the Interim Pastor. Donn will be missed but we have many fond memories of him. I appreciate all of your thoughtful gestures and words.

*Blessings,
Patricia Langfitt*

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, July 4:

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48;
2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

Birthdays this week July 4-11

- 5. Cara Miles, Coy Franklin
- 8. Ed Heinrich, Doris Johnson
- 9. Annette Lowery, Dick Balch,
Eleanor McCord, Dorothy Mondak
- 10. Jim Pickens, Michelle Early
- 11. Ann Harry, Annette Richards,
Althea Harvey





Climb aboard for mountains of fun at **Rocky Railway!** On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs. Join us July 12-16, from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Register online using the link below to sign up both participants and to volunteer. Please consider volunteering to help make VBS a success. Any questions please contact Robin Joel. <https://vbspro.events/p/events/7710ec>

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 cross-word 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

This project is facilitated on behalf of James Monroe High School's Ceili Leahy Service Initiative in partnership with Mary Washington Healthcare Hospice, Palliative, and Grief Support Services. 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).

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).

