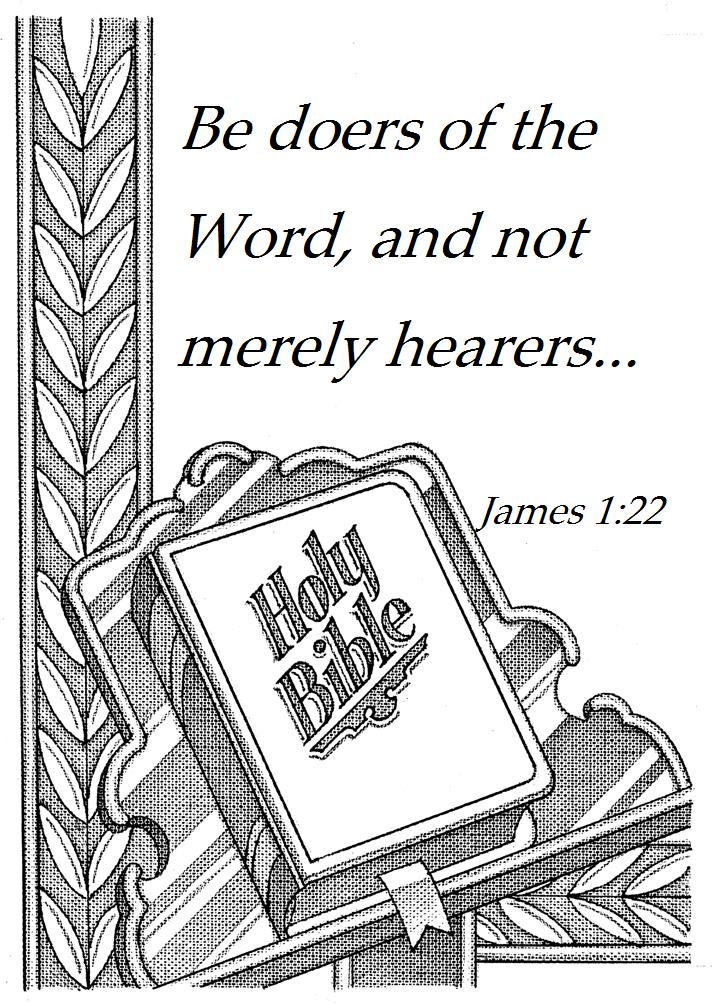
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**Springfield Presbyterian Church (USA)**

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**September 2, 2018 - 9:30 am**

**WELCOME VISITORS!** We're glad you are here! Cards at the ends of each pew are for you to fill out and drop in the Offering Plate. Please let us know you are visiting, and join us for refreshments and fellowship following the service. The Sanctuary has an induction loop system to assist the hearing impaired. The system will also work on the telephone setting of hearing aids. A head set is available upon request.

Springfield Presbyterian Church is rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ, led by the Holy Spirit, and called to loving relationships through vibrant worship and service. Valuing all people, we are committed to developing disciples and fostering stewardship.

**PREPARATION FOR THE WORD**

(**\*** those who are able are invited to stand)

***Please prepare for worship by listening to the music of the Prelude.***

**PRELUDE**

**GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE**

The Lord be with you! **And also with you!** (Greeting)

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

Leader: Whenever we light this candle we proclaim:

**People: Christ is the Light of the world and the center of our lives.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *[Based upon Psalm 33]*

Leader: Let the godly sing for joy to the Lord; it is fitting for the pure to praise Him.

**People: Let us praise the Lord with melodies and make music for Him.**

Leader: Sing a new song of praise to Him; play on the harp, and sing with joy.

**People: For the word of the Lord holds true, and we can trust everything He does.**

Leader: He loves whatever is just and good; the unfailing love of the Lord fills the earth.

**People: We put our hope in the Lord. He is our help and our shield.**

Leader: In God our hearts rejoice, for we trust God’s holy name.

