

Prayer Requests

- Martha Smart
- Steve & Kathy Allen
- Foss Smith
- Harriet Bowen
- Elaine King
- Adrian & Rachel Burt
- Malissa Horton's mother-in-law, Kate
- 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 & Children

The Adult and the Youth & Children's Sunday School Groups are taking a break for the summer. All classes will resume on September 13. All are welcome to join us!

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

Feeding Our Neighbors

- Join us as we continue serving our community through Feeding Our Neighbors!
- Meal Prep: Tuesday, August 25, at 12:30 p.m. at FRPC.
 - Serving Dinner: Thursday, August 27, from 3:30-6:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church.
 - Donations Needed: Hamburger buns and mayonnaise.



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Welcome to
Front Royal
Presbyterian Church
August 23, 2026



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

Prelude Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me Thomas Hastings/Al Roberts

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer

Gathering #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
Hear O Israel! I am calling! Are you listening?
We are here and we are ready.
Beloved Children, who do you say that I am?
You are our rock and our redeemer. Our trust is in you.
Our hearts, minds and souls belong to you!
I created you, named you and have a calling for your life.
We give thanks with our whole hearts for your steadfast love!

Opening Hymn #394 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation
(Please remain standing through the sung response)

Call to Confession
You call out to us, Lord, but we struggle to listen. As we come before you with our hearts open, quiet the noise of the world, of our pressing thoughts and fears, so that we may hear your Spirit fully.

Prayer of Confession
God of truth, like a moth that gnaws at wool, our brokenness eats away at our souls. We allow the cacophony of greed, selfishness, apathy and ignorance to drown out your voice as you call us to see the suffering in our world and respond to the needs of your children. In our busy lives, we convince ourselves that there is no time to help, no space for prayer and no need for justice. Forgive us. Remind us that only when we slow down and breathe deeply of your Holy Spirit and holy Word can our ears hear your voice. Inspire us to greater love for you and for one another. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon and Exchange of Peace (based on Isaiah 51:4, Matthew 16:19)
The prophet Isaiah wrote, “Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me.” Jesus promised, “I will give you the keys to the kingdom.” We know love and forgiveness because God first loved us and has been calling out to us forever, “You are my beloved!” May we respond to such abundant grace with deep gratitude for God’s unending forgiveness.
God loves me, heals me, strengthens me and calls me by name.
Through Jesus I am made whole! Thanks be to God!

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 and The Lord’s Prayer

Call to Offering

Offertory Aria Brian Solomons

Sung Response #609 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn #170 You Walk Along Our Shoreline

Scripture Reading Isaiah 51:1-6

Solo Marvelous Grace Julia Johnston/DB Towner
Mark Jordon, voice & guitar

Sermon The Question that Builds the Church Matthew 16:13-20

Affirmation of Faith The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional)

Closing Hymn #182 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Benediction

Postlude I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say Trad. English/Robert J Powell

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Main Theme

Questions

Thoughts

Key Points

Leading Us in Worship Today

Minister of Word and Sacrament
Liturgist
Organist/Director of Music

Rev. Jacobus “Cobus” Greyling
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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.