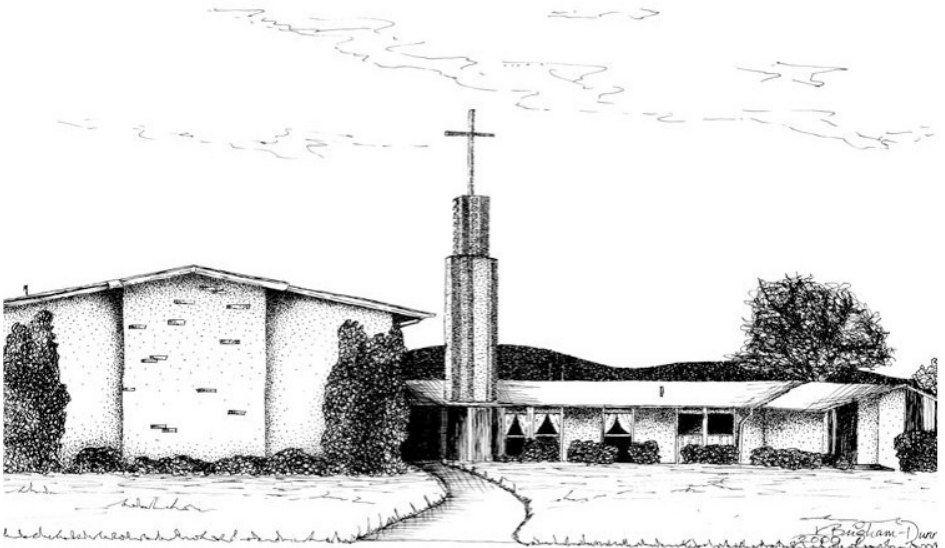


Faith

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 9:15

Worship Service at 10:45

Evening Worship on 1st Sundays at 5pm

Welcome!



If you are visiting 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. We provide the opportunity to give during each service when the plates are passed, but 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.

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

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

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, 9:15 * Worship Service, 10:45 * Evening Worship on 1st Sundays, 5pm

Sunday, September 7, 2025

Prelude

*Opening Song My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

***Call to Worship** Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the
Psalm 98:4-6 earth; break forth into joyous song and
 sing praises!

**All: Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and sound of melody!**

Leader: With trumpets and the sound of the horn,

**All: Make a joyful noise before the King,
the Lord!**

*Praise Songs The Lord Almighty Reigns (Psalm 93)
I Am Not My Own

*Invocation

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostle's Creed
Hymnal p. 845

CONSECRATION: We Surrender Our Lives to Christ

Presentation of Bibles

Scripture Reading [1 John 4](#)

*Hymn 648 My Jesus, I Love Thee

The Offering “Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”
2 Corinthians 9:7

Offertory All Things Bright and Beautiful
Faith Choir by John Rutter

*Hymn 733 Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of Intercession

Charlie Van Meter

Sermon

John Armstrong

Justified By God and Before God

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

COMMUNION: God Confirms His Promises to Us

Corporate
Confession

The Covenant Hymnal

All: We confess to You, Lord, what we are: we are not the people we like others to think we are; we are afraid to admit even to ourselves what lies in the depths of our souls. But we do not want to hide our true selves from You. We believe that You know us as we are, and yet You still love us. Help us not to shrink from self-knowledge; teach us to respect ourselves for Your sake; give us the courage to put our trust in Your guiding power. Raise us out of the paralysis of guilt and fear, and take us into the freedom and energy of forgiven people. And for those who through long habit, find forgiveness hard to accept, we ask that You would break their bondage and set them free. Through Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

Silent Confession

Sacrament of the
Lord's Supper

(Elements are gluten free)

*Hymn 455 And Can It Be?

*Benediction

*Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.

