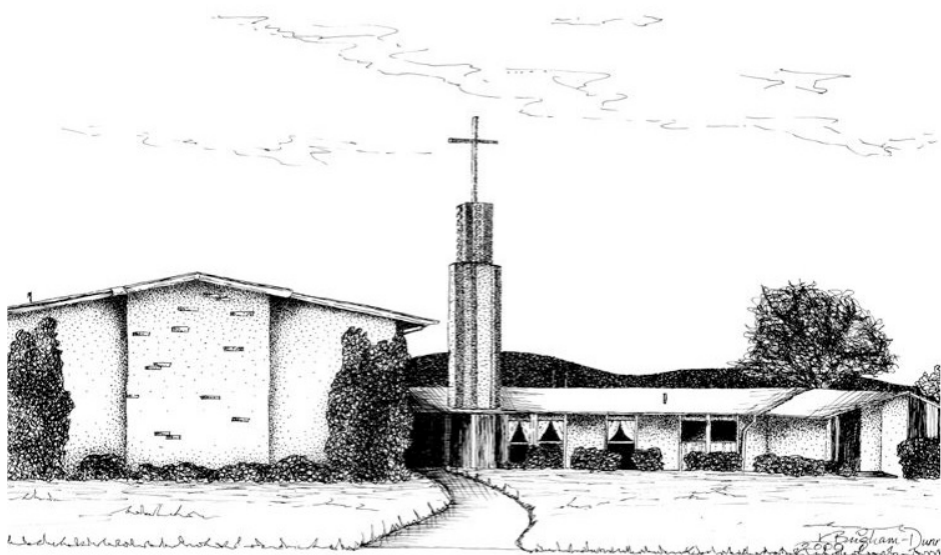


# Faith

## CHURCH

Presbyterian Church in America

**A Worshiping Community of Grace**



**Worship the LORD  
in the splendor of his holiness**

I Chr. 16:29

Sunday School for All Ages 9:15am

Worship Service 10:45am

Evening Worship on 1st Sundays at 5pm

# Welcome!



If you are visiting with us today, we're glad you're here! In order that we can serve you best, please reach out to us by scanning this QR code, or by filling out the welcome card in the pew rack and placing it in the offering plate.

**Your children are welcome in our Sanctuary!** Pick up activity bags at the Welcome Table for use during the service. Children 4 and under are also welcome in our nursery with secure drop off/pick up procedures.

**Giving is an act of worship.** Offering plates are passed during every worship service, and you can also drop your offering any time into the black box just inside the sanctuary doors. Checks can be made out to 'Faith Church.' **Online giving is available through our [website](#) or app,** found at this QR code.



## Stay in the know!

Receive our weekly email, and subscribe to our Slack Channel, Website and app! To sign up, email Heidi at [admin@faithreformed.org](mailto:admin@faithreformed.org).

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If you need hearing assistance or a Large Print Bible during the service, please ask an usher.

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**Let us all prepare our hearts**  
with silent Bible reading, meditation, and prayer  
before the service begins.

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**Contact Us:** [www.faithreformed.org](http://www.faithreformed.org)

**Faith Church**, a Reformed Presbyterian congregation, is a member of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), a denomination faithful to the Scriptures, true to the Reformed Faith, and obedient to the Great Commission.

**Our Mission:** *"Faith Church exists to worship and glorify God, to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, and to promote God's kingdom by standing as a gracious and faithful witness to the surrounding community and the world."*

Sunday School for All Ages, 9:15am \* Worship Service, 10:45am \* Evening Worship on 1st Sundays, 5pm

# Order of Worship

Sunday, September 14, 2025

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## PRAISE: We Acknowledge God's Majesty

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Prelude

\*Hymn 38

Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise

\*Call to Worship  
Psalm 29

Leader: The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

**All: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness. The Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

**All: All who gather in his temple shall cry "Glory!"**

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\*Praise Songs

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name  
All I Have is Christ

\*Invocation

Corporate  
Confession

The Lutheran Hymnal,  
1941

**All:** O Almighty God, Merciful Father, I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being. Amen.

## Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon  
Psalm 103:11-12

“For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.”

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## CONSECRATION: We Surrender Our Lives to Christ

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Scripture Reading [1 John 5](#)

\*Hymn Psalm 91

The Offering “Whoever brings blessing will be enriched,  
Proverbs 11:24 and one who waters will himself be watered.”

