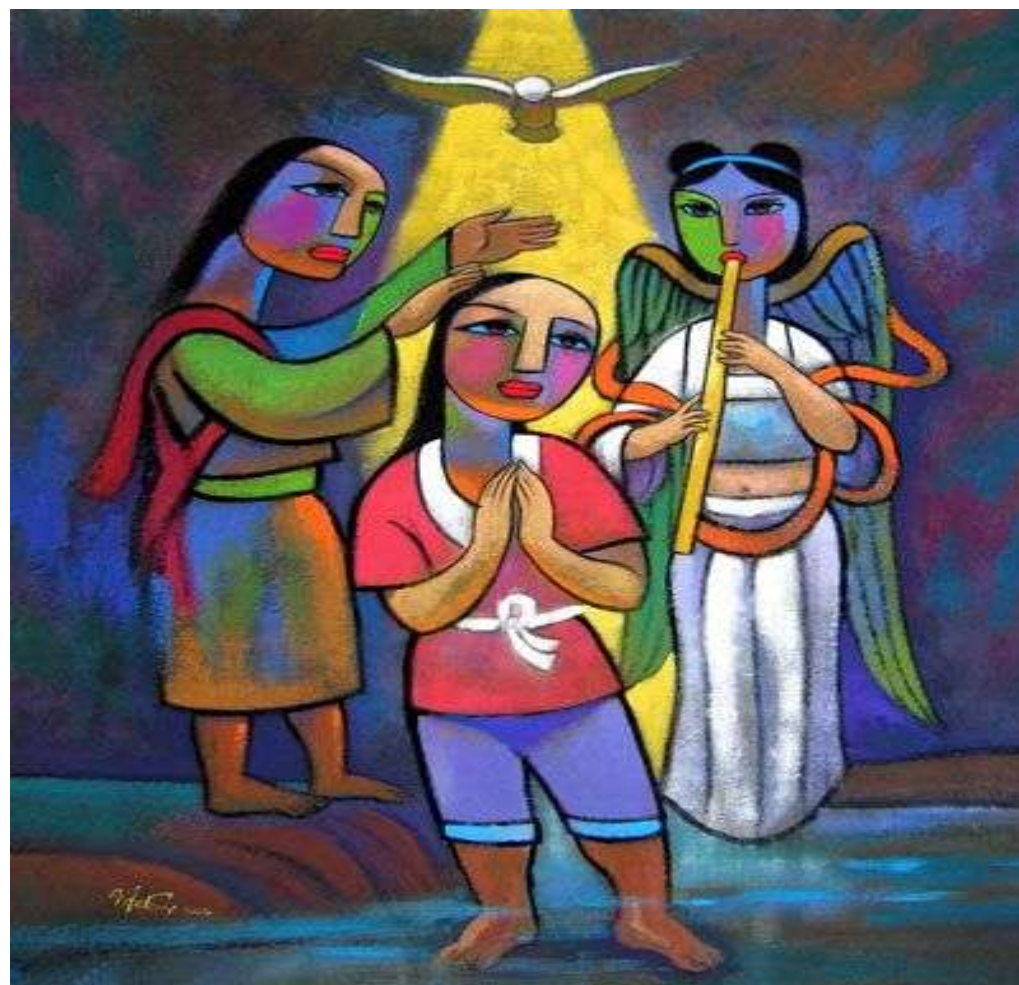




FREDONIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
JUNE 29, 2025



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Prepare for Worship

Welcome to worship, where God gathers us in the name of love. At FPC, we hope to be challenged by Scripture, comforted by community, and energized by service. If you're new here or it's been a while, we're glad you walked in today. For more, check out the bulletin insert. All people: toddlers, teenagers, Gen Xers, Boomers and beyond, LGBTQIA+ folx, conservative or liberal people, and those with differing abilities and mental health—all—are cherished and affirmed here.

Catch up with one another as you come in! When the **chiming of the hour** sounds, please keep the silence as we prepare for worship.

Reformed worship centers around the Word, both the Word of scripture and Christ as the Word incarnate. Worship, then, is our communal and individual response to the Word.

Bold text is read by the congregation in one voice.

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Confession isn't to prove you're pious. It's to help rebuild connections between you and God, you and yourself, you and others, and us and the world.