**People: Let your unfailing love surround us, Lord, for our hope is in you alone.**

**ALL: Let us worship our faithful God!**

**\* HYMN** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth, over and around us lies.

**Refrain:** Lord of all, to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour, ff the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light. **(Refrain)**

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind’s delight,  
For the mystic harmony, linking sense to sound and sight. **(Refrain)**

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild. **(Refrain)**

For Thy Church, that evermore, lifteth holy hands above,  
Offering up on every shore, her pure sacrifice of love. **(Refrain)**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Generous God, when we look in the mirror, we struggle to comprehend what we see. We are people who hear your Word, but do not always act upon your Word. We keep Your Word in our heart, but we find it difficult to express in our lives, whether that’s in school, at the workplace, or in our relationships. The call is high, O God, and we long to fulfil your call, but we often fall short. Forgive us and help us, God, to be a whole people, who do and act according to your Word. Renew us and revive us, encourage us once again and may our reflection continue to be refined by your work in our lives. Amen.**

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**RESPONSE** *The Lone, Wild Bird*

O search me, God, my heart reveal, renew my life, my spirit heal;

For I am yours, I rest in you, Great Spirit, come, rest in me, too.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone, a new life has begun.

**People: We are a forgiven people! Let us praise God and be at peace. Amen.**

**\* MUSICAL RESPONSE OF PRAISE** *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

From all that dwell below the skies, let the Creator’s praise arise: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let the Redeemer’s name be sung, through every land, in every tongue.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**\* THE PEACE** The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

(You may greet those around you.)

**\* RESPONSE** *Here I Am, Lord*

Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

**THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Leader: Let us pray, Lord, open our hearts and mind by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON**  *Psalm 15*

1 O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill? 2 Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the

truth from their heart; 3 who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;   
4 in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the Lord; who stand by their oath even to their hurt; 5 who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be moved.

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** *James 1:17-27*

17Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. 18In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. 19You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; 20for your anger does not produce God’s righteousness. 21Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

22But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. 23For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; 24for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. 25But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. 26If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. 27Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**TIME WITH YOUNG PEOPLE**

**SERMON** *The Man in the Mirror* Rev. Becca Crate

**THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**\* HYMN** *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:  
Bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

**Refrain:**  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Christ is able to make us one. At the table He sets the tone,  
Teaching people to live to bless, Love in word and in deed express. **(Refrain)**

Jesus calls us in, sends us out, bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
Gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere! **(Refrain)**

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

## INVITATION

## THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

[The Pastor continues… “…who forever sing to the glory of your name.”]

**IN PRAISE OF GOD** Tune #581

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of Power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

[The Pastor continues… “and all creation might be restored.”]

**IN PRAISE OF CHRIST** Tune #582

**Dying, you destroyed our death; rising, you restored our life.**

**Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

“For this I pray to God.” / “For this I give thanks to God.”

**Congregational Response: “Hear our prayer, O God.”**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**SHARING OF THE MEAL**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (Unison)

**Dear God, take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the living bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So, Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of the earth, and citizens of the commonwealth of Heaven. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.**

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

OFFERTORY

**\*** SONG OF THANKS *Take My Life*

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;

Take my intellect and use, every power as Thou shalt choose,

Every power as Thou shalt choose.

**\*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**\* HYMN** *Be Doers of the Word of God*

Be doers of the word of God, not simply those who hear.  
Be ones who look into God’s word, obey, and persevere.  
Be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger, too.  
Put wrath aside; instead, be meek, and let God work in you.

Religion that is undefiled, religion that is pure,  
Will reach to help the orphaned child, and welcome all the poor.  
If people come here poorly dressed, to judge them is a sin.  
The rich aren’t better than the rest; God welcomes poor ones in.

O Christ, you save us by God’s grace, from having to obey.  
Then freed to love, we can embrace, a life that seeks your way.  
May we be doers of the word, may faith shine through our deeds;  
And as we seek to trust in God, may ethics follow creeds.

