Prayer Requests

- Rachel Burt and family
- Sherry Down's sister, Virginia Corder
- Malissa Horton and family
- Martha Smart
- Foss Smith
- Harriet Bowen
- Elaine King
- Staff & Students at E. Wilson Morrison
- Zach Logan's niece, Lydia
- Larry Good's brother-in-law Charles
- Karen Heier's mother, Barbara
- Andra Logan
- Marta Steane's husband, Christopher
- Joan Brubaker's brother John, sister Janice, and brother-in-law Phil

Please let us know if any prayer requests should be updated or removed. To help keep our prayer list current, requests will remain for one month unless we receive an update.

Sunday Mornings at FRPC

Sunday School for Adults, Youth & Children
Every Sunday, 9:30–10:15 a.m. Our Adult class continues "Forgive." All are welcome!

Children's Worship
During worship in Room 102. Children return during the final hymn.

Upcoming Service Opportunities & Events

Hanging of the Greens | Today
Today we hang the greens and prepare our sanctuary for Advent. Thank you to everyone who helps make our church beautiful for the season!

First Sunday of Advent | November 29
Advent begins next Sunday as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.

Congregational Meeting | December 6
Immediately following worship for the purpose of electing ruling elders.

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November 22, 2026



We glorify God by following the Holy Spirit in a loving community serving Jesus Christ.

Prelude O God, Beyond All Praising — Gustav Holst/Robert Buckley Farlee

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer

Gathering #402 How Lovely, Lord, vs. 1

Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 100)
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness! Come into God's presence with singing!
Know this! The Lord is God!
We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.
So, enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and come into the sanctuary with praise.
Let us give thanks to God and bless God's holy name. For the Lord is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever! God's faithfulness is for all generations!
Come, let us worship God!

Opening Hymn #367 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
(Please remain standing through the sung response)

Call to Confession
This is a holy time and a holy place set aside for holy people; yet what makes us holy is not our perfection, it is Christ's. Every sin that is found outside of the church is found inside of it. The only difference is that here we acknowledge our sin and lay it before the one who has the power and authority to redeem us. Trusting in the promise that God is for us, let us confess our sins together:

Prayer of Confession
Almighty God, you are God of all creation, from beginning to end. All authority and power to direct the ways of the world are in your hands. Yet you saw fit to outfit humankind with the same freedom to choose and act that you have. We thank you for this power, but confess we often misuse it. We choose to do the things we know not to do. We take advantage, even as we sense our conscience pulling us away from what is wrong. We deny our own agency and claim "it is what it is" about the sufferings and injustices of the world when we should be working to make a change. Forgive us, Merciful God, of our shallowness of heart and slowness of action. Fill us with the Spirit of Christ, the advocate for the least among us, that we be empowered to do justly, love kindness and walk humbly before you. Through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon and Exchange of Peace
(adapted from Romans 8:33-34)
Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. So believe the Good News: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.**

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
Please exchange the peace of Christ with your neighbors.

Sung Response #443 There Is a Redeemer, *Refrain*
Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Children's Message (Faith Builders)
Children are invited to go to Children's Worship with our Children's Ministry Coordinator, Ms. Marisa. They will return during the final hymn.

Prayers of the People

Call to Offering

Offertory Now Thank We All Our God Johann Crüger/Wilbur Held

Sung Response #643 Now Thank We All Our God, vs. 3

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn #270 O Lord, You Are My God and King

First Reading Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Anthem Soon and Very Soon André Crouch/Jack Schrader

Second Reading Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon The King Who Comes to Us

Sacrament of Communion
This table is open to all who seek to follow Jesus in faith, repentance, and love.

Prayer of Thanksgiving
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Gracious God, it is truly right to give you thanks and praise. You created the heavens and the earth, formed us in your image, and called us to live in love with you and one another. You planted and tended your people as a vineyard, sending prophets to call us again and again to justice, mercy, and faithfulness. Even when we forgot you, you did not forget us. Your steadfast love remained from generation to generation. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the faithful of every time and place:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We thank you for Jesus Christ, who welcomed sinners and strangers, healed the wounded, fed the hungry, and gathered people at his table. In him you came among us not to grasp but to give, offering yourself for the life of the world. Though rejected, Christ became the cornerstone of your new creation; though crucified, you raised him from death so that we might live.

At his table he gave his disciples bread and cup and said, "Do this in remembrance of me." And so we remember - not by ourselves, but with your church in every time and place, with those who taught us the faith, those who prayed for us, those who sat beside us at tables such as this, and those throughout the world who break this bread today.

Remembering his life, death, and resurrection, we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ shall come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup. Unite us with Christ and with one another, with your church throughout the world and your saints in every age. As we receive what we did not create and cannot possess, teach us to live with open hands, receiving your grace with gratitude and sharing its fruit with the world. When our faith falters, hold us; when our memory fails, remember us; and sustain us in your grace until we feast with you in your kingdom.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Sacrament Given and Received

Prayer after Communion and The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn #268 Crown Him with Many Crowns

Benediction

Postlude Now Thank We All Our God Johann Crüger/Sigfried Karg-Elert

Leading Us in Worship Today

Minister of Word and Sacrament — Rev. Jacobus "Cobus" Greyling
Liturgist — Donna Jordon
Organist/Director of Music — Dr. Heather Ankerbrand

Elements of today's liturgy may be based on worship resources from *Presbyterian Outlook*.
Scripture is read from the NRSV unless otherwise indicated.