

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

October 18, 2020

9:00 a.m.

**All who are able may stand.*

Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING. . .

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

Andantino

César Franck

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

Near to the Heart of God

The Call To Worship (from *Psalms 99*)

Patty Toler, liturgist

You are the Lord; let the people tremble!
You sit enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
You are exalted over all the peoples.
Hear us as we praise Your great and awesome Name.
You indeed are holy!

Lover of justice, You have established equity;
You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
We will extol You, O Lord our God, and worship at Your footstool.

The Prayer of Adoration

All of our lives are full of Your mercy, O God; wherever we turn You are sure to be there. If we are found in the depths of depression, You lift up our spirits with the hope of new life. When we bound to the heights of ecstasy, You rejoice with us and make our feet light. You surround us with Your Spirit who knows our needs before we announce them. We give You all praise, O God of all life, for You alone are worthy. Glory to You, the One Eternal God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The Hymn 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

*God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
Crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, For the facing of this hour.*

*Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.*

*Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore. Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee we adore.*

*The Prayer of Confession

Mighty King, Lover of Justice, we confess we are cowards when it comes to accepting new truths; lazily, we content ourselves with half-truths; arrogantly, we think we know all truth; and so we slide into lives where lies are easily spoken, honesty is held up to scorn, and sincerity is mocked ... (time for silent confession) **Forgive us, Good Lord, forgive us. Let us expose the dark sides of our souls to the light of Your grace; let us discover the sin that has been stowed away in our hearts and cast it into Your sea of forgetfulness; let us see Your goodness – our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, going before us so we can follow him into Your Kingdom. Amen.**

*The Assurance of Pardon

God will not leave us, or turn from pursuing us.
Where we go, God already is.
Where we dwell, God dwells. We are God's people.
God will be God, ever faithful.
Trust God Who forgives us in Jesus Christ.
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: *Exodus 33:12-23*

The Epistle Lesson: *1 Thessalonians 1:1-10*

The Anthem

Rejoice, the Lord is King Charles Wesley/Malcolm Archer
*Rejoice, the Lord is King, your Lord and King adore;
Mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore;
Lift up your hearts, lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice.
Jesus, the Savior, reigns the God of truth and love; when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.
Lift up your hearts, lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice.
His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys to death and hell are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your hearts, lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice.
He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit, and bow to his command and fall beneath his feet.
Lift up your hearts, lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

The Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 22:15-22*

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

The Sermon

Dual Citizenship
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

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 708

We Give Thee but Thine Own

*We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.*

*May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first-fruits give.*

*The captive to release, to God the lost to bring,
To teach the way of life and peace: it is a Christ-like thing.*

*And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be;
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.*

*The Charge & Benediction

*The Postlude

Toccata in F Major

Dietrich Buxtehude

The flowers today are given by Gary & Elaine Hild to the glory of God
and in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary

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*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.*
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Announcements for October 18-25

Christian Education has Re-zoomed.

Growing up, education was held in high esteem. My cousins and I were encouraged by our grandparents to seek out new learning opportunities all the time. We were taught to always be growing; to always be learning. We were encouraged and even incentivized to do well in school.

The mind was not the only thing we were urged to educate. We were highly encouraged to be well rounded, which meant also educating our hearts and souls. My grandfather enjoyed Philosophy and he would tell us, "Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all," according to Aristotle.

One of the ways that we can pursue the education of our hearts is to keep digging into the Scriptures. Church school classes are just such an opportunity to continue growing, to continue learning and to continue developing our faith. In 2 Timothy 3:16, we read: "All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness."

On September 13, Church School classes resumed for the 2020-2021 year. Adult education is all on ZOOM, at various times on Sunday, with some new and some ongoing opportunities for strengthening our understanding of Scripture and our faith development. If you have not taken the opportunity to join in on any of these classes, there is still time. There are some really wonderful class offerings that you can take part in. This is also a great time to connect with other members.

For our families with children up to fifth grade, weekly lessons and resources are emailed out adapted from the Growing in Grace and Gratitude curriculum the children have been using. Middle School and High School youth are also meeting for Church School on alternating Sunday evenings.

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. This is a new system so don't hesitate to call the church office if you have questions.

