

# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*The Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost*

October 25, 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

*Day by Day*  
The Jubilate Ringers

Oscar Ahnfelt

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

The Call To Worship

Tim Tarzier, liturgist

We hear the voice of God calling,  
**“Love your neighbor as yourself”**  
We feel the Spirit moving among us,  
**Moving us to acts of compassion and justice.**  
We know the love of Jesus.  
**We love because Christ first loved us.**  
Come, worship God together.  
**Come, let us serve our God, who calls us by name.**

The Prayer of Adoration

**O God our Provider, since the creation of the world, You have nurtured us with Your love. You watch over us day and night, cradling us as tenderly as a nurse cares for a child. You lead us in compassion for those swept aside by a callous and cruel world, calling us to act in justice and in peace. From everlasting to everlasting, You proclaim God’s grace to us. In praise of Your glory, we worship and bless You, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.**

\*The Hymn 4

*Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

*Holy God, we praise Your name; Lord of all, we bow before You. All on earth Your scepter claim;  
all in heaven above adore You. Infinite Your vast domain, Everlasting is Your reign.*

*Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising; Cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus  
praising, fill the heavens with sweet accord: “Holy, holy, holy Lord!”*

\*The Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, we stand on the edge of Your promises and hopes, yet cannot seem to let ourselves cross over into the life You intend for us. You love us, but we have not loved You; You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. We have gone along with evil, with pride, quarrelling, and divisiveness. Holy God, help us to face up to ourselves, so that, as You move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to You, and receive mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord ...(time for silent confession)... . Renew our lives with Your grace; restore our hopes with Your vision of tomorrow; refresh our spirits with Your joy, which comes to us new in each moment, in the gift of our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

\*The Assurance of Pardon

This moment, this morning, this day, and in all the days to come,  
God’s compassion and hope fill our lives. What joyous Good News!

**Our hope is not in vain. God forgives our sins, and is the dwelling place for all people.  
Thanks be to God. 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: *Deuteronomy 34:1-12*

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17*

The Anthem

*O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

Washington Gladden/H. Percy Smith,

Patti Kerns, soprano; Mary Ann Casey, alto, Roy Jarnecke, tenor; Larry Casey, bass & Gregory Hamilton, arr.

*O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;  
Tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
Help me, the slow of heart to move by some clear winning word of love;  
Teach me the wayward feet to stay, And guide them in the homeward way.  
Teach me thy patience; still with thee in closer, dearer company.  
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, In trust that triumphs over wrong.  
In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way;  
In peace that only thou can give, with thee, O Master, let me live.*

The Epistle Lesson: *1 Thessalonians 2:1-8*

The Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 22:34-46*

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

A Moment With the Children

The Ordination and Installation of Officers

The Litany of Gifts

There are a variety of gifts,  
**But it is the same Spirit Who gives them.**  
There are different ways of serving God,  
**But it is the same Lord Who is served.**  
God works through each person in a unique way,  
**But it is God's purpose that is accomplished.**  
To each is given a gift of the Spirit  
**To use it for the common good.**  
Together we are the body of Christ,  
**And individually members of it.**

Statement on the Ministry of the Church

Questions to the Elders and Deacons Elect<sup>++</sup>

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.**

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

Declaration of Ordination

Welcome

Charge and Blessing

The Sermon

*The Work of Our Hands*  
Brittany Tamminga

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

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 697

*Take My Life*

*Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee. Take my moments and my days;  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love; Take my feet,  
and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee, swift and beautiful for Thee.*

*Take my will, and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is Thine own;  
it shall be Thy royal throne, it shall be Thy royal throne.*

*Take my love; my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store; take myself and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.*

\*The Charge & Benediction

And now go forth, to love God with all your heart, your minds, your soul:

**with passion, with prayer, with intelligence;**

to love your neighbor:

**with forgiveness, with service, with love;**

and to love yourself:

**with hope, with joy, with peace.**

\*The Postlude

*Toccata on EIN FESTE BURG*

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.*



**++** Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge Him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

#### To Elders...

Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

#### To Deacons...

Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

#### Questions to the Congregation

Do we, the members of the church, accept Ellie, Porter, Susie, Katie, Mike, Paulla, Sharon, Adam, Jerry, Brian, Jack, Rachel, and Stacey as ruling elders and deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

***We do.***

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

***We do.***

Elders ordained and installed in worship are: Paulla Loder, Adam Nelen, Jerry Parsons, Brian Raska, Jack Schneider, Stacy Whalen.

