

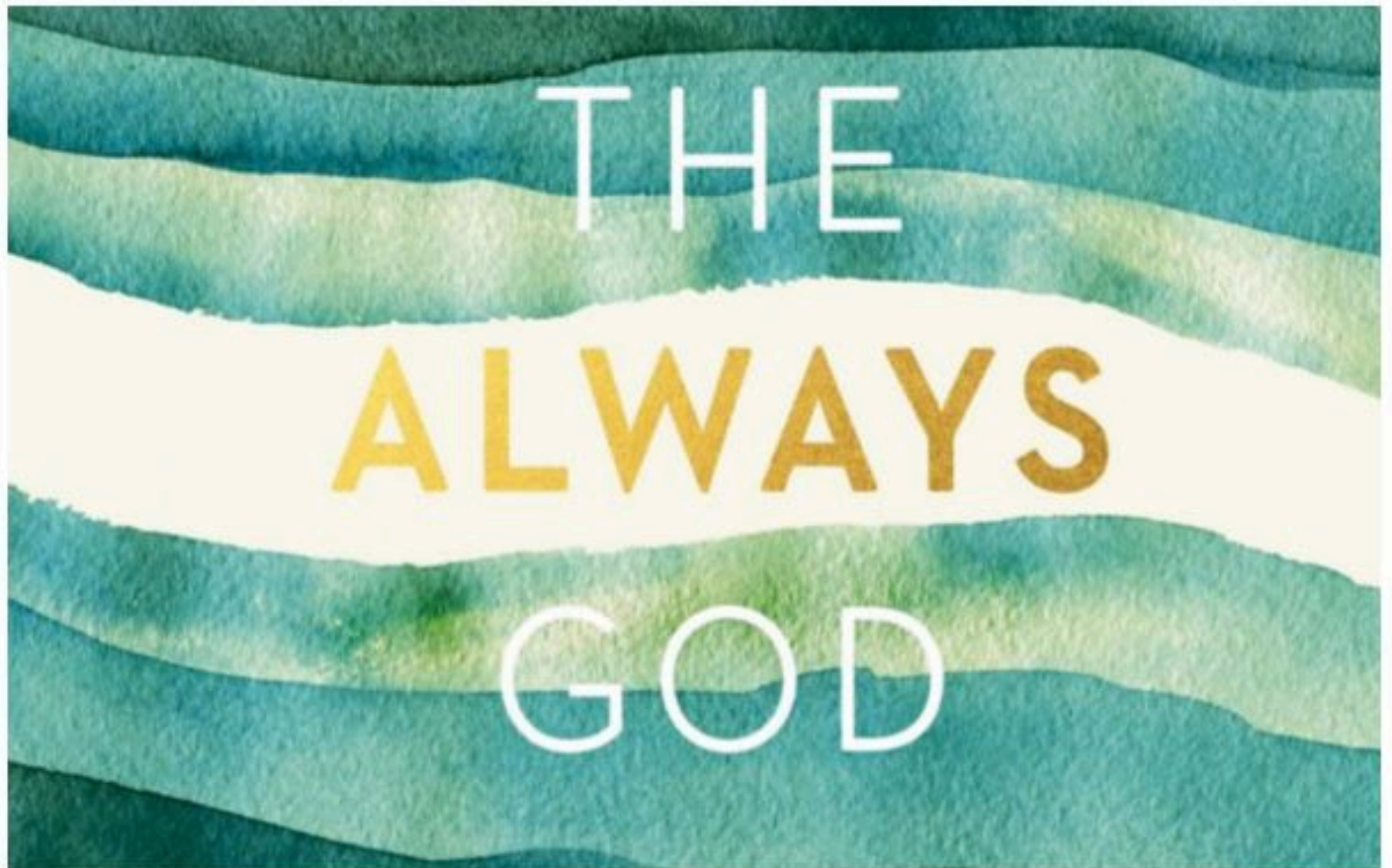


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***Stand in body or in spirit**

Gathering *God My Rock* Praise Band
The Father's House

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Centering Moment

***Centering Song** *Goodness of God* Praise Band

***Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Always Pursuing God,

we thank You for Your relentless love and pursuit of us.

Just as the shepherd seeks the lost sheep

and the woman searches for the lost coin,

we are reminded that You never give up on us.

Your grace and mercy are boundless,

and You desire to bring each of us into Your loving embrace.

Open us to Your presence, and assure us

that You are always with us, seeking us,

and inviting us into a deeper relationship with You. AMEN.

Children's Moment Linda Biscardo

Installation and Recognition of 2025 Church Leadership See Screen

Prayers of People Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power and the glory. Forever. AMEN.

Offering Song *Reckless Love* Praise Band

Prayer of Thanksgiving Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Gospel Reading Luke 15 Lisa Dickinson

Message Always Pursuing Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Breakthrough Prayer

God, guide Franconia United Methodist Church to become a community of Christ's love, where Your grace abounds and all people know that they are loved, respected for their diversity, grow in faith, and reflect Jesus by actively sharing their God-given gifts. AMEN.

*Closing Song *Living Hope* Praise Band

*Benediction Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Postlude *Living Hope (Reprise)* Praise Band



Franconia United Methodist Church believes that everyone is a child of God.

*We welcome all people to worship, join in membership, serve in lay leadership,
and actively participate in the life of the church.*

*We welcome and affirm all persons without regard to gender, gender identity, race,
sexual orientation, faith tradition, age, marital status, family structure,
economic background, political affiliation, physical or mental ability or life experience.*

We commit to extend Christ's hospitality, creating a place of safety and sanctuary for all people.

*We recognize there are differences among us and although we may not think or look alike,
we commit to respect and love one another as we are all the family of God.*

*We further commit ourselves to loving acts of invitation, hospitality, and community,
providing ministry to, for, and with all persons without exception,
fostering a sense of belonging where people are respected and valued as beloved children of God.*

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