Birthdays this week October 18 - 25



- 18. Caroline Hamlett, Bern Mahon, Tim Tarzier
- 19. Gary Hynden, Jim Toler, Beth Wiseman
- 21. Bryan Harvey
- 22. Gavin Green, Dan Hamilton, Paul Rabatin, Wendy Whalen
- 23. Janna Theado
- 24. Susan Pates, Al Stevens
- 25. Helen Fortune, Tim Hughes, Michael Joel, Dennis Makovsky

Weekly Meetings & Activities

- Wed. (10/11) — Meditation Group, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)
Contact Marsha Luckett (luckett@juno.com).
- Thurs. (10/15) — Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. (Zoom)
Contact Marsha Luckett (luckett@juno.com).
Handbells, 6:00 p.m. (Sanct. Balcony)
Adult Choir, 7:30 p.m. (Zoom)
- Sun. (10/18) — Worship, 9:00 a.m. (Sanctuary & Youtube)
Holy Disunity Book Study, 10:30 a.m. (Zoom)
Faith & Movie Class, 12:00 p.m. (Zoom)
Parables & Peanuts Class, 4:00 p.m. (Zoom)
Sacred Dance, 3:30 p.m. (Undercroft)
Middle School Fellowship, 5:00 p.m. (In-person)
High School Fellowship, 5:00 p.m. (Zoom)
- Mon. (10/19) - Mission Committee, Zoom
- Tues. (10/20) — Men's Breakfast Group, 7:30 a.m. (FH & Zoom)
Contact John Howe (jhowe1969@cox.net).
- Wed. (10/21) — Meditation Group, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Church Family News:

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

Condolences to

Ginger Bushman and family on the death of her mother, who died on October 11, 2020

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, October 25:

Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17;
I Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

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.

Help is needed for a **Church Grounds Workday** on Saturday, **October 24, at 8:30 a.m.**, as we prepare the grounds for winter. Pruning, raking, mulching, weeding all are more fun when we work together. If you can give a couple of hours, please be part of our team. All you need are your mask, work gloves, and a willing spirit. If you wish to bring your own pruning shears, rakes, wheelbarrow and/or pickup, we will be finished sooner. You are welcome to bring your own breakfast before we begin, but we will observe social distancing and face covering protocols for the benefit of all our volunteers. If you are able, please notify the church office of your participation by email or phone. Thanks for your help!



Christian Education for the Fall Semester

Children's and Family Ministry and Education - We will be providing families with weekly at-home education resources.

Adult Ministry and Education (Youth participation is welcomed and encouraged)

Holy Disunity: How What Separates Us Can Save Us ~ Sunday – 10:30 a.m. Coordinators: Jim and Patty Toler

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83350523383?pwd=bmdyTTFkZkgyNTk4ZlJzWXR2bm95dz09>

Faith and Movie Class ~ Sunday – 12:00 p.m. Coordinators: Eric and Kathy Rocholl; Marty and Vicky Wilder

Movie for Sunday: **Paddington 2** (2017).

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88328822463?pwd=aldXZVRxZ3MvaktkN2ZsUVR3bUQyOT09>

Parables and Peanuts ~ Sunday – 4:00 p.m. Coordinator: Bill Nix

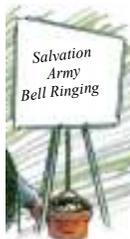
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Announcing a new Assistive Listening System for worshipers in our Sanctuary! This new state-of-the-art system is much improved over our old system: simple to use, crystal-clear sound, and no hiss, squeal, distortion, static, or noise of any kind! The new system is self-service and is located on top of the bookcase at the rear of the Sanctuary on the Princess Anne Street side. You will pick up a receiver and select either an ear piece or a telecoil neckloop. Questions? Contact Milton McNatt, mmcnatt2@verizon.net, 540-373-2852



Service and Mission



It is time to sign up for **bell-ringing to support the Salvation Army**. Mark December 5 and December 12 on your calendars. It's one hour between 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at Wal-Mart in Central Park. A minimum of 2 people are needed for each hour. You may sign up to volunteer online at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0444ada622a4ff2-salvation>. If you have questions, contact Wayne Hibbeler, 220-7542, hibbelerw@gmail.com.

Refugee Feeding Ministry — During the first week in October, we will begin a monthly **Flash Food Drive**, of non-perishable food items to address the emergent need among Fredericksburg's Refugee community. These families lack basic necessities and the means to get to our area food banks and charitable pantries. Many are immigrants/refugees 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. How you can help:

- Prepare a food box/bag for a family (recommended contents are below). Don't worry about the amount of food. More is better; some is better than none. You may decorate the box and you may include a note if you feel moved to do so.
- Drop off your box in the lobby of the Education Building the first Monday of each month between 9 and noon.
- If you would like make a financial gift, checks can be made out to *The Presbyterian Church* with the designation "Refugee Feeding Program" in the memo line.
- *If you are interested in serving as a volunteer for the Refugee Feeding Ministry, please be in touch with Andrea Ilardia: (540) 395-9768.*

RECOMMENDED CONTENTS (Non-perishable only, please):

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