

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 2, 2017

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING. . .

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit *Since By Man Came Death* G.F. Handel

The Call To Worship (from *Ezekiel 37:3, Psalm 130:7*)

O mortal, can these bones live?
Only the Lord God knows.
O people, hope in the Lord.
**With the Lord there is steadfast love
and great power to redeem.**

The Prayer of Adoration

You are merciful and just in the deliverance of Your people, O God. You draw us up out of the depths of distress; You incline Your ear as we call on Your Name. Our souls rest in You and in the promise of Christ's redeeming love. Lay now Your hand upon us, and draw us out by Your Spirit, that we may sing praises to Your Name. Glory to You, O God – our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. Amen.

*The Hymn 53 *O God, Who Gives Us Life*

*The Prayer of Confession

Your Spirit calls us out of ourselves, O God, and makes Your place within us. We resist. We box ourselves in. We live empty. You claim us for Yourself; we claim to belong to no one but ourselves. Our bodies move and breathe and we believe we are alive; but our spirits die before we are dead. Except Your Spirit enlivens us, we cannot repent and believe. In Your great mercy, forgive us our shallow faith, our timid hope, our feeble witness to Your awesome love in Christ. . .(time for silent confession). . .

*The Choral Response

*The Assurance of Pardon

God is gracious, righteous, and merciful.
God delivers us from death, dries our tears, keeps us from stumbling.
Believe the Gospel.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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 exchange this ancient greeting with worshipers seated near you.
Please stand to greet one another in the name of Christ.)

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: *Ezekiel 37:1-14* p. 987 in the pew Bible

The Anthem *Dry Bones* Donald Moore, arr.
Sacred Dancers

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalm 130* p. 705 in the pew Bible

The Epistle Lesson: *Romans 8:6-11* p. 191 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 407 *Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers*

The Gospel Lesson: *John 11:1-45* p. 127 in the pew Bible

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

The Sermon *Living Now*
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

*The Affirmation of Faith *A Brief Statement of Faith* p. 37-38 in the Hymnal
(Paragraphs 1, 4, 5, 6 only)

The Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession
The Lord's Prayer p. 35 in the Hymnal

The Service of Offering
The Gathering of Our Gifts
The Offertory

Ubi Caritas
Cantate

Becky Slago Mayo

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Doxology, p. 602 in the Hymnal

Lift us up, O God, from the graves of our self-interest as we invest ourselves in sharing the Good News with the world. Increase our gifts of time and treasure, that all who are drained of hope might have their minds set on the Spirit. Accept the gifts that we offer to proclaim Your love. Use our talents in ways that will set others free. May the liberating truth of Christ's gospel be heard anew in the land. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

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

*The Hymn 37

Let All Things Now Living

*The Charge & Benediction

*The Postlude



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 4/2-9

Today (4/2)

Worship Services, <i>S</i>	8:30 & 11am
Church School	9:45am
Fellowship Committee, <i>CF</i>	12:15pm
Presbytery Youth Council, <i>CF</i>	2pm
Sacred Dance, <i>U</i>	3:30pm
Cantate Choir, <i>UCR</i>	5pm
Youth Fellowship and Dinner, <i>FH</i>	6pm

Monday (4/3)

PW Circle of Joy, <i>CP</i>	10am
Personnel Committee, <i>CF</i>	7pm

Tuesday (4/4)

Men's Breakfast, <i>Bob Evans</i>	7:30am
Deacons, <i>CP</i>	6pm
Dolce Flutes, <i>CR</i>	6pm
Gospel of Matthew Study, <i>FH</i>	7pm

Wednesday (4/5)

Bible Study, <i>EB</i>	9:30am
Prime Timers' Outing,	11:30am
Lenten Service/Lunch, <i>FUMC</i>	12pm
2 nd Wednesday Dinner/Fellowship, <i>FH</i>	6pm
Meditation Group, <i>CP</i>	6:30pm

Thursday (4/6)

Ladies' Bible Study, <i>MH</i>	9:30am
Handbells, <i>S</i>	6pm
Adult Choir, <i>CR</i>	7:30pm

Saturday (4/8)

Micah Breakfast, <i>FH</i>	6:30am
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Sunday (4/9)

Palm/Passion Sunday	
Worship Services, <i>S</i>	8:30 & 11am
Church School	9:45am
Youth Fellowship and Dinner, <i>FH</i>	6pm
Session, <i>MH</i>	7pm

Location Key:

<i>CP</i> : Church Parlor	<i>MH</i> : Middle House
<i>S</i> : Sanctuary	<i>CH</i> : Church House
<i>EB</i> : Education Building	<i>CF</i> : Conference Room
<i>U</i> : Undercroft	<i>FH</i> : Fellowship Hall
<i>UCR</i> : Choir Room in Ed. Building	<i>CR</i> : Choir Room

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Birthdays this Week

April

1. Johnny Boyles, Genie Cunningham, Bob Piersall, Briget Rabatin, Kenley Ribel
2. David Hancock, Betty Merrill, Michael Mondak, Nancy Pickens
3. Darak Hollis, Barry Jones, Bernie Kenneweg, Bob Snow
4. Levi Blashford, Floyd Schwartz
5. Diana Bentley, Lamoine Knepfelkamp
6. Joanne Farley, Katherine Gormley, Allan Henshaw, John LeFebre, Dayna Richards
7. Jim Pickens, Tamie Pratt-Fartro
8. Jeremy Vaughn
9. Karen Boyles, Alison Harper, Enoch Huffman, David King, Tracey Rembisz

Hospital Visitor 4/2-8

Patricia Parkinson, 785-4709

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April 2, 2017

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 kindergarteners.