Deacons ordained and installed in worship are: Ellie Bell, Porter Blakemore, Katie Fidler, Sharon Moser, Rachel Statler.

We install Mike Kuliasha as elder, and Susie Davis as deacon, who have served previously.

Elders retiring from active duty on Session are: Marjolijn Bijlefeld, Kurt Chewning, Steve Davis, Erik Fino, Chris Hall, Brian Liska, Beth Valasko,

Deacons retiring from active service are: Suzi Bevan, Nick Medina, Mary Szymanski, Doreen Vaughn, Gina Whitticar

We thank them for their dedicated, able, and faithful service.

# Announcements for October 25—November 1

## **Tiredness and 2020**

Of which are you more tired, the long election cycle, exacerbating the divisions within our national politics, or the last 8 months of the Covid-19 pandemic?

If you are like most people, your tiredness at the headlines and social isolation has given way to a deep weariness. It is soul-felt and can easily overwhelm our emotions on any given day. The range and degree of life changes required of us all in this year is staggering.

What are you doing to care for yourself, to tend to the Holy Spirit in faith and life? Your church staff prays for you regularly and we appreciate hearing news of your life and health and that of your family too.

In the letter to the church in Galatia the apostle encourages us to “*not grow weary in doing what is right, ...Whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.*” (Galatians 6:9-10)

We know that many of you have reached out in compassion, care and concern to your neighbors and to members of the congregation. Blessings to you, and thanks that you have not wearied in doing what is right.

Please notify the Church office if you know of members in need. 540-373-7057 (cjforsing@fredericksburgpc.org)

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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.accesssacs.com/access/login\\_guest.aspx?sn=90894](https://secure.accesssacs.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, Scott Fischer, Doris Glidden, Doris Gulatsi, Donn Langfitt, Kaci LeFebre, Billie Plank, Larry Repanshek

### Lectionary Readings for Sunday, November 1:

Joshua 3:7-17; Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37;  
I Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12

**DATE CHANGE:** Help is needed for a **Church Grounds Workday** on Saturday, **October 31, 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!



The **Women's Bible Study** that meets on Thursday mornings at 9:30 am will begin a study, *Blessed are You - The Beatitudes of Jesus in Scripture and in Life* by John C. Purdy, on **Thursday, October 22**. The meeting will begin with some social time and discussion of the schedule and format for the study. Marsha Luckett will email a Zoom link a few minutes prior to the meeting. Please send Marsha an email ([luckett@juno.com](mailto:luckett@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).



**Announcing a new Assistive Listening System** for worshippers in our Sanctuary! This new much improved state-of-the-art system is: 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### 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*

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86844083632?pwd=YlZlMjVJVT1hNSWg5WHlZeDZ2a0lhUT09>

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

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82114607291?pwd=dkZEU2R6eVYrOUVUeHIWYVQ5WWUydz09nnou>

### **Birthdays this week Oct. 25 - Nov. 1**

25. Helen Fortune, Tim Hughes, Michael Joel, Dennis Makovsky
26. George Cralle, Mike Fariss, Maryann Piersall, Abby Rexrode
27. Andrew Kuliasha
28. Jake Jacobs, Stacey McLaughlin, Amanda Rutstein
29. Carol Graff, Joe Herndon, Mary Poth
31. Margaret Beattie, Fred Dunbar, Alfred King, Jeffrey Spinnanger
1. Lista Winger-Eger



### **Weekly Meetings & Activities**

- Wed. (10/21) — Meditation Group, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)  
Contact Marsha Luckett ([luckett@juno.com](mailto:luckett@juno.com)).
- Thurs. (10/22) — Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. (Zoom)  
Contact Marsha Luckett ([luckett@juno.com](mailto:luckett@juno.com)).
- Handbells, 6:00 p.m. (Sanct. Balcony)  
Adult Choir, 7:30 p.m. (Zoom)
- Sat. (10/24) — Church Grounds Workday, 8:30 a.m.
- Sun. (10/25) — Worship, 9:00 a.m. (Sanctuary & Youtube)  
Adult Church School Classes—Schedule on page 2  
Sacred Dance, 3:30 p.m. (Undercroft)  
Middle School Fellowship, 5:00 p.m. (Zoom)  
High School Fellowship, 5:00 p.m. (In-person)  
Scavenger hunt
- Tues. (10/27) — Men's Breakfast Group, 7:30 a.m. (FH & Zoom)  
Contact John Howe ([jhowe1969@cox.net](mailto:jhowe1969@cox.net)).
- C.E. Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)
- Wed. (10/28) — Meditation Group, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)