

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

**All who are able may stand.*

Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING. . .

The Prelude *Musette* J.M. Leclair
Tina Christie, flute; Brendan Shirk, oboe; Rachel Talmadge, clarinet

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

The Call To Worship (from *Psalm 4*)
O God, be gracious to me and hear my prayer.
Know that God has set us apart and hears us when we call.
O God, lift up the light of Your countenance upon us.
O God, be gracious to us and hear our prayer.

The Prayer of Adoration

Author of life, You have given us breath to praise You, eyes to behold Your mercy, and words to proclaim Your abiding love. You have set apart a people to worship You in thought, word and deed, and through Christ You have numbered us in the midst of them. We sleep with the assurance that You will never forsake us, and we awaken each day to the glory of Your creating goodness. Breathe upon us the promised Holy Spirit, that our minds may be opened to Your wisdom and our tongues boldly declare that You alone are God. In Christ's Name we worship and pray. Amen.

*The Hymn 238 *Thine Is the Glory*

*The Prayer of Confession

Emptier of tombs, we find ourselves running down the street after lies, rather than walking with You. We find it easy to love other people, as long as they don't annoy or bother us. We hunger for love and search for affirmation, yet find it difficult to let others love us for who we are. Forgive us, O God of compassion. You listen to the whispers of our hearts, and then sing of the promises of hope. You grace us with peace, so our hearts can rest in You. You continue to transform us into Easter people, brothers and sisters of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. . . (time for silent confession). . .

*The Choral Response

*The Assurance of Pardon

Not everything has been revealed to us, but this we do know:
as God's children, we are blessed, we are loved, we are forgiven.
**Our lives have been transformed by the abundant mercy
given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*The Gloria Patri p. 581 in the Hymnal

*The Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you!**
*(Please stand to greet one another in the name of Christ and
exchange this ancient greeting with worshippers seated near you.)*

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

Risen Christ, You opened the scriptures to Your disciples and made their hearts burn within them. Open our eyes, and our hearts, so we might recognize You once again in these words of scripture, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalm 4* p. 603 in the pew Bible

The Anthem *Thou Art Holy* Dykes/Courtney

*Holy, holy, holy, Thou are holy. Thou alone art holy.
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.
Thou art holy! Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see.
Only Thou art holy, There is none beside Thee.
Perfect in power, in love and purity. Thou alone art holy.*

The New Testament Lesson: *Acts 3:12-19* p. 146 in the pew Bible

The Epistle Lesson: *1 John 3:1-7* p. 291 in the pew Bible

The Anthem (11:00 a.m.) *Sing Hallelujah!* Patricia Lou Harris
Carol Choir

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 231 *Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers*

The Gospel Lesson: *Luke 24:36b-48*

p. 109 in the pew Bible

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The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

Jesus in the Flesh
Anders Pedersen

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

*The *Apostles' Creed*

p. 35 in the Hymnal

The Prayers of The People
The Lord's Prayer

p. 35 in the Hymnal

The Service of Offering
The Gathering of Our Gifts
The Offertory

La Joyeuse

L.C. Daquin

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Doxology, p. 606 in the Hymnal

Giver of eternal gladness, Fountain of life from whom flow endless blessings, all that we have is a gift of Your love. Accept now these offerings of thanksgiving, symbols of our grateful response to Christ's sacrifice for us. Use our gifts to spread the Good News of repentance and forgiveness of sins. May they bring times of refreshment as results of Christ's presence. In Jesus' Name we ask it. Amen.

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE IN GOD'S NAME. . .

*The Hymn 703

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

*The Charge & Benediction

*The Postlude

Musette

Caix d'Hervelois

Since moving to Virginia in October 2014, Anders has served as a national Administrative Chaplaincy Program Manager for the Federal Bureau of Prisons in our Washington, DC Central Office. Prior to taking the administrative position, he served for 16 years as a Supervisory Chaplain at the federal prison in Ray Brook, NY and for 3 years at the federal prison in Sheridan, OR. Prior to prison ministry, Anders served as pastor for 3 years at Zion Presbyterian Church, Ellsworth, MN, where he was ordained a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the PC (USA). He received his Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1991 and a B.I.S. from Eastern Kentucky University in 1986. "I have been blissfully married to the lovely Heidi Pedersen for nearly 26 years. We have been blessed by God with the privilege of generating three truly wonderful human beings: Harriet, Haakon & Nils."