Offertory Rise My Soul, the Lord is Risen  
Faith Praise Team

\*Hymn 733 Doxology

## Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of Intercession  
David Johnston

Sermon The Problem  
Charlie Van Meter [Exodus 20:1-3](#)

\*Hymn 672 Trust and Obey

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

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# At Home Worship This Week

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## Bible Reading

2025: 52-week Bible Reading Plan by Ligonier Ministries.

Feel free to combine readings if you prefer a day off each week.

Sun. Sept. 14	<i>Epistles</i>	Titus
Mon. Sept. 15	<i>The Law</i>	Numbers 17-20
Tues. Sept. 16	<i>History</i>	1 Chronicles 25-29
Wed. Sept. 17	<i>Psalms</i>	Psalms 108-110
Thur. Sept. 18	<i>Poetry</i>	Proverbs 23-24
Fri. Sept. 19	<i>Prophecy</i>	Amos 1-4
Sat. Sept. 20	<i>Gospels</i>	John 16-18

## Westminster Larger Catechism

### Q. 53. How was Christ exalted in his ascension?

A. Christ was exalted in his ascension, in that having after his resurrection often appeared unto and conversed with his apostles, speaking to them of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God, and giving them commission to preach the gospel to all nations, forty days after his resurrection, he, in our nature and as our head, triumphing over enemies, visibly went up into the highest heavens, there to receive gifts for men, to raise up our affections thither, and to prepare a place for us, where himself is and shall continue till his second coming at the end of the world.

*Acts 1:2-3; Matt. 28:19-20; Heb. 6:20; Eph. 4:8; Acts 1:9-11; Eph. 4:10; Ps. 68:18; Col. 3:1-2; John 14:3; Acts 3:21.*

### Q. 54. How is Christ exalted in his sitting at the right hand of God?

A. Christ is exalted in his sitting at the right hand of God, in that as God-man he is advanced to the highest favor with God the Father, with all fullness of joy, glory, and power over all things in heaven and earth; and doth gather and defend his Church, and subdue their enemies; furnisheth his ministers and people with gifts and graces, and maketh intercession for them.

*Phil. 2:9; Acts 2:28; Ps. 16:11; John 17:5; Eph. 1:22; 1 Pet. 3:22; Eph. 4:10-12; Ps. 110:1; Rom. 8:34.*

## Hymn:

100 Holy, Holy, Holy

## Sermon Text for Next Week:

Exodus 20:4-6

# Prayer Requests

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## World

Pray for your persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ in Cuba; for the goodness of God to be made known among the nations; for peace in Europe and the Middle East.

## United States

Pray for current events to always point people to Jesus. Ask the Father to use cultural tragedies and remembrances to unify us as a nation and to expand His kingdom in the US and the world.

## PCA

Geneva Benefits Group (PCA Retirement)

## Faith Church

Ask the Father to bless John and Cyndy with therapeutic rest and relaxation over the next few months, a time for real connection with family and deep communion with Him.

## Discipleship Ministry

Donny and Rebecca Frost—Small Group Leaders

## Music Ministry

Anna Yost—Children's Choir accompanist

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Sunday School Offering

John and Rachel Clifford, MTW, Rwanda

## Faith Church Supported Missionaries and Ministries

Project Paraguay: *Roberto Maureira, Paraguay*

## September Missions Moment

John and Rachel Clifford are MTW missionaries to Kigali, Rwanda with a heart for strengthening the Church across Africa. They are helping new church plants to flourish by working with a Bible College to train church leaders, and to run a missionary internship program for visiting college students. They just wrapped up their successful month long, 2025 internship program with 8 interns in July. Pray for these interns as they discern God's calling to missionary work. Pray for the Cliffords and their 4 children and their vision to see Kigali become a hub for sending church leaders and missionaries across the continent.

# This Week at Faith

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<b>Sunday, Sept. 14</b>	9:15am	Sunday School
	10:45am	Worship service
	12:00pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	5:00pm	Youth Group
<b>Monday, Sept. 15</b>	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Tuesday, Sept. 16</b>	12:00pm	Men's Bible Study
<b>Wednesday, Sept. 17</b>	12:00pm	Men's Lunch Bunch
	7:00pm	Prayer meeting online
<b>Thursday, Sept. 18</b>	7:00pm	ESL Ministry
<b>Friday, Sept. 19</b>	10:30am	Fiber Fellowship
<b>Saturday, Sept. 20</b>	8:30am	Men's Breakfast
	8:45am	Women's Bible Study
	10:30am	Downtown Chr. Fellowship
<b>Sunday, Sept. 21</b>	9:15am	Sunday School
	10:45am	Worship service
	5:00pm	Youth Group

## Announcements

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### **Care Net Annual Walk for Life—Sunday, Sept. 28, 1pm**

Support pro-life efforts in Frederick County by joining together at the Baker Park Bandshell on Sunday, Sept. 28. Registration, free lunch, activities and fellowship will be from 1:00 – 2:00 PM with praise and worship and walking to follow. This event is rain or shine. The walk route is approximately 1.5 miles and your support enables them to provide vital funds for the life affirming services Care Net provides year-round.

