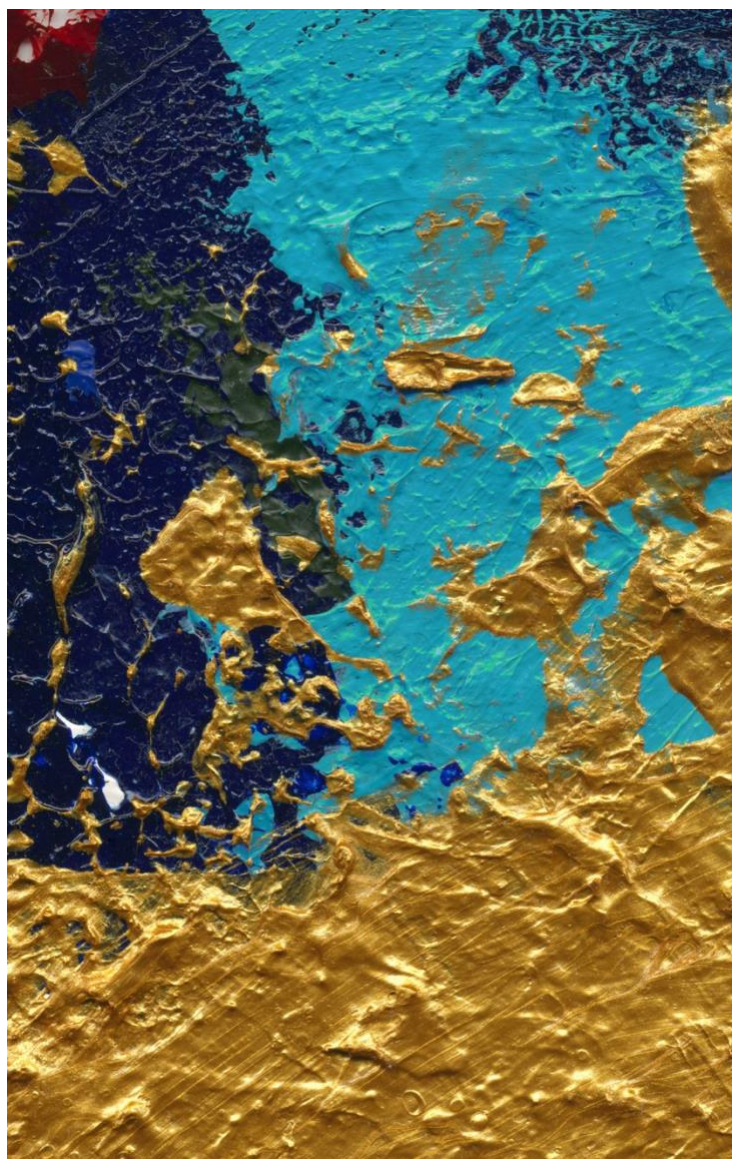




First Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

November 17th, 2024



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Order of Worship

Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in E Minor ("The Cathedral")
Bruce Stevens, organ

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Amy Starr Redwine

Introit Hymn 466

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind
Chancel Choir

arr. Alan Ridout

*Let us, with a gladsome mind,
Praise the Lord for he is kind:
For his mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.*

*Let us blaze his name abroad,
For of gods he is the God:
For his mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.*

*He with all commanding might,
Filled the new-made world with light:
For his mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.*

*He the golden tressed sun
Caused all day his course to run:
For his mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.*

*The horned moon to shine by night,
Mid her spangled sisters bright:
For his mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.*

*All things living he doth feed,
His full hand supplies their need:
For his mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.*

~Psalm 136; alt. John Milton

*Call to Worship

Jeremy Meads

One: Alleluia! Give thanks to the Lord,

All: Call on God's name; proclaim God's deeds among the people.

Sing to God; sing praise, and tell of all God's marvels.

Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice.

*Hymn 12

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

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*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Amy Starr Redwine

O God, in you we live and move and have our being. Yet always in the midst of creation's glory, we see sin's shadow and feel death's darkness: around us in the earth, sea, and sky; beside us in the broken, the hungry, and the poor and in our betrayal of one another; and deep within us, as we strive against your Spirit. Forgive us that we may forgive one another, heal us that we may be people of healing, and renew us that we may be makers of peace.

*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 in the playground following worship.*

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| Hymn 30 | "O God, in a Mysterious Way" | DUNDEE |
| Prayer for Illumination | | Dr. Jacqueline E. Lapsley |
| Scripture Reading | Acts 3:1-11 | NT pp. 112-113 |
| Sermon | "Seeing and Being Seen" | |
| Anthem | <i>I Believe</i> Chancel Choir; Libby Mullins, soprano | Mark Miller |
| | <i>I believe in the sun even when it's not shining. I believe in love even when I don't feel it. I believe in God even when God is silent.</i> ~ Anonymous, written during WW2 on the wall of a cellar in the Cologne concentration camp. | |
| Call to Offering | | Rev. Amy Starr Redwine |
| *Doxology (Prayer of Thanksgiving) | 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. | OLD HUNDREDTH |
| 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 610 | "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" | AZMON |
| *Charge and Benediction | | Dr. Jacqueline E. Lapsley |
| Postlude | <i>Concerto in G Major: III. Presto</i> | Johann Ernst, trans. by J. S. Bach |

Jacqueline E. Lapsley became President of Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, VA and Charlotte, NC in 2023 after serving at Princeton Theological Seminary for 25 years. A noted Old Testament scholar, Dr. Lapsley earned her Ph.D. from Emory University, an M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary, an M.A. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and her A.B. from Smith College. Dr. Lapsley is married to Rev. Greg Bezilla, an Episcopal priest currently serving as interim rector of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Goochland; they have two adult children. She is a ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

FPSeasons are here! Pick up a copy in the commons as you leave worship today. Inside you'll find information about Advent and J-Term.



GREENING OF THE CHURCH

Sunday November 24

11:30AM Fellowship Hall

All are invited to help decorate the church for Advent and Christmas. Pizza provided—projects for all ability levels



Silent Night

A Community Service for Grieving Parents
"We are not alone in our heartache and grief when a child dies."

December 3

7PM | Sanctuary

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A service for grieving parents to remember children (of any age) who have died. We will light candles, offer prayers, hear music, and shine light into the darkness of our grief.

This week's usher team includes: Ken Horton, Caley Cantrell, Sherry May, Steve May, Tara Modisett
If interested in serving as an usher, contact Ken Horton (ksmmfour@aol.com)

Elders at the doors: Shep Haw, Ann Nickels, LaMont Noble

Please keep in your prayers those with special concerns:

- Christi Barranger, recovering from hip replacement surgery
- Julia Bonham (*Sheila Smith's mother*), health concerns
- Ashtyn Bratt, recovering from broken ankle
- Jim Dunn, health concerns
- Vernon Glenn, health concerns
- Pat Lintner (*Christa Santos' father*), health concerns
- John Miller, in treatment for brain cancer
- Barbara Mitchell (*Judy Noble's mother*), in hospice care
- Jane Neer, health concerns
- Byrd Newton (*Emily Laux's father*), health concerns
- Betty Proffitt (*Jenny Morris' mother*), health concerns
- Sandra Putbrese (*Cortland Putbrese's mother*), health concerns
- Sharon Spencer, health concerns
- Percy Wootton, health concerns

We pray for members and family serving in the military:

Tripp Bowles, Jenny Sigel Burkett, 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.

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MATTHEW 10:8
FPC Stewardship 2025

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