

Assurance of Forgiveness and Exchange of Peace (from Romans 8:1-3)

For those who are in Christ, there is no condemnation; for by Christ's death and resurrection, God has done what the law and works of human righteousness alone could not: breathed new life through the Holy Spirit into the world, turning it upside down. Believe this scandalous, joyous good news: through Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and restored to new life. **Alleluia! Amen!**

May the peace of Christ be with you; **And also with you.**

Please exchange the peace of Christ with your neighbors.

Sung Response #447 We Are Forgiven

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. (Repeat)

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.

Cents-Ability

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering

Offertory Be Still My Soul Jean Sibelius/Robert J Powell

Sung Response #609 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn #761 Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Scripture Reading Genesis 25:19-34

Solo Forlana from *Five Bagatelles* Gerald Finzi
Karen Young, clarinet

Sermon *The Sower Who Goes Before Us* Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Closing Hymn #314 Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

Benediction

Postlude "The Rejoicing" from *Music for a Peace Celebration*
GF Handel/H Whitford

SCRIPTURE			Main Theme
BOOK	CHAPTER	VERSE	
THOUGHTS			QUESTIONS

			Key Points
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			• _____
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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*, PAM, and *Feasting on the Word*. Scripture is read from the NRSV unless otherwise indicated.

Prayer Requests

- Harriet Bowen
- Steve Allen
- Kathy Allen
- Karen Heier's mother, Barbara
- Andra Logan
- Marta Steane's husband, Christopher
- Foss Smith
- Elaine King
- Adrian & Rachel Burt

Praises

- Please keep Carissa Kraft's acquaintance in your prayers as she heals.

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 at 9:30 am

Adult Sunday School - We will begin to apply the Bible study skills we have learned as we study the book of Ephesians together. Join us! (Parlor)

Youth & Children's Sunday School classes will take a break for the summer and will resume in August.

Children's Worship - Children leave the worship service midway (as marked in the order of worship) and return before the last hymn. (Room 102)

Upcoming Service Opportunities & Events

Today - Welcome our new pastor, Rev. Jacobus ("Cobus") Greyling, to FRPC!

Cents-Ability Sunday



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Welcome to
**Front Royal
Presbyterian Church**
July 12, 2026



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

Prelude

Gather Us In

Marty Haugen/John A Behnke

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer & Gathering Hymn #738 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee, vs. 1
O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Call to Worship (from Psalm 119:105-11)

All who walk in shadow, come into the light!

God's Word lights the way for us.

God has promised to abide with us.

So let us commit to walk in God's ways.

All who are afflicted, ensnared by the world, come give praise to God.

God is the joy of our heart, our sure and certain comfort, come what may!

Opening Hymn #401 Here in This Place (Gather Us In)

(Please remain standing through the sung response)

Call to Confession

God does not promise us a life without struggle or hardship; yet how often do we make what is already difficult even more so? Yet the grace of God is that the sorrows we inflict upon ourselves cannot last forever; so, let us unburden ourselves, confessing the ways in which we struggle against God that we may receive that grace anew.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious Creator, you created this world and called it good, and out of it called a pilgrim people, chosen to abide with you and to bear witness to your reality. Yet we, who have been called "Beloved" by you, often find ourselves making peace with what does not give peace. Meet us in our weakness; turn our unwilling eyes upon our unruly hearts. Draw us away from our love of power, our tolerance of injustice, our ignorance of suffering. Drive us towards what is fearfully and wonderfully made, so that we may inspire hope, offer forgiveness, and love our neighbors through faithful living, according to the way of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.