GATHER

- PRELUDE - Lily Li
- CHIMING OF THE HOUR
Use this moment of silence to gather your heart and mind as we prepare for worship.
- WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS - Rev. Holly
- CHORAL INTROIT #474 *As a child Rests* - The Choir
- *CALL TO WORSHIP - Liturgist, Betsy White
Call to Worship
One: Come, all who thirst for grace.
All: Come, all who yearn to journey with Christ.
One: Whether you come like a river—strong and sure,
All: Or like a trickle—uncertain and seeking,
One: God receives you with open arms.
All: Let us worship the One who calls us to follow, who quenches our thirst and names us Beloved.
- *HYMN NO. 475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*
- CALL FOR THE OFFERING
In lieu of passing the plates, please use this time to consider your gift to the church.
- UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Generous God, you pour out your love like rain that nourishes the earth, like rivers that carve new paths through stone. We offer these gifts as signs of our gratitude and as a commitment to walk your way of justice and joy. Bless what we bring and bless what we do, that your living water may flow through us into a world that thirsts for grace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.
- HYMN NO. 606 DOXOLOGY
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heaven-ly host; *praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
**Or Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost*
- CALL TO CONFESSION AND SILENT CONFESSION
(You are invited to share your wrongdoings and sorrows with God).
- UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Holy One, we confess that we cling to shallow waters, where we can touch the bottom, where the currents don't challenge us. But you call us to go deeper.
(prayer continues)

Scripture: Our pastor (usually) follows the Revised Common Lectionary, an ecumenical, Biblical reading program. This helps the Holy Spirit move into places we might otherwise miss.

Our Choir: Anyone can join the choir. They practice Sunday mornings at 9:30. Just show up!

The Lord’s Prayer: We use “debts and debtors” in the Lord’s Prayer. If you’re more comfortable with the “trespass” language, please use it. Or if this prayer is meaningful to you in a different language, pray it that way. We all get to “Amen” together.

Communion: Anyone, regardless of age or membership, is invited to partake. We use non-alcoholic grape juice. Gluten free bread is available with its own cup. If you're nervous, just ask someone. You can't mess this up (although sometimes, we do make a mess and that's okay too!)

You call us to follow even when the road is hard, to trust you more than our fear, to welcome others even when it’s inconvenient. Forgive us. Wash us in your mercy. Wade into our hearts again, and lead us in your way, even if it’s the harder path. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: We are forgiven, healed, and made whole. May all God’s people say,
All: Amen

SUNG RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hymn No. 582 *Glory to God*

WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

HEBREW TEXT: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19:19-21

CHORAL ANTHEM “Gift of Love” by Hal Hopson.

MOMENT WITH GOD’S YOUNG DISCIPLES

After this time, children 3-12 are invited to attend Fred Kids!, a time for faith-formation and fun.

GOSPEL: Luke 9:51-62

One: The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

SERMON

MUSICAL REFLECTION - Lily Li

BAPTISM of Gordon Howard Carman, son of Bridget Mackowiak and Matthew Carman

HYMN NO. 488 *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry*

ENGAGE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and power and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering: Giving does not buy you God’s love—that is free. Giving simply helps keep our heat on, our ministries going, and our staff, paid.

An offering plate is found at the front of the sanctuary. You may also mail or PayPal a donation.

We affirm our faith together because as diverse as we are, as differently as we vote, as many interests as we have, we have these beliefs that we share.

Benediction is a fancy word for blessing.

Worship Notes

Some of today’s liturgy is used with permission from *enfleshed*. Music is printed and recorded under the CCLI #CSPL121737 & 11497292

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the One Triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

From: A Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church (USA)

*HYMN NO. 726 *The Summons*, vs. 1,2,3

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*SHARE THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Go now in peace, go now in peace, May the love of God surround you everywhere, Everywhere you may go.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor, The Rev. Holly Clark-Porter	Clerk of Session, Rey Spangler
Director of Music, Lily Li	Session: Janine Scaccia, Ned Divine
Liturgist, Betsy White	Carol Calarco, Cori Coia
Deacon of the Month:	Trish Lehnen, Rey Spangler
June – Sue Rocque	Admin. Response Team: Carol Calarco
	Ned

ALL ARE WELCOME to a time of fellowship from 11:30-12:15 after the service today in the Fellowship Hall. There is a sign up sheet if you would like to bring in refreshments for any future Sunday. There are instructions for making the coffee and store bought cookies are always a hit.

Congregational meeting on July 13 after worship to elect a deacon to fill the vacancy of Sharon Mugle.

As a reminder, we're no longer putting an "insert" of announcements in all the bulletins. A handful can be found in our lobby or on our Worship & Spirituality page. This insert includes our prayer list.

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