

# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

## *The Fourth Sunday of Easter* *Celebrating the Gifts of Women*

April 22, 2018

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*\*All who are able may stand.*

***Bold type spoken by the congregation***

### GATHERING. . .

The Prelude *The Tender Shepherd* Van Denman Thompson

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*  
Covenant Choir

The Call To Worship (from *Psalm 23:1; John 10:14-16*)  
The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.  
**He lays down his life for his sheep.**  
The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.  
**He knows us, and we belong to him.**  
The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.  
**He speaks, and we listen for his voice.**

The Litany of Adoration

God of Grace, thank You for tranquil, reflective moments  
when we are able to recognize You in the world.

For all Your beauty and Your wonder, we give You thanks.  
**For the breath in our bodies, for our hearts and souls,  
for our connections with one another,  
we give You thanks and praise.**

God of Reconciliation, be present with us when conflicts arise.  
Remind us that we have a higher calling; to forgive those who wrong us,  
to pray for those who persecute, and to seek peace in the midst of strife.

**For women with grateful hearts,  
who have shared their faith with us  
and responded in kindness and service,  
we give You thanks and praise.**

God of love, we offer our gratitude to You for those women and men  
who have comforted us and carried us in their hearts in prayer.

For the grace that they have given us day after day,  
thank You for guiding the way for lives filled with gratitude.  
**For women, young and old, who do justice, love kindness  
and walk humbly with You, O God,  
we give You thanks and Praise.**

Creator God, lead us as we sing and serve, and remember and celebrate your daughters  
who, with Your help, have lived lives of gratitude, reflecting Your love and grace.

**Give us Your peace, which surpasses our understanding  
and watch over our hearts and our minds,  
as we rest in Christ Jesus. Amen.**

\*The Hymn 611 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

\*The Prayer of Confession

**Lord, have mercy on us. We talk about love, but our actions betray us. We  
talk about love, but we neglect the poor. We talk about love, but we fail to love  
one another. Lord, have mercy on us . . . (time for silent confession). . . Forgive us,  
and abide in us by the power of Your spirit so that our lives may show our love  
for Jesus Christ, in Whose body we live and in Whose Name we pray. Amen.**

\*The Choral Response *Come and Fill My Heart with Your Peace*

\*The Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News. We are restored to wholeness.

**God's Love will abide with us as long as we share it with others.**

Our souls will be fed when we focus on feeding others.

We will be empowered by prayer and generosity.

**In the Name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.**

**Alleluia! 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 worshipers seated near you.)

### TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The New Testament Lesson: *Acts 4:5-12* p. 147 in the pew Bible

The Anthem *The Lord is My Shepherd* Allen Pote

The Epistle Lesson: *1 John 3:16-24* p. 292 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

\*The Hymn 821 *My Life Flows On*

The Gospel Lesson: *John 10:11-18* p. 126 in the pew Bible

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

The Sermon *Reality Plus*  
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

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\*The Litany of Affirmation

We believe in God – Who brings forth life from death,  
joy from sorrow, blessing out of disaster;  
Who meets us behind our closed hearts and speaks a word of peace;  
Who is known in the simple act of breaking bread, gathering around a table;  
Who never forgets our name, Who feels our pain,  
Who renews our lives from the inside out.

*We believe in the risen Christ – Who bears wounds  
so that we might not hide from our own;  
Who is present to us in our loneliness, our fear, our doubt;  
Who embraced the hard questions, faced death's door  
and walked ahead into every experience  
so we might know we have a Companion on the way.*

**We believe in the Holy Spirit – Who is as close to us as the air we breathe;  
Who inspires the church to be a beacon of light, an oasis of peace  
and a fountain of joy; Who blows free as the wind,  
touching souls, chasing away the blues, setting loose an alleluia.  
We shall live as a people of God.**

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

*Largo*

John M. Rasley

\*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Doxology, p. 606 in the Hymnal

**Source of healing, Bringer of wholeness, You enter the world and cause the light to shine, the lame to walk, the sins of all to be forgiven. Whatever we bring You is a gift of Your graciousness. All that we offer, You have poured out upon us. Use us and mold us to conform to Your will for all people. Take our talents and apply them to spread the truth of Your love. In Christ's Name we ask. Amen.**

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

\*The Hymn 241

*Woman, Weeping in the Garden*

\*The Charge & Benediction

\*The Postlude

*Bachiana*

Gordon Young

*the*  
**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 4/22-29

### Today (4/22)

Worship Services, <i>S</i>	8:30 & 11am
Church School	9:45am
Sacred Dance, <i>U</i>	3:30pm
Cantate, <i>UCR</i>	5pm
Youth Fellowship & Dinner, <i>FH</i>	6pm

### Tuesday (4/24)

Men's Breakfast, <i>Bob Evans</i>	7:30am
Know Your Neighbor Meeting, <i>Wegmans</i>	6:30pm

### Wednesday (4/25)

Newsletter Assembly, <i>CF</i>	9am
Meditation, <i>CP</i>	6:30pm

### Thursday (4/26)

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

### Saturday (4/28)

Micah Breakfast, <i>FH</i>	6:30am
Rebuilding Together	

### Sunday (4/29)

Worship Services, <i>S</i>	8:30 & 11am
Church School	9:45am
PT/EN Trip Planning Meeting, <i>MH</i>	12pm
PW Spring Tea, <i>EBL</i>	2pm
Sacred Dance, <i>U</i>	3:30pm
Cantate, <i>UCR</i>	5pm
Youth Fellowship & Dinner, <i>FH</i>	6pm

### 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
<i>L</i> : Library	<i>EBL</i> : Ed. Building Lobby

## Birthdays this Week

### April

22. Tina Christie, Mike Gibson, Karen Johnson
24. Dean Makovsky
25. Kristi Allison, Al Erkert, Madison Harper, Rebecca Jones, Wel Leimbach
27. Sophie Ellis, Kalli Hild, Patti Myers
28. Addie Huffman, Laura Miller

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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 to the glory of God and in celebration of the April 21, 2018, marriage of Susan Howell and Sean Liverman at The Presbyterian Church.

