



First Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 2nd, 2026



*Woodcut of Jacob wrestling with God by Walter Habdank (German, 1930–2001)
from the Habdank Bibel (Augsburg: Pattloch, 1995)*

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Order of Worship

Prelude "Humble Us by Thy Goodness," from *Cantata 22* J. S. Bach
Bruce Stevens, organ

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Amy Starr Redwine

Introit *Here, O Our Lord, We See You* Frederick Atkinson
Summer Choir
(Lyrics may be found in hymn 517, vv. 1 & 5)

*Call to Worship

One: We gather here in anticipation,

All: seeking an encounter with our Holy God,
who comes among us when we least expect it,
who invites us to wrestle with our questions and doubts,
who richly blesses us, and calls us each by name.
Let us worship God together!

*Hymn 550 "Give Praise to the Lord" LAUDATE DOMINUM

*Prayer of Confession Rev. Josh Andrzejewski
God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our savior, Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and embrace your will.

*Assurance of Pardon and Passing the Peace

Time for Young Disciples

*Children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to Children's Chapel for faith formation.
They will return to the sanctuary for the Lord's Supper.*

Prayer for Illumination Rev. Stephanie Hamilton

Hymn 29 (vv. 1, 2, & 4) "O God, You Search Me" O GOD, YOU SEARCH ME
(Psalm 139)

Scripture Reading Genesis 32:22-31 OT p. 29

Sermon "Wrestling" Rev. Stephanie Hamilton

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

*Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Amy Starr Redwine

In life and in death, we belong to God. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" 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.

(Adapted from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

Call to Offering

Organ Voluntary

Marche in D

Joseph Haydn

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Josh Andrzejewski

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.

Words of Institution

Rev. Amy Starr Redwine

Music During Communion

Chorale Prelude on "My Heart Is Filled with Joy at the Dear Summertime"
Ave verum corpus

Johannes Brahms
W. A. Mozart

Prayer After Communion

*Hymn 547

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

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*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Stephanie Hamilton

Postlude

"Plein Jeu," from *Suite on the Second Tone*

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

Financial Summary			
2nd Quarter Year-To-Date 2026			
	Actuals Jan-June 2026	Budget Jan-June 2026	2026 Annual Budget
Total Receipts (pledge & other income)	1,171,767	1,170,250	2,314,948
*Pledges received	928,274	924,676	1,707,744
We are grateful that giving is currently exceeding budget expectations, providing a strong foundation for ministry. As we move through the year, we encourage everyone to both make and fulfill their pledge commitments. Consistent giving enables FPC to faithfully carry out its mission and ministry plans. Questions can be directed to Debra Harris at 804-358-2383 ext. 117. So far in 2026, we celebrate receiving 2 bequests totaling \$50,062.44. According to our policy, any bequests above \$10,000 are added to the First Fund, an undesignated fund of the FPC Endowment.			

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This week's usher team includes: Pratt Cook, Connie Gottwald, Elizabeth Saunders, Pete Winters, Sheryl Phillips (*If interested in serving as an usher, contact Pratt Cook, pratt.cook@yahoo.com*)

Elders at the doors: Kathy Harris, Susan Quinn, Kayla Craddock

The flowers in the Memorial Corridor and Sanctuary were arranged by Lynda Starr.

Please keep in your prayers those with special concerns:

- Susan Anthony (*Jane Neer's sister*), continued recovery
- Bev Berwick (*Jim Berwick's mother*), health concerns
- Sarah Campbell (*Kit and Pat Campbell's daughter*), in hospice care
- Rebecca Darling (*Ashley Raggi's sister*), health concerns
- Laura de Venoge (*Amy de Venoge's mother-in-law*), recovering from surgery
- Billy George, health concerns
- Vernon Glenn, health concerns
- Harry Harris, outpatient rehabilitation
- Martha Mathews, recovering from knee surgery
- Marilyn Smart, health concerns
- Roy Smith (*Nicole Ball's uncle*), cancer treatment
- Sam Spencer (*Sharon Spencer's brother*), health concerns
- Sharon Spencer, health concerns
- Bruce Tyler, recovering from surgery
- Vicki Warren, recovering from foot surgery

Those Rejoicing:

- April Freeman and Libby Mullins on the occasion of their wedding on July 31.

We pray for members and family serving in the military:

Tripp Bowles, Jenny Sigel Burkett, Toby Collins, Joshua Garber, Zach Kirk, Mason Louthan, 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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