**\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Leader: When we look into the mirror, whom do we see?

**People: Do we see people who listen and act on God’s Word?**

Leader: Let us look into the mirror again, and examine who we are,

**People: So that we might be hearers and doers,**

Leader: And all may know the glory of God,

**People: Through our words and actions.**

**\* UNISON AMEN POSTLUDE**

**Sunday September 9 Lectionary**

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125; James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17; Mark 7:24-37

**Assisting in Worship:** We appreciate those who serve:

Today 9/2 Next Week 9/9

Sunday Opener Ron Holmes Barbara Cornell

Greeters & Ushers Steve & Donna Ed & Sandy Newsome

Mazer

Lay Leader Sharon Pappas Tim Oates

Youth/Children’s Activity Shona Klein Shona Klein

Fellowship Barbara Cornell & Linda Caviglia

Shona Klein

**Communion Servers Today:** (Intinction)

1. Jim Wise 3. Bob Rogers

2. Ed Newsome 4. Barbara Cornell

**Church Attendance:** August 19 - 37 August 26 - 37

**Church Cleaning:** September 7, 8 or 9 - Martha & Davis Streaker

**Happy Birthday!** September 8 - Alexander Brant

September 9 - Rachel Spicer

**Happy Anniversary!** September 5 - Stephanie & John Bunting

September 7 - Max & Margaret Carroll

September 7 - Becky & Mike Spicer

September 9 - Larry & Heather Grimsley

**Announcements**

**Memorial Service:** A memorial service will be held for Rev. Dr. Helen Woodward on Saturday, **September 8** at 10:00 am at Frederick Presbyterian Church, 115 West Second Street, Frederick, MD. All are welcome to attend to remember and celebrate Helen’s life.

**Worship Service Time Change:** Mark your calendars for **September 9** when Worship Service moves to **10:30 am.**

**Sunday School:** Sunday School for Pre-K - Youth begins on **September 9.** Be part of the excitement! Fun, games, surprises as we learn about Jesus.

**C.I.A. (Community in Action):** C.I.A. will meet on Monday, **September 10** at 4:30 pm at the Manse. Bring your friends!

**Youth Group: It is time for our first YOUTH GROUP event of the season!** Our annual trip to Woodberry Crossing will be **September 15-16**.  We will be leaving the Church at 8am on Saturday the 15th and returning on Sunday the 16th in the early afternoon. See Mr. Charlie or Ms. Deb for details.

**Weekly Announcements:** If you have an announcement to include with next week’s bulletin, please call the Office at 410-795-6152 or email to [spc.office@verizon.net](mailto:spc.office@verizon.net) by **Wednesday** each week.

**Prayers & Thanksgivings**

~ Prayers of strength and comfort for Joy Barwick and her grandson, Dylan, while Dylan’s medical problems are addressed.

~ Prayers for Brenda McClung’s mom, Liz Old, who is in Copper Ridge Rehab.

~ Prayers of quick healing for Dr. Elwood LaBrosse, in Fairhaven Health Center.

~ “My sister, Shirley, passed away Tuesday evening, Aug 28th, just a month after her son, Joseph, died. I would like to thank my Church Family for all the concerns and prayers over these past couple of years for both of them and our whole family.  Your prayers mean the world to me and also to my brothers, Gary and Jack. I think Gary actually considers himself a long-distance member of our church. He gets the Cross Roads and loves reading it and being a part of it all. So thank you one and all for always being there for me.” ~ Julie Ballard

~ Prayers for *First of Westminster* from our Ministry Group.

***The Congregational Care team wants to know what YOU or someone you know needs...****a visit...a call...a meal. Please contact Kay Freas or Connie Robinson.*

***Today:***

**Sunday September 2**

9:30 am Worship

10:30 am Fellowship

***This Week:***

**Wednesday September 5**

6:30 pm Bell Choir Practice

7:45 pm Adult Choir Practice

**Saturday September 8**

10:00 am Memorial Service for Rev. Dr. Helen Woodward

Frederick Presbyterian Church

115 West Second Street, Frederick, MD

***Looking Ahead:***

**Sunday September 9**

**10:30 am** Worship Service and Sunday School

11:30 am Picnic

6:30 pm Youth Movie Night (Manse)

**Monday September 10**

4:30 pm C.I.A. Meeting (Manse)

7:00 pm Headhuggers

**Tuesday September 11**

**10:30 am** Prayer Group (Manse)

**Wednesday September 12**

6:30 pm Bell Choir Practice

7:45 pm Adult Choir Practice

**Thursday September 13**

9:30 am Presbytery Meeting (Cumberland, MD)

**Saturday September 14**

8:00 am Youth Depart for Youth Retreat (Woodberry Crossing)

Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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