**The flowers on the porch today** are given by the Presbyterian Women to the glory of God and to honor the gifts of women in service to God.

**Capsule of Concern:** Billie Plank, Kay Roscoe

### Lectionary readings for next Sunday, April 29:

Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31;  
1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

### Service Attendants

*Liturgist*  
Doreen Vaughn

**8:30 AM**  
*Sanctuary Guild*  
Mike & Michelle Gibson

*Greeters*  
Trudy McNatt, Nancy Raines,  
Debe Garrison, Lynda Baer

*Ushers*  
Gay Sullivan, Sydney  
Chichester, Jean Ravinsky,  
Sharon Moser

*Elevator Assistant*  
Bryan Eland

**11:00 AM**  
*Sanctuary Guild*  
Eric & Kathy Rocholl

*Greeters*  
Joan Darby, Ellie Crane

*Ushers*  
Don & Roxanne Nance, John  
Bailey, Donna Hughes

*Elevator Assistant*  
Bridget Harvey

*Nursery Attendants*  
**8:30 & 11:00 services**  
Linda Benn, Laura Chewning,  
Patty Toler, Betsy & Eva Lewis

The **Confirmation Journey** will meet this morning at 9:45am. Parents will join the Explorers to discuss the gospel of Mark, which all have read. Confirmation Sunday is May 13, at the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

**Faith & Movie Class** will discuss *2001, A Space Odyssey* today, and the movie next Sunday, April 29, is *Lady Bird*.

**Youth Fellowship** TONIGHT: *Middle School* Youth Fellowship will begin with supper at 6:00 p.m. followed by fellowship time from 6:30-7:30 p.m. No *High School* Youth Fellowship.

Next Sunday, April 29, all the **members and visitors going on the trip** to Philadelphia, Winterthur, and Longwood Gardens will meet in the Middle House following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. All payments for the trip should be in to Bruce. Please bring your tip of \$7 or more per person for the bus driver. We will make meal choices, hand out bag tags & nametags, share transportation information, and answer questions.

SAVE the DATE! **VBS** will be July 15-19. Four-year olds through rising 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:rjoel515@gmail.com)) or Rachel Hole, 540-903-0677 ([rjamecke@yahoo.com](mailto:rjamecke@yahoo.com)).

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. Although there is no seating limit, an estimate of how many will be attending is encouraged. Please let us know if you plan to attend by signing up at the table outside the Sanctuary.

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.

**Sincere thanks to everyone** who volunteered their time to make the Fredericksburg-area **Pitch, Hit & Run and the Jr. Home Run Derby** possible, despite some challenging weather this spring. We had 54 baseball and softball players take part last Sunday. That's a solid number given the forecast and showers we had late in the afternoon. There were many positive comments from parents and players who appreciate the opportunities you all make possible with these free MLB programs. If you are able to volunteer for the regional PH&R on Sunday, May 6, from noon to 5:00 p.m. at Sunshine Ballpark, talk to Jim Toler or email him at [jimtoler4@yahoo.com](mailto:jimtoler4@yahoo.com).

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.

Today the church celebrates the **Gifts of Women**. This event was established by the action of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) General Assembly (Orlando, 1993). Congregations and individuals are encouraged to celebrate this day each year, recognizing the gifts women bring to God, the Church, and the community. The 2018 theme is "Women Called to Lead with Love." When we think of women called to lead with love, there are two characteristics that these women demonstrate - the gift of hospitality and the gift of building consensus as the way to make decisions.

**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](mailto: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 PC (USA) Pentecost offering supports Young Adult Volunteers (25%) who serve around the world in many different ministries each year. We have had several from our church serve in this way. It assists in Guiding Youth (25%) by supporting a number of youth ministry programs in the PC (USA) including the Youth Triennium. The offering goes to support "Educate a Child, Transform the World" an initiative of the PC (USA) to help motivate and inspire over 1 million youth by 2020 through child advocacy (10%). The 40% local portion of the **Pentecost Offering** will go to Stafford Food Security that supplies the bags and the food supplies for school feeding program. Bags are given to 43 schools in Stafford County, 9 schools in Spotsylvania, and 2 schools in the city of Fredericksburg. The food in each bag costs about \$8 to \$8.50. Our church, along with St George's Episcopal and St Mary's Catholic Churches, take 25 bags each week to Lafayette and Walker Grant Schools. Your prayers and support for the Pentecost Offering are very much appreciated. Envelopes for the offering will be in the pews during May, and in your offering envelope boxes.

**Fredericksburg Commemorates** 50th Anniversary of MLK Jr., assassination on Monday, April 23. The March will begin at 6:00 p.m. The route: start at Mt. Zion Baptist Church (309 Wolfe St), to St. George's Episcopal Church (905 Princess Anne St), ending at Shiloh Baptist Church (Old Site) (801 Sophia St.). A commemorative service will be at 7:00 p.m. at Shiloh Baptist Church (Old Site).