

Sermon Series: *Living for the Kingdom* **"Worth Everything"**

When this symbol (✞) precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.
Ushers collect blue prayer card requests during the first hymn.
Friends, check in or sign up for our Friday newsletter using the back of the blue prayer card.

Worship Leaders The Rev. Dr. Evan R. Smith Richard Byess, Liturgist

The Holy Spirit Calls Us Together as People of God

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP Bibi Willingham

PRELUDE "Sleepers, Wake! A Voice Astounds Us" BWV 645 Johann Sebastian Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP (Inspired by Psalm 78)

Give ear, O people of God, and remember the wonderful works of the Lord!
We will tell of God's glorious deeds and the wonders God has done.
From generation to generation, the Lord has made known his steadfast love and faithfulness.
We will declare God's goodness to those who come after us!
Let us set our hope in God, remembering his promises and walking in his ways.
We will trust in the Lord and give thanks for his unfailing grace.
Come, let us worship the God whose faithfulness endures through every generation!

✞ **HYMN 353** "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" SOLID ROCK

✞ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious and almighty God, you have revealed your goodness through generations, calling your people to remember your mighty works and trust in your promises. Yet we confess that our hearts are often drawn toward lesser things. We take your blessings for granted, cling too tightly to what we possess, and allow the concerns of this world to diminish our devotion to you. We have neglected opportunities to love our neighbors and have been slow to respond to your gracious calling. Forgive us, merciful Father. Turn our hearts again toward the riches of your grace, renew within us the joy of your salvation, and strengthen us to walk faithfully in the way of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silence for personal confession

✞ **WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

Hear the good news! God has not left us captive to sin. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, reconciled to God, and set free to live in his grace.
Thanks be to God, whose mercy gives us new life!
And the grace that forgives us is also the grace that transforms us. By the Holy Spirit, Christ is at work within us, renewing our hearts and teaching us to walk in his ways. Friends, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
By God's grace, we are made new! Alleluia! Amen.

✞ **GLORIA PATRI** [Hymn 581]

INTERGENERATIONAL MOMENT

*Afterward, Kindergarten and younger children may leave for Wee One's Worship in **Room 106.***

✞ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you! *Friends, you are encouraged to pass the peace.*

God Speaks to Us in Scripture, Preaching, and Song

MUSIC FOR WORSHIP "Find Us Faithful"

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 13:44-46 (NRSVUE)

44 "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied;
then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.
45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls;
46 on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

SERMON "Worth Everything"

✞ **HYMN 349** "Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us WACHET AUF

The People of God Respond in Faith

✞ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

[…the petitions conclude…] And now as Christ taught us, we are bold to pray… 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES

Friends, our giving is an act of gratitude for what God has given us. Just as we present our words in liturgy, song, and prayer to God, we present a portion of the fruit of our work to God.

OFFERTORY "Be Thou My Vision"

✞ THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN 606, AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The People Depart to Serve

HYMN 724	"O Jesus, I Have Promised"	ANGEL'S STORY
BENEDICTION		
CHORAL RESPONSE		
POSTLUDE	"Sleepers, Wake! A Voice Astounds Us" BWV 645	Johann Sebastian Bach
USHERS	Mary Hester, Fred Gall, Mark Schroeder, Lynn McCauley	

What do you *love* about FPC? | Stewardship Tree

As part of our Giving from the Heart campaign, we're inviting everyone to contribute to our stewardship tree near the Sanctuary entrance! This Sunday and next, add a heart-shaped leaf with a word, memory, ministry, or Bible verse that expresses what you love about FPC. As the tree fills, we'll have a picture of the many things that make our church meaningful to us.

Giving from the Heart | Consecration Sunday, Nov. 15

On Consecration Sunday, we dedicate our pledges to God as an expression of gratitude, faith, and commitment to the ministry we share. Whether you've pledged for years or are considering it for the first time, thank you for prayerfully reflecting on how you might give in the coming year. Pledge cards are arriving by mail and are also available in the pews, at worship entrances, and at the stewardship board. You can also pledge online at **fpcwinc.org/pledge.**

Congregational Meeting | Sunday, November 15

Elder nominees: Lacy Morise (one-year term); Woody Bousquet, Barry Carper, Pam Hughes, Gordon Stearns, and Kelly Thompson (three-year terms).

Deacon nominee: Cheryl Gracey (three-year term).

Community Thanksgiving Dinner | November 26

Help bring Thanksgiving meals to neighbors throughout Winchester, Frederick County, and Clarke County! Volunteer drivers are needed on Thanksgiving Day, with delivery shifts beginning at 11:30 AM. You can also support the dinner through a financial contribution. Visit fpcwinc.org/community-thanksgiving-dinner for more information, volunteer opportunities, and ways to give.

Our New Pictorial Directory Is Here!

Our new directory is available in print and online! Visit fpcwinc.org/directory to access the latest version. To request the password, submit photos, or update your information, contact the church at the office or email directory@fpcwinc.org.

Help Keep Our Sanctuary Blooming!

Have you noticed the beautiful fresh flowers in our Sanctuary over the past couple of months? Help keep them blooming by donating to our Flower Ministry! Every contribution helps bring beauty to our worship space. Donations can be earmarked for " Flower Ministry. "

Fifth Sunday Worship | November 29, 11 AM

We'll gather for one combined worship service at 11 AM in Fellowship Hall instead of our usual two services. It's a special opportunity to worship alongside familiar faces and reconnect with those we don't always see on Sunday mornings. We hope you'll join us!