

# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*The Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost*

November 8, 2020

9:00 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. . .



*Masks are to be worn throughout the service.  
Please remain seated for the hymns.*



The Prelude

*God Sends Us Along*

R. Loree/G. Young

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

*My Lord, What a Morning*

The Call To Worship

We gather to remember God's glorious deeds –  
recorded for all time by people whose lives were touched by divine grace.

**As people of hope, they affirmed the great works of God,  
and the importance of keeping the commandments of God.**

We are heirs of their faithfulness  
in witnessing to the greatness of God's wondrous acts.

**Let our witness be as convincing,  
so that generations to come will continue to honor God's holy name.**

The Prayer of Adoration

\*The Hymn 624

*I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

*I greet Thee, who my sure Redeemer art, my only trust and Savior of my heart,  
who pain didst undergo for my poor sake; I pray Thee from our hearts all cares to take.*

*Thou art the King of mercy and of grace, reigning omnipotent in every place:  
So come, O King, and our whole being sway; shine on us with the light of Thy pure day.*

*Thou art the life, by which alone we live, and all our substance and our strength receive;  
sustain us by Thy faith and by Thy power, and give us strength in every trying hour.*

*Our hope is in no other save in Thee; our faith is built upon Thy promise free;  
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure, that in Thy strength we evermore endure.*

\*The Prayer of Confession

Tim Tamminga, liturgist

**O Lord our God, we gather before You, conscious of our many failings. We have failed to be faithful to Your word. We have failed to share the Good News of Your merciful love and Your gracious commitment to Your creation, and to all humanity, whom you created with a divine spark to enrich and enliven them. We have failed to learn from past lessons—both individually and collectively. Merciful God, forgive our deliberate acts of turning away from You and Your ways; our apathy towards the truth of Your involvement with humanity over countless generations; and our thoughtless acts of stubbornness in seeking to live to please our own selfish yet fleeting desires and ambitions ... (time for silent confession)...**

\*The Assurance of Pardon

This is our assurance: God forgives us. This is our hope: God's love is everlasting.  
This is our truth: God is with us always.

**We will speak the truth; we will live the hope; we will share God's mercy.  
In 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: *Joshua 24:1-3a,14-25*

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 78:1-7*

The Epistle Lesson: *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

The Anthem

*Keep Your Lamps*

Andre Thomas, arr.

The Sacred Dancers

Kerns, soprano; Mary Ann Casey, alto, Roy Jarnecke, tenor; Larry Casey, bass

*Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.*

*Children don't get weary 'til your work is done.*

*Christian journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh*

A Moment With the Children

The Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 25:1-13*

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

The Sermon

*Oil for Our Lamps*  
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 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 362

*Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers*

*Rejoice! Rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear; The evening is advancing And darker night is near.  
The Bridegroom is arising and soon he will draw nigh. Up, watch with expectation; at midnight comes the cry.  
See that your lamps are burning; replenish them with oil; Look now for your salvation, the end of sin and toil.  
The marriage feast is waiting; the gates wide open stand; arise, O heirs of glory; the Bridegroom is at hand!  
Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear; arise, thou Sun so longed for, above this shadowed sphere!  
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see the day of earth's redemption, And ever be with Thee!*

\*The Charge & Benediction

The Postlude

*Marche Pontificale*

Gordon Young



*Kindly remain seated during the Postlude.  
You will be dismissed by our Safety Ushers from the back to the front of the Sanctuary.  
We appreciate your cooperation and understanding.*



# Announcements for November 8-15

## ***A Lamp to My Feet And a Light to My Path***

How many of you remember when you received a Bible? Maybe it was in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade; maybe it was during your Confirmation year; maybe it was as you made the commitment to joining a congregation as an active member. Getting your first Bible is a BIG occasion. I remember getting mine in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, and I still have it, tucked away with my collection of Bibles that I have loved over the years. All of them are marked up and loved, but this one is special. It was my first. That first dip into the waters of reading the Word and being immersed in the love of God.



*“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances. I am severely afflicted; give me life, O Lord, according to your word. Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord, and teach me your ordinances.”* (Psalm 119:105-108 NRSV). These words have guided been a guiding light, through the thick and the thin.

As this year's 3<sup>rd</sup> graders receive their Bibles this Saturday, we celebrate with them during this next step of their lives of faith. May God's Word always be a light to our paths.

***Faithfully, Lindsey***

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## ***Reserve Your Seat for Sunday Worship by FRIDAY NOON***

If you would like to participate in Worship in the Sanctuary this Sunday, please make a reservation by calling the church office, 540-373-7057, Monday - Friday between 9:00 a.m. and Noon.

You may also make your reservation online by using ACSReservations by clicking on this link:

[https://secure.accessacs.com/access/login\\_guest.aspx?sn=90894](https://secure.accessacs.com/access/login_guest.aspx?sn=90894). This is a new system so don't hesitate to call the church office if you have questions.

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## ***Church Family News:***

**Capsule of Concern:** Walker Broyles, Doris Glidden, Doris Gulatsi, Donn Langfitt, Kaci LeFebre, Karla Lewis, Billie Plank, Larry Repanshek, Pam Werner

## **Lectionary Readings for Sunday, November 15:**

Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123;  
I Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30



The **Women's Bible Study** that meets on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m., and will be studying, *Blessed are You - The Beatitudes of Jesus in Scripture and in Life* by John C. Purdy. The meeting will begin with some social time and discussion of the schedule and format for the study. Marsha Lockett will email a Zoom link a few minutes prior to the meeting. Please send Marsha an email ([lucett@juno.com](mailto:lucett@juno.com)) before October 22, to let her know you are interested in joining the Women's Bible Study group meeting. We welcome you to join us as we begin this study and talk about our joys, concerns, and prayer list.

**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](http://www.fredericksburgpc.org).

## ***Birthdays this week November 8-15***

8. Erik Fino, Avery Foresman, Trudy McNatt, Matthew Page, Hamilton Schattgen
9. Tom Edwards, Quinn Morris
10. John Bailey, Jonathan Gillespie, Alison Mitchell, Claire Rehm, Ashley Statler
11. Bryan Eland, Morgan Kuiper, Alex Yealy
12. Clark Henshaw, Billie Plank
13. Vanessa Huffman, Gyles Norwood
14. Caroline Deaderick, Mark Poth
15. Tim Duffy, Debra Myers



