

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lay Leader

PRELUDE "On the Cross of Calvary" arr. Albin C. Whitworth *Cheryl Mahoney, Organist*

*OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Holy and loving God, we thank you for sending Jesus to show us the way to you. We thank you for Simon Peter who answered your call to be the rock upon which you built your church. In this hour, open our eyes to the work you call us to do and give us the courage to say yes. We know that as you were able to use Simon Peter, flaws and all, you are able to work through us to make disciples for Jesus Christ. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN "Be Thou My Vision"

#451 UMH

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS - Cindy and Barry Blakely
Baptismal Covenant III

#45 UMH

PASTORAL PRAYER

*GOSPEL READING Matthew 16: 13-20 (CEB)

Pastor Emilee

*GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 26: 59-64 (CEB)

Pastor Tim

MESSAGE "Who do we say Jesus is?"

Pastor Tim

MINISTRY MOMENT Girl Scout Ministry

INTRO TO OFFERING

OFFERING & MUSIC "Who You Say I Am" arr. Hillsong Worship
Elizabeth Cole, soloist/Kenny Smith, guitar

*DOXOLOGY(modern version)

#95 UMH

*PRAYER FOR OFFERING

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Jesus, we have read and heard about you. We even proclaim Your praise and have taken on the mantle of following You, but we don't always understand who You really are. Sometimes we don't want to. Like the religious leaders, it is easy to discount or downplay who You really are and the challenging call you have on our lives. This doesn't mean we love you less or don't want to follow, just that we often want to take the easy path, around the cross and directly to the empty tomb. Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God forgive us for the many ways we neglect to listen and follow. Reset our hearts this Lent, so that we might more fully emulate Your life and love and be transformed into who You call us to be. In Your name we pray. Amen.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

GREAT THANKSGIVING & HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN "I Surrender All" #354 UMH

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN "Where He Leads Me" #338 UMH

*NEXT STEPS Lenten Worship & Lunch Series, PWJ speaker, VBS Volunteers!

*MISSION STATEMENT: *As followers of Christ, we **Seek** others in our community, **Serve** their needs, **Grow** in the love of Christ, and **Connect** with each other."*

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Out of the Depths" arr. Richard Peek



Scan this code (or a paper check-in/ visitor card in the pew backs), to connect with us, write a prayer request, or get more information! We'll be happy to follow up!

NOTES YOU NEED

2 ways to “Serve one another” according to our mission

Saturday 3/14, Help Micah Furniture Bank deliver and pickup, home goods and furniture, so that recently housed neighbors can make begin again! POC Sue Botts at suebotts1@gmail.com or 540-376-2219. OR

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Sign up to be the smile & “hello” at our weekly Micah Lunch Distribution – *Wednesdays, 11:30–1:00 pm* (March & April sign-ups open!) sign up at our “Come Serve” page or contact Diane Cotter (540-845-9636) Your family, team, small group, or Bible Study could also work together to pack these lunches! Reach out to Jillian Murray (



Living Out Peace with Justice: An Inspiring Story of Courage and Conviction
Next week! Sunday, March 15 at 4:00 PM in Kobler Hall to hear former Afghan Supreme Court Judge, Gulalai Hotek, share her story and insights on women’s rights & justice. Light refreshments served. This special speaker is hosted by our Peace with Justice Committee

The JOY Fellowship Ministry invites you to a guided tour of Gari Melchers Home and Studio (Belmont) on Monday, March 23 at 1:30 p.m., featuring the historic home, art studio, galleries, and gardens. The cost is \$12 per person; please make checks payable to FUMC (memo: Joy–Belmont) and place in the offering plate or the safe slot by Room 102 by **Sunday, March 15**. Meet in the gift shop by 1:30 p.m., and contact Bev Rawlings at 703-395-9855 for more information.



Vacation Bible School – June 6 -11 Registration is OPEN (limited to 100 children) However we need YOU to help run this amazing program, so sign up today to be a volunteer! Find the forms; Child Registration & Volunteer Sign Up at our “Children” Ministry page (or scan the code)



Attendance 03/01/2026; 8:15 – 65, 9:45 - 83, 11:15-82, Online- 21

Amount Needed for Budget – 2026 Annually: \$960,000.00
 Monthly: \$80,000.00
 Weekly: \$18,461.54

Amount Received for Budget: Year 2026: \$154,578.59
 February 2026: \$78,325.23
 Last Week - 3/1-3/7/26: \$28,417.88 5

Amount Received to Pay Off Building Loan: Year 2026: \$24,157.00
 February 2026: \$15,410.00
 Last Week 3/1-3/7/26: \$1,315.00

Actual Amount on Building Loan: \$105,827.21



WELCOME TO FREDERICKSBURG UMC
Sunday, March 8, 2026 **8:15 & 11:15 AM**

Are you new or visiting? We'd love to connect with you!
 Please speak with an usher to receive a welcome bag!

Meet our Pastors

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