**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST June 29, 2025**

Liturgist:

**PRELUDE** *Panis Angelicus* Franck (1822-1890)

Potomac Quartet arr. Sobieska (b. 1979)

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTROIT** *Alleluia* Milburn (b. 1963)

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Jesus said, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.”

**All: Lord, help us follow where you lead.**

Leader: Jesus said, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny

themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”

**All: Lord, help us put you first and follow you.**

Leader: Jesus said, “Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I

am, there will my servant be also.”

**All: Lord, help us follow you that we may serve you.**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

**MORNING PRAYER**

**\*OPENING HYMN #720** *Jesus Calls Us* GALILEE

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Eternal God, you claimed us as your own in baptism and called us to be your covenant people. We confess we do not live as people created in your image, nor do we lead lives worthy of the calling to which we have been called. Jesus still calls, “Follow me,” and we offer excuses because we feel we can’t do that. Jesus calls us to new life in the Spirit, and we cling to our old habits and tired traditions. Gracious God, forgive our sins. Open our ears and hearts to hear Jesus’s call and give us grace and strength to respond in faith and love. In Jesus’s name we pray. Amen.**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*HYMN #581***Glory Be to the Father*                              GREATOREX

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON** Galatians 5:1, 13-25

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *Sheep May Safely Graze* Bach (1685-1750)

Potomac Quartet arr. Sobieska

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** Luke 9:51-62p.843

**SERMON** *“Let the dead bury their own dead.*”Rev. Samantha Coggins

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH(from “A Declaration of Faith”)**

**We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Because he shares our humanity**

**and has bound us to himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God.**

**We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life.**

**Jesus is Lord. He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end.**

**Even now he is Lord.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #738** *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* MARYTON

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *Concerto in G: Presto* Ernst (1696-1715)/ Bach

This week’s liturgy is provided by Philip Gladden and the *Presbyterian Outlook*.

Today’s Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gd9VgaChxvE>

This morning brings us our annual visit from the Heifetz International Music Institute in Staunton. FPC has been fortunate over these past few years to work with the Institute, which brings talented high school and college musicians from across the globe to the Valley for the summer to hone their skills. Today, we welcome violinists Chaewon Chang (21) of Yonginsi, South Korea and Waverly Alexander (16) of Milton, Georgia; violist Aisha Bhansali (14) of Mumbai, Maharashtra, India and cellist Lily Jinglin Yuan (19) of Yantai, Shendong, China. We are so grateful to these young musicians for sharing their talents with us this morning at FPC!



Shenandoah Nursing Home: Nancy Garber

Summitt Square: Ruth Quillen

Home: Mary Ultee, Mary Ann Maupin, Warner Sandquist, Mike & Cathy Cunningham, Polly Bare, Olive Prettyman.

Friends and Family: Bill Bromley, Jean Custen, Sally McNeel, Col. Stuart Roberts (Mark Henderson), Carolyn Hedrick-Williams, (Colleen Cash), Betsy Boswell (Curry), Shane Bennett (Bennett).

Military: Carson Craig, Michael Little

 Samantha will lead a Summer Book Study on Marilynne Robinson’s novel *Gilead,* starting this Wednesday, July 2, at 10:00 a.m. in the Barksdale Room. We will meet on Wednesday mornings in July and August. Copies of the book are available! Please RSVP to Samantha or the church office, so that we have an accurate count for the group. Meetings will last 1 hour, and we will read the book in sections together.

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