



First Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 13, 2026



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Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Adagio in E Major
Bruce Stevens, organ

Frank Bridge

When despair for the world grows in me / and I wake in the night at the least sound / in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be, / I go and lie down where the wood drake / rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds. / I come into the peace of wild things / who do not tax their lives with forethought / of grief. I come into the presence of still water. / And I feel above me the day-blind stars / waiting with their light. For a time / I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.
~Wendell Berry, The Peace of Wild Things

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Amy Starr Redwine

Centering Music

There in God's Garden
Chancel Choir

K. Lee Scott, arr. by Jeremy Bankson

*There in God's garden
stands the tree of Wisdom,
whose leaves hold forth
the healing of the nations:
tree of all knowledge,
tree of all compassion,
tree of all beauty.*

*See how its branches
reach to us in welcome;
hear what the Voice says,
"Come to me, ye weary!
Give me your sickness;
give me all your sorrow;
I will give blessing."*

*This is my ending;
this, my resurrection;
into your hands,
Lord, I commit my spirit.
This have I searched for;
now I can possess it.
This ground is holy.*

*Call to Worship

Rev. Cate Jobe

One: In a world that is always changing,

All: we come to be grounded in God's love.

In seasons of uncertainty,

God is our rock and our refuge.

God's faithfulness remains.

With grateful hearts, let us worship God.

*Hymn 353

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

SOLID ROCK

*Prayer of Confession

When our faith is rooted in you, O God, our lives reflect your values of justice and righteousness, but sometimes our lives become so entangled with the values of the world, that your values take second place. Forgive us, O God, and reconnect us to the Holy Spirit, source of power and life. Strip our hearts and minds of all that prevents our lives from being firmly rooted in you.

*Assurance of Pardon and Passing the Peace

Baptism

Charles Walker Dewey, child of Liz and Stephen Dewey
Charles Raymond Doherty, child of Anne and Tim Doherty

Rev. Josh Andrzejewski
Rev. Cate Jobe

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

*Question to the Congregation

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

All: We do.

*Apostles' Creed (Hymnal p. 35)

*Children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to Children's Chapel for faith formation.
After worship, they may be picked up from the playground.*

Hymn 487 (stanzas 1, 3, & 4)

"These Treasured Children"

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Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Amy Starr Redwine

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 17:7-8

OT p. 676

Colossians 2:6-7

NT p. 189

Sermon

"Grounded"

Rev. Amy Starr Redwine

Anthem

My Soul's Been Anchored in de Lord
Libby Mullins, soprano

Spiritual, arr. by Glenn L. Jones

*In de Lord, in de Lord, my soul's been anchored in de Lord.
My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
Jesus lover of my soul let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, oh my Savior hide 'til the storm of life is past.
Safe into the haven guide, oh receive my soul at last.*

*Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Derek Starr Redwine

We believe in an innovative God, who does not wait for us to find ourselves but comes seeking and saving the lost. We believe in Jesus as God's crucial initiative, and that when he calls us to follow, Christ gives us the power to become children of the living God. We believe in the Spirit by whom Jesus still comes to us, calling us to follow him into an obedience which is true liberty and to a humble service which is true joy. We believe in the Church as the fellowship of Christ's people, called to respect and support one another through joys and tribulations.

(inspired by Mark 1:14-20, Matthew 4:18-22)

Shared Offerings

Deborah Miller

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (Hymnal p. 35)

*Hymn 463 (vv. 1, 2, 4, & 5)

"How Firm a Foundation"

FOUNDATION

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Amy Starr Redwine

Postlude

Toccata

Alberto Ginastera



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 Pratt Cook, pratt.cook@yahoo.com*)

Elders at the doors: Clark Lewis, Susan Quinn

The flowers in the Sanctuary were given to the glory of God and with gratitude for the members and staff of First Presbyterian Church by Susan and Kyle Henderson.

The flowers in the Memorial Corridor were arranged by Katie Conschafter and the flowers in the Sanctuary were arranged by Sara Crump.

Please keep in your prayers those with special concerns:

- Susan Anthony (*Jane Neer's sister*), continued recovery
- 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
- Roy Smith (*Nicole Ball's uncle*), cancer treatment
- Sam Spencer (*Sharon Spencer's brother*), health concerns
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- Martha Terrell (*Jane Neer's sister*), health concerns

Those Grieving:

- The Rev. Dr. Sam Adams on the death of his mother, the Rev. Dr. Joanna Adams, on August 7.
- Jim Berwick on the death of his mother, Bev Berwick, on August 27.
- The family and friends of Bev Davis who died on September 5.

Those Rejoicing:

- Lucy Travers and Tyler Smith on their engagement on September 5.

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.

Amy's Circle of Strength:

Light the Night Information Session

Amy's Circle of Strength is growing! Come to an information session on **Sunday, September 20**, after morning worship to learn how you can support Blood Cancer United and participate in Light the Night on November 7.



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