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PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



The Rev. Allen H. Fisher, Jr., *Pastor*

The Rev. Brittany Tamminga, *Associate Pastor*

E. Bruce Harvey, Jr., *Coordinator of Christian Education*

Mary Ann & Larry Casey, *Choirmasters*

Amy L. Shirk, *Organist*

MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES 4/15-22

Today (4/15)

Middle School Retreat, *Camp Hanover*
 Session Retreat, *Massanetta*
 Worship Services, *S* 8:30 & 11am
 Church School 9:45am
 PW Circle of Grace, *Rachel Ball's* 2pm
 Sacred Dance, *U* 3:30pm
 Cantate, *UCR* 5pm
 MS Youth Fellowship & Dinner, *FH* 6pm

Monday (4/16)

PW Coordinating Team, *Rm 209* 10am
 PW Circle of Prayer, *CF* 12pm
 Mission Committee, *CF* 7pm

Tuesday (4/17)

Men's Breakfast, *Bob Evans* 7:30am
 Deacons, *CF* 6pm
 Dolce Flutes, *CR* 6pm

Wednesday (4/18)

Meditation, *CP* 6:30pm

Thursday (4/19)

Ladies' Bible Study, *MH* 9:30am
 Handbells, *S* 6pm
 Adult Choir, *CR* 7:30pm

Saturday (4/21)

Micah Breakfast, *FH* 6:30am
 Food Packing, *FH* 12pm
 Community Dinner, *FH* 2pm
 Church Bowling, *AMF Fredericksburg* 4pm

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 Church School 9:45am
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Location Key:

CP: Church Parlor *MH: Middle House*
S: Sanctuary *CH: Church House*
EB: Education Building *CF: Conference Room*
U: Undercroft *FH: Fellowship Hall*
UCR: Choir Room in Ed. Building *CR: Choir Room*
L: Library

Birthdays this Week

April

15. Peyton Cass, Kristen Harner, Patrick Korn
16. Susie Davis, Kay Roscoe, Andrew Wright
17. Johnny Ellis
18. Lachlan Eaton, Will Kinnamon
19. Greg Allison, Kate Doherty, Caitlin Duffy, Jane Illi, Paulla Loder, Drew Porter, Anna Repp
21. Merry Egge, Elaine Hild, Ben Umble
22. Tina Christie, Mike Gibson, Karen Johnson

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

8:30 and 11:00 am

We are delighted to have visitors worship with us!

To aid you in our liturgy, we want to acquaint you with our following custom: In the *Lord's Prayer*, we use the words, "*Forgive us our debts... our debtors.*"

We encourage you to stand for singing, if you are able, as the organ sounds the first note of introduction. When appropriate to the hymn, the organist and choir will lead the congregation in singing "*Amen.*"

Assistive listening devices (amplified earphones and telecoilneckloops), and **large-print bulletins** are available from the ushers.

Child care is provided in the Education Building for infants through 4-year-olds.

All worshipers are encouraged to sign the Attendance/Friendship pad, greet your friends, and welcome visitors.

The flowers today are given by Courtney and Herbert Pelley to the glory of God and in memory of her parents, Mennis and Virginia Gibson.

Capsule of Concern: Billie Plank

Lectionary readings for next Sunday, April 22:

Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23;
 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

Service Attendants

Liturgist
 Lewis Lowery

8:30 AM
Sanctuary Guild
 Mike & Michelle Gibson

Greeters
 Al & Ruth Moreau, Sharon Moser

Ushers
 Wayne Hibbeler, Paul Leimer, Jim & Patty Toler

Elevator Assistant
 Adam Zimmerman

11:00 AM
Sanctuary Guild
 Eric & Kathy Rocholl

Greeters
 Mark & Dana Hilts, Shirley Eye

Ushers
 George Cralle, Paul Leimer, Barbara Gary, Helen Fortune

Elevator Assistant
 Lou Illi

Nursery Attendants
8:30 & 11:00 services
 Rachel Ball, Stacy Whalen, Amy & Steve McCullough, Julie Young

Bruce has three **extra copies** of the story Bible, ***Growing in God's Love***, available for purchase (\$17.10) if you wish to have one.

The **Confirmation Journey** will meet this morning at 9:45am. Polity and Stewardship will be the focus of the lesson this morning. Parents and Explorers are reminded to finish reading the gospel of Mark in preparation for class next Sunday.

Faith & Movie Class will discuss *Pay It Forward* today, and the movie next Sunday, is April 22, 2001, *A Space Odyssey*.

Youth Fellowship:

TONIGHT: *Middle School youth* have been at Camp Hanover for a retreat, so they will not meet this evening. *High School youth* will have their regular scheduled Youth Fellowship with dinner at 6:00 p.m. followed at 6:30 p.m. by fellowship and a discussion about the impact of poverty and homelessness in our area.