[illegible]

For those who do not partake of the Lord's Supper

Prayer for those Searching for Truth:

Prayer of Belief:

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through You, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

At Home Worship This Week

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. August 3	<i>Epistles</i>	2 Timothy 3-4
Mon. August 4	<i>The Law</i>	Numbers 13-16
Tues. August 5	<i>History</i>	1 Chronicles 20-24
Wed. August 6	<i>Psalms</i>	Psalms 105-107
Thur. August 7	<i>Poetry</i>	Proverbs 22
Fri. August 8	<i>Prophecy</i>	Joel
Sat. August 9	<i>Gospels</i>	John 13-15

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:

672 Trust and Obey

Sermon Text for Next Week:

Exodus 20:1-3

Prayer Requests

World

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

United States

Pray for our people to be moved to reach for God as we remember the 9/11 tragedy from 24 years ago.

PCA

PCA Foundation

Faith Church

Pray for our three expectant mothers as their due dates arrive this month. Ask the Lord for no complications and healthy moms and babies. Praise our Father in Heaven for the gracious gift of new life!

Discipleship Ministry

Arless Veldhuizen, Small Group Leader

Music Ministry

Ellie Paul, Children's Choir Helper

3rd Quarter Sunday School Offering

John and Rachel Clifford, MTW, Rwanda

Faith Church Supported Missionaries and Ministries

MTW (Mission to the World): Jim and Karen Weaver, Senegal

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

Sunday, Sept. 7 Communion Sunday	9:15am Sunday School MOVES UP 10:45am Worship Service 12:00pm Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:00pm Evening Meal/Worship 5:00pm Youth Kick off Party at the church
Wednesday, Sept. 10	12:00pm Men's Lunch Bunch 7:00pm Prayer meeting online
Thursday, Sept. 11	Pastor John's Sabbatical begins 7:00pm ESL Ministry
Friday, Sept. 12	10:30am Fiber Fellowship
Saturday, Sept. 13	10:30am Downtown Christian Fellowship
Sunday, Sept. 14	9:15am Sunday School for All Ages 10:45am Worship Service 12:00pm Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:00pm Youth Group

Announcements

The Sanctuary flowers are given today by John Nicodemus in honor of his and Ellen's 46th wedding anniversary on August 11th. Glory to God!

Officer Nominations Now Open. The Session will be receiving officer nominations through Sunday, October 5th. 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 8th 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 will begin rehearsals again, on Monday evenings in the Sanctuary at 7pm, starting September 15. All are welcome to join us! See Gwen Grant for more information. (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)

Youth Group Meals. One of the ways we bless our youth is to provide a meal for them each week. If you can provide a meal for 12-15 people, please sign up in the Narthex.

Ladies' Book Study Resuming this Wednesday, Sept. 10

We will be studying *Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands*. See Mary Hudzinski for your book and study guide. Meets every other Wednesday from 1:30-3:30pm at the church, starting September 10.

Friday Fiber Fellowship. Resuming this Friday, Sept. 12 at 10:30am in the Nursery. Bring your knitting, quilting, spinning, or any other fiber craft, or come to learn, no skills or investment necessary! See Mary Hudzinski for more information.

ESL ministry at Faith. Thursday evenings from 7-9PM. Volunteers are needed and you will be blessed! Please reach out to Jacquie Johnston with any questions and share this opportunity with anyone wanting to learn or improve their English skills!

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 15th. 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 3rd Saturday of each month **starting 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.**

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

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!

Get Involved!

Contact any of these leaders through the Church Directory or on Slack. (Email Heidi at 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 (no meeting on 1st Sundays)
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

Nursery Ministry, Julie Nardi, Robin
Willis

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

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

Contact any of these leaders through the Church Directory or on Slack. (Email Heidi at admin@FaithReformed.org to sign up!)

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. John Armstrong

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
Resumes September 20.
Sign up in the Narthex.

Ladies' Book Study

Fellowship Hall, alternate
Wednesdays 1:30pm
Mary Hudzinski
Resumes September 10
Sign up in the Narthex.

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
Song of Solomon
Charlie Van Meter

Wednesday Lunch Bunch

(for men)

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

Men's Breakfast,

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

Faith Financial Update

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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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*
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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