



# First Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025



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## Order of Worship

Prelude *Fugue in G Minor ("The Little"), BWV 578* J. S. Bach  
Bruce Stevens, organ

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Stephanie Hamilton

Introit Come, Let Us Praise the Lord Byrd/Hopson  
Chancel Choir

*Come, let us praise the Lord. Alleluia!*

\*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 98)

One: Sing to the Lord a new song,

**All: for God has done marvelous things.**

We lift our voices in praise

**and make a joyful noise to our God.**

Come let us worship the Lord with gladness.

\*Hymn 14 "For the Beauty of the Earth" DIX

\*Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we fear what is different. It is easier to close the doors of our community than to receive those who don't act like we act, look like we look, or love like we love. We have not lived fully into your call to share in abundant life and unconditional love. Forgiving God, give us the courage to change. Send your Spirit to grant us the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love to be your people in all we say and do.**

*(Adapted from Beth Merrill Neel's blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good')*

\*Passing the Peace

Baptism Emory Carlisle Hendrick Rev. Derek Starr Redwine  
child of Catherine and Ben Hendrick Rev. Stephanie Hamilton

\*Question to the Congregation

One: Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Emory by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging Emory to know and follow Jesus and to be a faithful member of Christ's church?

**All: We do.**

Hymn 481 "I Believe in God the Father" GENEVAN 42

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

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

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Josh Andrzejewski

Scripture Reading

Ruth 1:16-17  
Romans 12:1-5

OT p. 230  
NT p. 151

Sermon

“Live as if... We Belong to Each Other”

Anthem

*Humble Service*  
Chancel Choir

arr. L. L. Fleming

*Lord, whose love in humble service  
bore the weight of human need,  
who did on the cross forsaken,  
show us mercy's perfect deed:  
we, your servants bring the worship  
not of voice alone, but heart;  
consecrating to your purpose  
every gift which you impart.*

*Still your children wander homeless;  
still the hungry cry for bread;  
still the captives long for freedom;  
still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As you Lord, in deep compassion  
healed the sick and freed the soul,  
by your Spirit send your power  
to our world to make it whole.*

*As we worship, grant us vision,  
till your love's revealing light,  
in its height and depth and greatness  
dawns upon our quickened sight,  
making known the needs and burdens  
your compassion bids us bear,  
stirring us to ardent service,  
your abundant life to share.*

~ Albert F. Bayly

Call to Offering

Rev. Derek Starr Redwine

Offertory

“Siciliano,” from *Sonata 6*

Gaetano Valeri

\*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 727 (vv. 1-4)

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

SERVANT SONG

\*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Josh Andrzejewski

Postlude

*Concerto in G Major: III. Presto*

Johann Ernst, transcribed by J. S. Bach



**DISCOVER  
FIRST**

**September 21  
11:45AM**

Whether you're ready to join or you are still seeking and just want to learn a bit more about the church. This class is for you. After the class, participants will have the option to become members.

To Register:  
Use QR Code or visit  
[fpcrichmond.org/discover](http://fpcrichmond.org/discover)

**Grounded. Growing. Generous.**



If you have been interested in becoming an usher, there will be a training on Sunday, September 28 following morning worship. Lunch will be provided. Scan the QR code to register or reach out to Ken Horton ([ksmmfour@aol.com](mailto:ksmmfour@aol.com)) for more information.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**OCTOBER 5  
11:45AM**

**LUNCH ON  
THE LOT**

Join us in the church parking lot after morning worship on World Communion Day for food, fun, and fellowship!

*\*Note: There will be NO evening worship or dinner\**



Visit [fpcrichmond.org/give](http://fpcrichmond.org/give) or scan the QR code to make a one-time gift or set up recurring gifts. Thank you for all the ways you give.

**This week's usher team includes:** Jon Morris, Chris Brown, Judy Price, Mary Lu Stephens, Robbie Rice  
If interested in serving as an usher, contact Ken Horton ([ksmmfour@aol.com](mailto:ksmmfour@aol.com))

**Elders at the doors:** Kathy Harris, Jim Irby, Jon Morris

**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
- Brian Finlay (*Neely Barnhardt's brother-in-law*), health concerns
- George Gretes, upcoming surgery
- Mary Lynn Lunn, recovering from foot 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
- Karen Rohr, recovering from fall
- Liese Rohr, recovering from surgery
- Olivia Sieber, broken collarbone
- Sharon Spencer, health concerns
- Amy Starr Redwine, health concerns

**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 [fpcrichmond.org/prayer](http://fpcrichmond.org/prayer) or let one of our pastors know.

**Save the date to come walk with Amy's Circle of Strength.** Light the Night is an annual Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (or LLS) event and its purpose is to raise funds for research to find cures for blood cancers, and to bring people together in community to honor those directly affected by blood cancers. This year's Richmond-area walk will be on Saturday, Nov. 1 at Innsbrook. Whether you can walk in person that day or simply be there in spirit, we'd love for you to join.



Scan the QR code for more information.