

# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost*

September 27, 2020

9:00 a.m.

*\*All who are able may stand.*

**Bold type spoken by 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

*Come, Christians Join to Sing*  
The Jubilate Ringers

Janet Linker and Jane McFadden

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

The Call to Worship

Jerry Zekert, liturgist

Show us Your ways, O Lord! Lead us in Your truth, teach us.

**Open our eyes, minds, and heart to know Your will and to follow it.**

Reveal Your vision for us, and keep us focused and faithful to what You would have us do.

**Bring us together to worship and work for Your purpose,  
and move us forward into Your future.**

The Prayer of Adoration

**You split rocks open in the wilderness; You called water to pour forth from the fissures to quench Your people's thirst, to calm Your people's complaints, to teach us how to trust. You are splitting rocks open in our communities; You are calling forth the rush of our voices to flush out Your people's complacency, to bubble up Your people's creativity, to teach us how to act out in faith (again). Shaper of people, accept our offering of praise as we celebrate Your presence in every act of our lives, giving glory to Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Hymn 65

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

*Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak,  
but Thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
be Thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield .*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.*

The Prayer of Confession

"Be of the same mind," says God.

**But we like to be independent, each going our own way,  
dancing to our own beat.**

"Have the same love," says Christ.

**But we are not even certain what love is, let alone how to do it.**

"Do nothing from selfish ambition, and look not to Your own interests  
but to those of others," says the Spirit.

**But then how will we get ahead? How will we secure our future?  
How will we have enough?**

"Be one with the mind of Christ, Who was obedient to the end."

**We bristle at the obedience – we like to believe we are in the lead.**

Forgive us, O God,

**For we have replaced You with our own ideals, created You in the image of our cultural  
and economic dream, and situated ourselves at the top of the heap.**

Yet You call us to let go, to be humble, to look always to Christ Who emptied himself.

**Empty us of all that harms, so we may be filled with Your spirit... (time for silent confession)... .**

The Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News: God is at work in you. Live this truth: God's grace is more than enough for whatever You carry. Know that You are forgiven, loved, and free.

**We will rejoice and be glad! 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

**Speak to us, Lord, through these Scriptures. Help us to know Your story and our place within it. Remind us again of Your mighty works and deeds, Your everlasting power, and identity as God of all ages, that we might claim Your promise and share Your love. Amen.**

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16*

The Old Testament Lesson: *Exodus 17:1-7*

The Epistle Lesson: *Philippians 2:1-13*

The Anthem

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

Jack Schrader, arr.

The Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 21:23-32*

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

The Sermon

*Are We There Yet?*  
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 546

*Lord Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

*Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.*

*Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound;  
may the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound. Ever faithful,  
ever faithful to your truth may we be found;*

*Savior, when your love shall call us, from our struggling pilgrim way,  
Let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.*

The Charge and Benediction

The Postlude

*The Call to Victory*

David Paxton

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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 September 27 - October 4

## **Presbyterian Roots**

In 1776 the Prime Minister of England Horace Walpole, upon hearing the news of colonial rebellion, said, "Cousin America has run off with a Presbyterian parson!" How much has changed since then. Too few people today realize the significance of being able to choose one's own leaders and government which is a tenet of Presbyterian governance and a foundational component of our US constitution. Prior to our birth as a nation, large scale popular voting was a radical idea.

Our congregation includes a number of people who serve in elected offices in county and city governments, school boards, neighborhood and other civic groups and boards. Please thank them for their service in this year.

But one of the treasures of our civic life, is the right to vote. Sadly, that right is underutilized by the population at large. We encourage you to exercise that privilege in the upcoming elections. Check with your registrar's office to know the options in your municipality. Voting in 2020 will take a different shape and form for many because of the pandemic.

Be proud of your Presbyterian roots. Plan to vote. And then vote!

## **Reserve Your Seat by Friday Noon for Sunday Worship**

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.