**Officer Nominations Now Open.** The Session will be receiving officer nominations through Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. This year is a little different because we are asking those making nominations to do so in accord with our "Guide to Officer Nominations" which you will find on the information desk of the Narthex. If you have any questions, please ask one of the elders. Please take time to read the guide before prayerfully considering whom to nominate.



**Children's Ministry Virtual Conference.** This is Not only for those in children's ministry! Is there a child in your life who needs another gospel influencer? Are you a teen interested in helping with kids? The virtual GROW conference will help you teach children to pray, love the church, connect home with church, and gain a missional mindset. Join us in the Fellowship Hall, Friday, October 3, 6pm-8pm (dinner included,) and/or Saturday, October 4, 9:30am-12pm, breakfast included. Adults and very interested teens in 8<sup>th</sup> grade on up, please sign up in the Narthex for one or both days.

**Faith Fellowship Meal.** This month our Fellowship Lunch will take place on Sunday, September 28 (rather than the usual third Sunday) right after the Worship Service.

## **CHOIR!**

**Adults, young and old--**Faith Choir rehearses on Monday evenings in the Sanctuary at 7pm and all are welcome to join us! See Gwen Grant for more information. ([lgwg55@gmail.com](mailto:lgwg55@gmail.com))

**Children--**All children are invited to participate with the Faith Children's Choir. Rehearsals happen every Sunday for 15 minutes immediately after the Worship service and the children sing the Prelude every third Sunday. See Gwen Grant for more information ([lgwg55@gmail.com](mailto:lgwg55@gmail.com))

**Youth Group Meals.** One of the ways we bless our youth is to provide a meal for them each week. If you'd like to serve a meal for 15 people, please sign up in the Narthex.

**New Bible Study.** Join Bruce and Terri Brierly in the study of Ezra and Nehemiah at their house in Middletown on Wednesdays at 6:30pm, tentatively starting October 15<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up at the Welcome Table.

## **Women's Bible Study. Sign up at the Welcome Table!**

All women of the church are invited as we begin a new Women's Bible study



*"Colossians and Philemon: That in everything Christ might be preeminent"* by Sarah Ivill. We will meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month **starting this Saturday, September 20**, at 8:45am at the church. Books can be ordered from the PCA Bookstore at this QR code. Questions can be directed to Christine Stalnaker or Grace Rochford. **Please sign up at the Welcome table.**

**Men's Bible Study with Charlie Van Meter** is starting the book of Zechariah on 9/16. The group meets on alternating Tuesdays at noon at the church. All men are welcome!

**Save the Date!** Ladies' Christmas Luncheon will take place at the church on Saturday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at 11am.

# Get Involved!

Contact any of these ministry leaders through the **Church Directory** or on **Slack**. (Email Heidi at [admin@FaithReformed.org](mailto:admin@FaithReformed.org) to connect!)

## Women

**Ladies' Bible Study** 3rd Saturdays  
in the Sanctuary, 8:45am.  
Sept-May. Christine Stalnaker

**Annual Christmas Luncheon  
Conferences & Service Projects**  
Christine Stalnaker

**Fiber Fellowship**, Fridays Sept.-May at  
the Church, 10:30am (bring your  
knitting, quilting, or any other fiber  
craft or come to learn!)

Mary Hudzinski

## Children and Youth

**Youth Group** during the school year,  
grades 6-12 Sunday evenings 5-  
7pm. Quentin Johnston

**Children's Choir**, Sept.-May, rehearses  
for 15 minutes immediately after the  
service. Sings the Prelude every  
third Sunday. Gwen Grant

## **COMMITTEES & CHAIRS**

**Building Committee** Tom Maestri  
**Christian Discipleship** Susan Hauver  
**Disaster Response** Bruce Brierly  
**Finance** George Johnson  
**Global Missions** Marco Ochoa  
**Information Technology** Matt Yost  
**Local Missions** Bob Miller  
**Outreach** Angie Custer  
**Safety and Security** Rich Rochford  
**Women's Ministry** Christine Stalnaker  
**Worship Planning** Quentin Johnston

