

Prayer Requests

- Martha Smart
- Steve Allen
- Foss Smith
- Harriet Bowen
- Elaine King
- Adrian & Rachel Burt
- Staff & Students at E. Wilson Morrison
- 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

Sunday School is back! Join us Sundays from 9:30–10:15 a.m. with classes for adults, youth, and children. The Adult Sunday School class has begun “Comfort Those Who Mourn.” All are welcome!

Children’s Worship

Children leave the worship service midway (as marked in the order of worship) and will return during the final hymn. *(Room 102)*

Upcoming Service Opportunities & Events

Festival of Leaves

FRPC will be at the Festival of Leaves on Saturday, October 10! Stop by our booth and help us connect with our community. If you’d like to swing by and volunteer for a bit, please speak with Marisa or Usi. We’d love to have you join us!

Congregational Meeting

A Congregational Meeting will be held following worship on Sunday, October 11, for the purpose of establishing and electing the Congregational Nominating Committee.



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Welcome to
**Front Royal
Presbyterian Church**
October 4, 2026



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

Prelude Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness Johann Crüger/Aaron David Miller

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer

Gathering #402 How Lovely, Lord, vs. 1

Call to Worship

 (from Luke 13:29)

People will come from east and west, **from north and south,** and will eat in the kingdom of God. **Thanks be to God for welcoming us to the table.**

Opening Hymn #388

 Come All You People

Choir 2x, Congregation 3x

(Please remain standing through the sung response)

Call to Confession

We have received much that we did not create: faith handed down to us, communities that have welcomed us, memories that sustain us, and grace that meets us again and again. Yet what we receive as gift can become something we grasp as possession, and what we cherish can become something we are afraid to entrust again to God. Trusting the mercy of the One who has held us all our days, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Faithful God, you have given us more than we can name: people who have loved us, stories that have formed us, traditions that have carried us, and a place among your people.

Forgive us when gratitude becomes possession, when love becomes fear of losing, and when we forget that the vineyard is yours.

Forgive us when we cling to your gifts rather than receiving them with gratitude and sharing them with generosity.

Teach us to remember without grasping, to cherish without possessing, and to trust that the grace which has sustained us will sustain us still.

Through Jesus Christ, who gathers us at his table and holds us in a love stronger than our own remembering. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon and Exchange of Peace

(2 Corinthians 5:17; Book of Common Worship)

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **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 Come, Let Us Eat Billema Kwillia/Frank Ferko

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

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn #515 I Come with Joy

Scripture Reading Isaiah 5:1-7

Anthem #508 Come to the Table Vss. 1-2 Choir, Vs. 3 All

Sermon Held in Remembrance Matthew 21:33-46

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 #538 Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

Benediction

Postlude Bread of Life Bob Hurd/Lynn Trapp

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.