



First Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 31st, 2025



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Order of Worship

Prelude	<i>Three Pieces for Small Organ</i> , op. 18, nos. 1-3 Bruce Stevens, organ	Hugo Distler
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Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Derek Starr Redwine
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Introit	God Welcomes All <i>(Please sing as invited)</i>	John Bell
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**God welcomes all,
strangers and friends;
God's love is strong
and it never ends.**

*Call to Worship

One: This is the day the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us worship God!

*Hymn 336	"We Gather Together"	KREMSER
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*Prayer of Confession

**Gracious and loving God, we struggle with humility,
with putting others before ourselves,
with giving up our preferred place at the table.
Forgive the pride that camouflages our insecurity.
In your abundant mercy, remind us of your prodigal love;
open our hearts to make room for others;
and inspire us to reorder our lives so all we say and do
is a ministry of welcome and compassion.**

*Passing the Peace

Time for Young Disciples		Cate Jobe
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Hymn 688 (vv. 1, 4, 5)	"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"	MORECAMBE
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*Children ages 3 years through 5th grade are invited to Children's Chapel.
They may be picked up from the playground following worship.*

Prayer for Illumination		Rev. Stephanie Hamilton
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Scripture Reading	Luke 14: 1, 7-14	NT p. 72
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***Please rise in body or in spirit.**

Sermon

“Be Our Guest”

Rev. Stephanie Hamilton

Anthem

A Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester
Libby Mullins and Lauren Neal, sopranos

L. J. White

*O holy Jesus,
Most merciful redeemer,
Friend and brother,*

*May I know thee more clearly,
Love thee more dearly,
And follow thee more nearly.*

~ St. Richard of Chichester

*Affirmation of Faith (from Philippians 2:5-11)

Rev. Josh Andrzejewski

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord!

*Call to Offering

*Doxology (Prayer of Thanksgiving)

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God, above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and 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.

*Hymn 546

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

SICILIAN MARINERS

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Stephanie Hamilton

Postlude

Praeludium in G Major, BWV 568

J. S. Bach



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This week's usher team includes: Laura Bland, Kim Basmajian, Rachael Brown, Connie Gottwald, Ann Latstetter, Blanche Toms, Peter Toms
If interested in serving as an usher, contact Ken Horton (kmmfour@aol.com)

Elders at the doors: Elizabeth Darling, Foster Jennings, Ann Nickels

Please keep in your prayers those with special concerns:

- Susan Anthony (*Jane Neer's sister*), favorable cancer treatments ongoing
- Christi Barranger, health concerns
- Bev Berwick (*Jim Berwick's mother*), health concerns
- Sarah Campbell (*Kit and Pat Campbell's daughter*), health concerns
- Madelyn Chewing, recovering from knee surgery
- Beth Fay, recovering from surgery
- Brian Flinlay (*Neely Barnhardt's brother-in-law*), health concerns
- Mary Lynn Lunn, recovering from foot surgery
- Sherry May, recovering from surgery
- Barbara Mitchell (*Judy Noble's mother*), in hospice care
- Jane Neer, permanently in health care
- Betty Proffitt (*Jenny Morris' mother*), health concerns
- Sandra Putbresi (*Cortland Putbresi's mother*), health concerns
- Sharon Spencer, health concerns
- Amy Starr Redwine, health concerns
- Liese Rohr, recovering from surgery

We pray for members and family serving in the military:

Tripp Bowles, Jenny Sigel Burkett, Toby Collins, Joshua Garber, Zach Kirk, Mason Louthan, Nathan Thomas Meade, Peyton Spivey, Pierce Tarry, and Will Watkins

How can we pray for you?

You can submit concerns and celebrations at fprichmond.org/prayer or let one of our pastors know.