## Men

**Men's Breakfast**, 3rd Saturdays in the  
Fellowship Hall, 8:30am  
Rich Rochford

**Annual Canoe Trip**, Rich Rochford  
**Bible Study**, every other Tuesday  
12-1pm at the church,  
Charlie Van Meter.

## Everyone

**Faith Choir**, rehearses Mondays 7pm  
During the school year.  
Gwen Grant

**Meal Ministry**, serves ill and  
recovering church family as well  
as a few receptions per year.  
Anna Newman

**ESL Ministry**, serves our community  
by teaching English and forming  
relationships. Thurs evenings, Sept-  
May Jacquie Johnston,  
[esl@faithreformed.org](mailto:esl@faithreformed.org)

**Downtown Christian Fellowship**  
Serves the homeless and  
working poor of Frederick with a  
worship service and lunch every  
Saturday at 10:30am, Brown  
Community Center 629 N. Market  
St. Frederick. Tom Maestri

**Autumn Lake Nursing Home—  
Ballenger Creek**

3rd and 4th Sundays of every  
month, 3-4pm. Singing old  
familiar hymns, sharing the  
gospel, and spending time talking  
to the people. Tom Maestri

**Semi Annual Sparkle Day  
Outreach and Service Projects  
Annual Church Retreat**, end of May.

# Currently Open Small Groups

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## Ezra and Nehemiah

Wednesday evenings, starting  
October 15 at the Brierlys' in  
Middletown. Bruce Brierly

## Journey Through the Bible

Thursdays 6AM, Mountain  
View Diner, 1300 W. Patrick  
St. Frederick. Clark Adams

## Origins and Faith

Johnstons' Home, 2nd and 4th  
Sundays 5-7pm, Food, Prayer,  
and Study in Origins.  
David Johnston

## Women in the Word

Walkersville, (though location  
varies), Tuesdays 7:30pm.  
For young female professionals  
and moms with young children.  
Arliss Veldhuizen

## Ladies' Bible Study

Sanctuary: Third Saturdays  
8:45am. Christine Stalnaker

## Ladies' Book Study

Fellowship Hall, alternate  
Wednesdays 1:30pm  
Mary Hudzinski

## Young Adults Group

Johnston's home, Thursdays  
6:30-8:30pm for ages 18-34,  
singles and couples,  
childcare available. Quentin  
Johnston and Noah Passarelli

## Men's Bible Study

Fellowship Hall Every other  
Tuesday, 12-1pm  
Book of Zechariah  
Charlie Van Meter

## Wednesday Lunch Bunch

(for men)

Fellowship Hall, Wednesdays  
12pm. *James: A Reformed  
Expository Commentary* by  
Daniel M. Doriani  
Bert Hauver

## Men's Breakfast,

Fellowship Hall: Third  
Saturdays 8:30am, Current  
Book: A Heart for God by  
Sinclair Ferguson.  
Greg Stalnaker

# Faith Financial Update

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As of August 2025

Income: 374,160

Expenses: 331,946

Surplus: 42,214

Building Fund Contributions for FY25 are 54,850

Praise the Lord!

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**\*\*John is on sabbatical until Dec. 11.** Contact the office 301-662-0662 [admin@faithreformed.org](mailto:admin@faithreformed.org)

## Our Local Mercy Ministries

Beyond Shelter, Frederick *Nick Brown*  
Care Net: *Linda King*  
Central MD Youth for Christ: *Arn Bjorndal*  
Downtown Christian Fellowship  
Frederick County Young Life: *Chris Eckard*  
Frederick Rescue Mission: *Arnold Farlow*

## Faith Church Supported Missionaries

Betania: *Javier Gil, Colombia*  
Colombia Presbytery Ministries  
Conexus LA: *Kathryn Stephens*  
Equipping Leaders International: *Manuel and Kim Padilla, Latin America*  
GCFM: *Tom and Nancy Balma, Colorado*  
GEM: *Chris and Emily Moreland, Greece*  
MNA: *Hernando Saenz*  
MTW: *John and Rachel Clifford, Rwanda*  
MTW: *Frank and Cindy Sindler, Enterprise*  
MTW: *Jon and Olya Powell, Ukraine*  
MTW: *Jim and Karen Weaver, Senegal*  
Project Paraguay: *Roberto Maureira, Paraguay*  
Reformed University Fellowship: *Ryan Bratt, UMD College Park*  
Reformed University Fellowship Intl: *Matthew DeLong, George Mason U.*

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