

Prayer Requests

- Martha Smart
- Steve & Kathy Allen
- Foss Smith
- Harriet Bowen
- Elaine King
- Adrian & Rachel Burt
- Staff & Students at E. Wilson Morrison
- Jason & Malissa Horton and family – loss of Jason’s mother, Kay
- Karen Heier's mother, Barbara
- Andra Logan
- Marta Steane's husband, Christopher
- Joan Brubaker's brother John, sister Janice, and brother-in-law, Phil
- Cameron Downs

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, and children resumes next Sunday, September 13, from 9:30–10:15 a.m. All are welcome!

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

Happy Labor Day!

In observance of Labor Day, the church office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, September 7. We hope everyone enjoys a safe and relaxing holiday!

Backpack Buddies

This coming week, Backpack Buddies will meet on Wednesday, September 9, at 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School is Back!

Sunday School resumes September 13, from 9:30–10:15 a.m., for all ages! Join us as we kick off a new year of faith and fellowship, and stay after worship for a special ice cream treat!



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Welcome to
**Front Royal
Presbyterian Church**
September 6, 2026



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

Prelude Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether Harold Friedell/Haig Mardirosian

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer

Gathering #738 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee, vs. 1

Call to Worship (from Psalm 119:33-40)

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,

and I will observe it to the end.

Give me understanding, that I may keep your law

and observe it with my whole heart.

Lead me in the path of your commandments,

for I delight in it.

Turn my heart to your decrees;

in your righteousness be gracious to me.

Opening Hymn #753 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace
(Please remain standing through the sung response)

Call to Confession

As we worship God, let us take time to honestly name the ways that we have fallen short, collectively and individually. Trusting in the gracious mercy of our Lord, let us confess, together.

Prayer of Confession

Lord God, we have judged others harshly, unfairly and casually. We tend to focus on the sin, brokenness and foibles of others, rather than on the growth and work we are called to. We’ve made assumptions about what others want and need, robbing them of the freedom to speak for themselves. We’ve tuned out the voices bold enough to express views that are different from ours. We’ve relied upon your grace, time and time again, while hastily denying that you are eager to give grace not only to us, but also to our enemies. Help us to see others as you see them; help us to see you with faith and trust.

Assurance of Pardon and Exchange of Peace (Exodus 34:6, Ezekiel 33:11)

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, calling all to turn from sin, and live. By the grace of God, our sins 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 #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.

Prayers of the People

Call to Offering

Offertory How Firm a Foundation Trad. American/Rebecca Groom te Velde

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 #529 Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether

Scripture Reading Ezekiel 33:7-11

Special Music My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less E Mote/W Bradbury/Sovereign Grace
Carissa Kraft & Sage Milenkevich, voice
Raven & Sienna Milenkevich, violin

Sermon *Christ in the Difficult Room* Matthew 18:15-20

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. When we turned away, your love remained steadfast. Through prophets and watchmen, you called your people to turn from death and choose life. 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. He gave himself for the life of the world, and you raised him from death so that we might live. 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. Give us courage to speak truth with love, humility to listen, wisdom to protect the vulnerable, and grace to seek restoration. 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 #644 Give Thanks, O Christian People

Benediction

Postlude Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow *Genevan Psalter*/Paul Manz



Leading Us in Worship Today

Minister of Word and Sacrament	Rev. Jacobus “Cobus” Greyling
Liturgist	Lee Bowen
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.