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

The flowers today are given by John and Debe Garrison to the glory of God and in memory of their parents, Milton and Louise Garrison and Charles and Helen Biggers.

Capsule of Concern: Opal Ritchie, Richard Roscoe

Lectionary readings for next Sunday, April 9:

Liturgy of the Palms: Matthew 21:1-11;

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29;

Liturgy of the Passion: Isaiah 50:4-9a;

Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians: 2:5-11;

Matthew 26:14—27:66; or Matthew 27:11-54

Service Attendants

Liturgist
Dick Szymanski

8:30 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Mike & Michelle Gibson

Greeters
Brett & Kristen Betsill, Jerry Zekert

Ushers
Steve & Linda Spratt, Tom Coen, Mike Gibson

Elevator Assistant
Richard Harrison

11:00 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Eric & Kathy Rocholl

Greeters
Opal Stroup, Karen & Johnny Boyles

Ushers
John & Eleanor Bailey, Mike & Carole Fariss.

Elevator Assistant
Pete Humes

Nursery Attendants
John & Rebecca Jones, Kaden & Stephanie Yealy, Patty Toler, Emily Humes

The 2017 **Confirmation Journey** will meet today at 9:45 a.m. on the 2nd floor of the Middle House. Today's topic is the 3rd paragraph of the Apostles' Creed.

Next week the Seekers and parents will come to class to discuss the Gospel of Mark.

The **Bible study on the Gospel of Matthew** continues on Tuesday, April 4, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The **Conversations in the Public Square: Racism In America - How the Church Is Called to Respond** will have a wrap-up class this morning at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

A new church school class, **Following Jesus Today: Challenges and Opportunities** will begin on Sunday, April 23, and continue through May 28. This study considers what following Jesus means in our personal lives and for the church. The writers, well-respected teaching elders in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and members reflect on both the challenges and opportunities of modern day discipleship in light of the great ends of the church and core commitments. David Johnson, Andrea Ilardia, and Harry Farley will teach this class, which will meet in Room 215 in the Education Building.

The **April 2nd Wednesday Night Fellowship** will meet this Wednesday, April 5, at 6:00 p.m. Becky Paul, with help from the PW Prayer Circle, will prepare spaghetti. The Mission Moment will focus on Rebuilding Together. The Cantate Choir will present the program.

You are invited to sign up to assist with the **2nd Wednesday Fellowship** which meets this Wednesday, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. You may help with setup, serving, cleanup, and/or dessert. Stop by the table outside the sanctuary this morning.

The **Prime Timers** will meet at the church this Wednesday, at 9:00 a.m. to go to the Germanna Colonies Foundation Visitors Center for a brief tour before going to the nearby 18th century home, Salubria. We will have lunch at the Clear Water Grill near Lake of the Woods. Please make a reservation with Bruce, 373-7057 (bharvey@fredericksburgpc.org).

Middle School Youth Fellowship - Tonight, all middle school students are invited to help in the continued planning for the dinner they will be hosting for their families on April 9. Next Sunday all Middle School Families are invited to dinner prepared and served by our middle school youth. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

High School Youth Fellowship - All high school students are invited to join us tonight in on our continued discussion regarding the issue of immigration. Next Sunday we will begin Holy Week with a series of prayer stations, using an adapted version of the Stations of the Cross. We will meet in the Church House, as the Middle School Youth will be using the Fellowship Hall.

We're again seeking volunteers to help with the free **Major League Baseball skills competition** and for the regional event on Sunday, May 7, from noon to 4:00 p.m. at Sunshine Ballpark in Fredericksburg.

Please bring new and/or gently used tennis shoes (all sizes), flats for teenage girls, backpacks, and gently used or new hoodies for **School Dressing Days**. Please do not bring worn out shoes.

On July 17-20, our church will lead **SOKS Camp** (Sema, Ota, Kua, Soma—Speak, Dream, Grow, Read) for the children of Heritage Park apartments. We need volunteers to help with baseball activities and field games from 12:45 to 3:30 p.m. at Sunshine. You may help on all four days or just one. Volunteers from teens to adults are welcome. You don't need baseball skills, just a willingness to enjoy some time with kids! Please contact Jim Toler (jimtoler4@yahoo.com) or Bruce Harvey (bharvey@fredericksburgpc.org) for more information or to sign up.

The final **Community Lenten Service** is this Wednesday at Fredericksburg United Methodist. The service begins at noon, lasts approximately 30 minutes, and is followed by a light luncheon.

The **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** envelopes are in the pews and in your offering boxes. This special offering we observe during Lent and Easter goes to support the Presbyterian Hunger Program, the Self-Development of People, and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. The offering is a way for us to reach around the world to touch the lives of people in need due to violence, natural disasters, hunger, and poverty. Please be in prayer for this offering.

Holy Week opportunities: a) the Labyrinth will be available for walking and meditation Monday through Wednesday and Good Friday in the Fellowship Hall; b) there will be a church-wide fast beginning after the evening meal on Wednesday, April 12, through the evening meal on Maundy Thursday; and c) a prayer vigil will begin after the Maundy Thursday service through the Good Friday service. More information and a sign up sheet for the fast and prayer vigil are at a table outside the Sanctuary or the lobby of the Education Building. You do not have to come to church for the prayer vigil. Handouts with suggestions for the fast and prayer vigil are available at the table.