NEXT SATURDAY: *High School youth* will partner with Rebuilding Together by helping to prepare the site for the Rebuilding Together project that is scheduled for the end of the month. We will meet at 8:00 am in the Church Parking Lot, to depart for the work site. If parents would like to help with this project, they are more than welcome to. We ask all participants to wear appropriate work attire (this includes close-toed shoes, long pants, and long sleeves), as well as bring a work gloves and a hammer, if you have one. If you have any questions, please direct them to Pastor Tamminga

NEXT SUNDAY: *Middle School* will have regularly scheduled Youth Fellowship with supper at 6:00 p.m. followed by fellowship time from 6:30-7:30 p.m. No *High School* Youth Fellowship.

SAVE the DATE! **VBS** will be July 15-19, 4-year olds through rising 5th graders will venture onto an uncharted island where we will be rescued by Jesus! We will anchor ourselves in the truth that Jesus carries us through every storm in life. We'll learn to hold onto God's promises when we are lonely, when we worry, when we struggle, do wrong, and feel powerless. Want to join in on the fun??!! Come be a volunteer! For more information, contact Robin Joel, 540-229-1421 (rjoel515@gmail.com) or Rachel Hole, 540-903-0677 (rjarnecke@yahoo.com).

Next Saturday, April 21 at noon, we will **pack 100 meal bags** for the school feeding program. These bags of non-perishable food will be delivered to Lafayette and Walker Grant Schools to assist families with meals on the weekends. Ten to 15 volunteers would be wonderful. Please contact Bruce, 373-7057, (bharvey@fredericksburgpc.org) or sign up in the lobby.

Compassion, Peace, and Justice Training Day is on April 20, in Washington, D.C. This gathering of Presbyterians will look at how our denomination and its partners are confronting white supremacy and nativism while supporting refugee and migrant populations in our country and abroad. Through plenaries and workshops, participants will analyze their current context, as well as receive concrete tools to address these urgent issues. Cost of registration is \$90. If you are interested in attending this event, please contact Pastor Tamminga, 540-373-7057, (btamminga@fredericksburgpc.org).

Volunteers from our church will be working with **Rebuilding Together** on Saturday, April 28, to repair a trailer at 11404 Muir Ct, 22408. If you would like to help, contact Gary Vaughn, 540-220-4425 or Steve Spratt, 540-371-0512.

A **fundraiser for School Dressing Days** will be held at Harry's Ale House, 5737 Plank Rd, Fredericksburg 22407 (Harrison Crossing Shopping Center) on Monday, May 7, all day. We will get \$2 from each Charity Steak dinner sold that day. The cost of the dinner is \$7.99 and includes steak, mashed potatoes, and vegetable. Last year we raised \$400 from this fundraiser.

All members are invited to the next **Know Your Neighbor: An Interfaith Gathering** on Sunday, May 6, at Beth Shalom Temple from 3:00-5:00 p.m. If you have questions and/or want to find out more information, please talk with Jen Rowe, Bill Nix, Anders Pedersen, or Bruce Harvey.

Have **questions for the Know Your Neighbor Event** on May 6? You may submit your question in writing at the table in the lobby of the Education Building. Please place your filled out index card in the box provided.

The Fredericksburg-area **Pitch, Hit & Run event and Junior Home Run Derby at Sunshine Ballpark** will be this afternoon, from noon to 7:00 p.m. at the park at 1200 Wicklow Dr. Thanks in advance to our volunteers from the congregation for their flexibility! The free programs are open to all baseball and softball players age 7-14.

The Middle School Youth Fellowship **thanks all** of those who supported the **diaper-drive**. We are happy to announce that there were a grand total of 2,361 diapers collected, in addition to 2,152 baby wipes and 2 blankets. Your generous donations are being delivered to families in need around the community. Thanks for your help!

Church-Wide Fellowship - Join us Next Saturday, April 21, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. as we *strike* up some fun with an afternoon of **bowling at AMF of Fredericksburg**. This terrific fellowship event is for all ages! Cost is \$10 per person and includes two hours unlimited bowling and shoe rental.

Spring Gathering of PW in the Presbytery of the James will be on May 5, at the First Presbyterian Church in Hopewell, Virginia, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. For more information please contact Patricia Langfitt, Area 8 Leader Presbytery of the James, 540-370-4489, (dplangfitt@aol.com).

The **Annual PW Spring Tea** will be held on Sunday afternoon, April 29, at 2:00 p.m. in the Education Building Lobby. Please join us for fellowship and refreshments. Donations to the Haiti Purpose Group of the Presbytery of the James can be made during the tea.

The 20,000 Rise Against Hunger meals we packaged in February have been shipped to Haiti, and will be distributed through Hopestart International.