



First Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 11th, 2025



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Order of Worship

Prelude

ROCKINGHAM
Jason N. Brown, organ

Healey Willan

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Derek Starr Redwine

Introit

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia
Chancel Choir

Tanzanian Melody

*Christ has arisen, alleluia.
Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.
For our redeemer burst from the tomb,
even from death, dispelling its gloom.*

*Refrain:
Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!*

*"Go spread the news: he's not in the grave.
He has arisen this world to save.
Jesus' redeeming labors are done.
Even the battle with sin is won." (Refrain)*

*Christ has arisen to set us free.
Alleluia, to him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;
he reigns triumphant, heavenly King. (Refrain)*

~ Bernard Kyamanywa, 1966; trans. Howard S. Olson, 1969

*Call to Worship

Rev. Stephanie Hamilton

One: We have come to worship God,

All: who calls us into community with one another.

We have come to praise God,

who answers the forces of hatred with the power of grace.

We have come to thank God,

who chooses us to carry the word of life and hope into the world.

*Hymn 263

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

CORONATION

*Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we ask you for your help. Help us to let go of a past we cannot change. Be with us in the burdens we carry and the secrets we hold. There is so much that isn't right about the world: war, misunderstanding, hunger, homelessness, and racism. In all this, we confess that we still try to hide from you. We hide because it's easy to fear what we don't know and can't see, even when it's good. Open us to a future in which we can be changed. Grant us grace to grow in honesty, diversity, and inclusivity.
(Written by FPC Youth Group)

*Passing the Peace

***Please rise in body or in spirit.**

*Children ages 3 years through 5th grade are invited to Children's Chapel.
They may be picked up from the playground following worship.*

Hymn 240 (vv. 1 & 2)	"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"	ALLELUIA NO. 1
Prayer for Illumination		Rev. Josh Andrzejewski
Scripture Reading	Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 Matthew 11:28-30	OT p. 582 NT p. 11
Sermon	"What's Next: Community"	
Anthem	<i>God Be in My Head</i> Chancel Choir	John Rutter

*God be in my head and in my understanding.
God be in mine eyes and in my looking.
God be in my mouth and in my speaking.
God be in mine heart and in my thinking.
God be at mine end and in my departing.*

~ Sarum Primer, 1558

Affirmation of Faith

Congregation: What do you believe about Jesus?

Confirmands: Jesus will always be there for us. Jesus can really see who people are on the inside. He is a savior to all; he loves and helps everyone, no matter what is happening, no matter who they are, and no matter what they have done. We can always talk to Jesus about anything. Instead of scolding or judging, Jesus teaches – guiding us and helping us grow in our faith. Jesus is someone you can always rely on, even if everything else in your life is going wrong. We will follow in Jesus' footsteps to the best of our ability.

What do you believe about forgiveness?

Jesus forgives us for our sin. When he was dying on the cross, Jesus told the person beside him that he was forgiven. We are forgiven by God so we can forgive others – even when it's very hard. God believes we can change and leads us down a new path to help us do better.

What does it mean to be a church?

Being a church means that we come together to share joy, peace, sorrow, love – and more. We have people in our corner who love and support us. God made us all different and special. As a church, we accept others for who they are, because God made them that way. We help to lift up others, especially people in need, no matter what. Together, we can thank God for all we've been given.

(Written by the 2024-2025 Confirmation Class)

Prayer for Confirmands

Call to Offering

Rev. Derek Starr Redwine

Offertory

Divinum Mysterium

Wilbur Held

*Doxology (Prayer of Thanksgiving)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (Hymnal p. 35)

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.

*Hymn 260

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

HYFRYDOL

Senior Recognition and Blessing

Charge and Benediction

Rev. Josh Andrzejewski

Postlude

DARWALL'S 148th

Healey Willan



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Congratulations to our Graduating Seniors!



Patrick Aboud
Collegiate School



Heath Brown
Collegiate School



Wren Carter
Douglas Freeman High School



Jane Edmunds
St. Catherine's School



Matthew Guise
Douglas S. Freeman High School



Alice Kottkamp
St. Catherine's School



Charlotte-Read McDowell
St. Catherine's School



Winston Morris
St. Christopher's School



Becca Nelson
Mills E. Godwin High School



Catherine Rohr
Collegiate School



Audrey Sisler
Douglas S. Freeman High School



Anne Gregory Smith
Hermitage High School



Tucker Ward
Trinity Episcopal School



Ellie Wick
St. Catherine's School

Not Pictured: Kenneth Anderson, Mary Ellis, Henry Knighton, and Ryley Hehl Parker

Celebrating our Confirmands!

Confirmands:

Mackie Aboud	Eliza Logan
Daniel Basmajian	Caroline Neal
Anne Ryland Brown	James Raggi
Orran Brown	Davis Reynolds
Henry Christner	Nan Santos
Campbell Cullum	John Saunders
Thomas Farrell	Molly Scholten
Maggie Fleck	Jamie Scott
Adelise Hill	Paige Smith
Teddy Kirkeby	Smith Sutton
Charlie Kirkeby	Julia Tafel
Win Kottkamp	Avery Wiltshire

Mentors:

Allison Carnes
Blair Chewing
Lee Hastings
Sandy Irby
Cristy Jarvis
Cindy LeFevre
Tassie Madden
Richard Madden
Rose Lane Nimmo
Becca Ott
Chet Parsons
Stephanie Purser
Jim Purser
Mike Sieber
Anton Van Thoen
David Williams