## **Birthdays this week September 27 - October 4**

27. Jedediah Blashford
28. Sally Edwards, Tricia Garner, Mel Gloyd, Bill Hollister, James Lockett, Emma Rexrode, Tracy Sweet
29. Jesse Chewning, George Cralle, Felicia Hibbeler, Maggie Johnson
30. Emma Liska, Susan Raabe, John Spear
1. Ed Allison, Betsy Mathias
2. Sherri Cox
3. Jeremy Travis
4. Daniel Hughes, Mike Ramsburg, Lydia Samson



## **Weekly Meetings & Activities**

- Wed. (9/23)— Meditation Group, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)  
Contact Marsha Lockett ([lockett@juno.com](mailto:lockett@juno.com)).  
Worship Committee, 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)
- Thurs. (9/24) — Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. (Zoom)  
Contact Marsha Lockett ([lockett@juno.com](mailto:lockett@juno.com)).  
Handbells, 6:00 p.m. (Sanct. Balcony)  
Adult Choir, 7:30 p.m. (Zoom)
- Sun. (9/27) — 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, 4:00 p.m. (Undercroft)  
Middle School Fellowship, 5:00 p.m. (Zoom)  
High School Fellowship, 5:00 p.m. (In-person)
- Tues. (9/29) — Men's Breakfast Group, 7:30 a.m. (FH & Zoom)  
Contact John Howe ([jhowe1969@cox.net](mailto:jhowe1969@cox.net)).

## Lectionary Readings for Sunday, October 4:

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19;  
Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

## **Church Family News:**

### **Capsule of Concern:**

Donn Langfitt, Kaci LeFebre,  
Karla Lewis, Billie Plank, Larry Repanshek

**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).

## 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=bmdyTTFkZkgyNTh4ZlJzWXR2bm95dz09>

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

Movie for Sunday, September 27: **Run Boy Run** (2013)

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88328822463?pwd=aldXZVRxZ3MvaktkN2ZsUVR3bUOyOT09>

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

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82114607291?pwd=dkZEU2R6eVYrOUVUeHIWYVQ5WWUydz09>

## Furthering the Conversation: Resources to Engage Issues of Race

READ: ***Caught Up In God***, by Willie James Jennings

WATCH: ***This is Us***, Dr. Eddie Glaude explains why blaming current racial tensions on Donald Trump misses the point. (3 min.)

LISTEN: ***Pod Save the People***, Organizer and activist DeRay Mckesson explores social justice, culture and politics.

Thanks to all who contributed salads, brownies/cakes and assisted with the meal delivery to Micah guests in 4 motels and Hurkamp Park for the **community "dinner"** on Saturday, September 19. Many thanks especially to a church family who contributed meals from Mission BBQ. Our church also helped with an extra meal on Monday, September 14. Look for ways you can help in future announcements. Contact: Karen Johnson, [ksjohnson422@msn.com](mailto:ksjohnson422@msn.com), (540) 621-5685.



This year's **School Dressing Days** (an Interfaith Community Council collaboration with the Salvation Army) has come to a close after a 4-week session. A total of 547 children received clothing, school supplies, a backpack, and toiletries. Although the number is smaller, we were pleased to be able to help area families, considering the circumstances. Along with individual family appointments, we helped groups who were identified as having needs. Lucha Ministries, Transitions4You (a motel ministry), Empowerhouse and Hope House sent volunteers or case-workers who helped pick out items for the children. We also helped Empowerhouse fill a wish list for particular school supplies and Head start will receive some school supplies.

With left over clothing, coats, hats, and shoes, we will assist with the Salvation Army Angel Tree project now underway. They are very excited to partner with Interfaith since they were not able to do their usual sale shopping earlier in the year due to the pandemic; and they are expecting a huge increase in the number of requests, so it is a perfect solution for all.

Even though School Dressing Days looked different this year, we found ways to help our community that will continue into the winter months. Thank you for donations of items, money, and time. It was heartwarming to see a large Presbyterian presence on the volunteer list. This important mission would not have been possible without the support of our congregation and the families and organizations that received assistance were extremely grateful.

We continue to combine our **Food Pantry's** relief efforts with Fredericksburg United Methodist Church, whose pantry is open Monday through Friday, 1:00-3:00 pm. Volunteers are needed Monday—Thursday or Saturday, and There are lot's of ways to serve: hand out bags of groceries, check-in clients, pack bags or receive deliveries. If you are interested in joining these efforts, please be in touch with Sherman Brown at (540) 226-3295 or sign up online: <https://tinyurl.com/PantryHelp>.

**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 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.