



First Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 12th, 2025



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Order of Worship

Prelude *Prelude and Fugue in E Minor ("The Cathedral")* J. S. Bach
Bruce Stevens, organ

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Derek Starr Redwine

Introit *This Is My Father's World* arr. Linda R. Lamb
Chancel Bells

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 66)

One: Shout to God all the earth.

All: Make a joyful noise to God!

We sing the glory of God's name.

Let us praise the one who gives us life.

*Hymn 49 "The God of Abraham Praise" LEONI

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you have given us this world to share, yet we do not live together as you intend. We hurt one another with cruel words and selfish actions. We fail to seek reconciliation when relationships are damaged. Holy God, remind us that we are on this earth to be together. Send your Spirit to soften our hearts and guide our steps so that we may repair what is broken, living as the one body you call us to be.

*Passing the Peace

Time for Young Disciples Cate Jobe

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

Anthem *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* arr. Cathay Moglebust
Chancel Bells

Prayer for Illumination Dr. Heath Carter

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 OT p. 687

Sermon "Live as if... We're Going to be Here Awhile"

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

*Tell me, where is the road
I can call my own,
that I left, that I lost,
so long ago?
All these years I have wandered,
oh, when will I know
there's a way, there's a road
that will lead me home?*

*After wind, after rain,
when the dark is done.
As I wake from a dream
in the gold of day,
through the air there's a calling
from far away,
there's a voice I can hear
that will lead me home.*

*Rise up, follow me,
come away, is the call,
with the love in your heart
as the only song;
there is no such beauty
as where you belong:
rise up, follow me,
I will lead you home.*

~ Michael Dennis Browne

*Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Josh Andrzejewski

In life and in death, we belong to God. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, giving his life for the sin of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, and delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

Call to Generosity

Jim Irby

Offertory

“Now Thank We All Our God,” from *Cantata 79*

J. S. Bach

*Doxology

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

Rev. Josh Andrzejewski

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 351

“All Who Love and Serve Your City”

CHARLESTOWN

*Charge and Benediction

Dr. Heath Carter

Postlude

Finale Jubilante

Healey Willan

Dr. Heath W. Carter is the Associate Professor of American Christianity and the Director of PhD Studies at Princeton Theological Seminary. He is the author of *Union Made: Working People and the Rise of Social Christianity in Chicago* and is currently working on a new book, *On Earth as it is in Heaven: Social Christians and the Fight to End American Inequality*, which retells the story of the American social gospel. He serves on the advisory boards of the Louisville Institute and the Hispanic Theological Initiative and teaches regularly in congregational contexts.

Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC)
NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS

The Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC) asks that you consider who might be particularly suited to serve the church as Elders, Deacons, and At-Large members of the CNC in 2026 and beyond.

The CNC invites you to **make your nominations using the QR code or by going to fpcrichmond.org/cnc**.

Suggested nominees need to be FPC members who have been active in the church, and self-nominations are welcome. The period for suggested nominations is September 18 - October 18.



AMERICAN RED CROSS
BLOOD DRIVE

October 13
Noon - 5PM




Give Blood. Give Hope. Honor Amy.



Visit 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, Ashby Horner, Judy Price, Mary Lu Stephens, Robbie Rice
If interested in serving as an usher, contact Ken Horton (kmmfour@aol.com)

Elders at the doors: Gary Barranger, Christina Luxon

Please keep in your prayers those with special concerns:

- Susan Anthony (*Jane Neer's sister*), favorable cancer treatments
- 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
- Betty Harlan, health concerns
- Nancy Hill, in hospice care
- Cynthia Hintze, health concerns
- Barbara Mitchell (*Judy Noble's mother*), in hospice care
- Jane Neer, permanently in health care
- Betty Proffitt (*Jenny Morris' mother*), health concerns
- Sandra Putbrese (*Cortland Putbrese's mother*), health concerns
- Karen Rohr, continued recovery from fall
- Sharon Spencer, health concerns
- Amy Starr Redwine, health concerns

Those Grieving:

- Megan and Jimmy Rose on the death of Megan's mother, Janice Walker, on October 9.

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 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.