

# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

## *The Fifth Sunday of Easter*

April 29, 2018

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

The Call To Worship

*(from Psalm 22)*

From You, O God, comes my praise in the great congregation.

**My vows I will say before those who fear the Lord.**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord.

**And all the families of the nations shall worship You,**

**O God, our Lord and our Redeemer.**

The Prayer of Adoration

**Ruler of nations, You have dominion over all the earth. We praise Your Name and bow down before You. You bring pride to the humble, and cause the boastful to be brought low. The afflicted find hope through Your mercy; the comfortable You challenge and chasten. As Your wisdom led our fathers and mothers throughout the ages, make us receptive to the testimony of Your love, for we pray in the Name of Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh. Amen.**

\*The Hymn 610

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

\*The Prayer of Confession

**God, of compassion, called to be one body, we fragment ourselves into a million selfish pieces. Your children of love, we insist on the right to despise our sisters and brothers. Though Your Perfect Love was broken for us, we are afraid to give of ourselves to the world. Abide in us, Vine Grower. Forgive us our sins so we may live boldly, love fearlessly, and proclaim unceasingly that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior. . . (time for silent confession). . .**

\*The Choral Response

\*The Assurance of Pardon

We have already been cleansed by the word that God has spoken to us.

**In baptism God claimed us and joined us to Christ, as branches to a vine.**

Believe the promise given to us:

**In Jesus Christ, we 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 worshippers seated near you.)*

The Moment for Mission

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

The Prayer for Illumination

**Almighty God, through Your only Son You overcame death and opened to us the light of eternity. Enlighten our minds and kindle our hearts with the presence of Your Spirit, that we may hear Your words of comfort and challenge in the reading of the scriptures, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The New Testament Lesson: *Acts 8:26-40*

p. 154 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

*Down to the River to Pray*

Sheldon Curry, arr.

*As I went down to the river to pray, studying about the good old way  
and who shall wear the starry crown. Good Lord, show me the way.*

*O sisters, let's go down, come on down.*

*O sisters, let's go down, down to the river to pray.*

*O brothers, let's go down, down to the river to pray.*

*O sinners, let's go down, down to the river to pray.*

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalm 22:25-31*

p. 616 in the pew Bible

The Epistle Lesson: *1 John 4:7-21*

p. 292 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

\*The Hymn 450

*Be Thou My Vision*

The Gospel Lesson: *John 15:1-8*

p. 133 in the pew Bible

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

The Sermon

*Do You Understand?*  
Brittany Tamminga

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TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

\*The *Apostles' Creed*

p. 35 in the Hymnal

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

\*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication  
Doxology, p. 606 in the Hymnal  
**From You comes every gift we need, every blessing we have. May we not hoard them for ourselves, but offer them back to You, that the poor might be fed, the lonely befriended, and the despairing be filled with hope. This we pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

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

\*The Hymn 287      *Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading*

\*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 4/29-5/6

### Today (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
<b>NO</b> Youth Fellowship & Dinner, <i>FH</i>	6pm

### Tuesday (5/1)

Men's Breakfast, <i>Bob Evans</i>	7:30am
Dolce Flutes, <i>CR</i>	6pm

### Wednesday (5/2)

Meditation, <i>CP</i>	6:30pm
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### Thursday (5/3)

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

### Saturday (5/5)

Micah Breakfast, <i>FH</i>	6:30am
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### Sunday (5/6)

Worship Services, <i>S</i>	8:30 & 11am
Church School	9:45am
Know Your Neighbor Event, <i>Beth Shalom</i>	3pm
Sacred Dance, <i>U</i>	3:30pm
Cantate, <i>UCR</i>	5pm
Session w/ Confirmands, <i>MH</i>	6pm
Session, <i>MH</i>	7pm
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

### May

1. Andrew Bernstein, Drew Makovsky, Tracy Mallory
2. Rod Hughes, Dee Kindred, Peyton King, Chuck Penick, Gina Whitticar
3. Bill Crawley, Josh Noxon, Samuel Rembisz
4. Sarah Hancock
5. Sean McPherson, Kristina Palangi, Jack Plank
6. Shirley Kutz, Bera Mataka, Amy McCullough, Elizabeth Turner

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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 28, 2018, marriage of Shannon Waite and Will Hendricks at The Presbyterian Church.

**Capsule of Concern:** Billie Plank

### Lectionary readings for next Sunday, May 6:

Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98;  
1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

### Service Attendants

*Liturgist*  
Marla Tischler

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

*Greeters*  
Paul & Mary Kukla, Mike & Mel Gloyd

*Ushers*  
Steve & Debbie Eckel, Piper & Ed Foresman

*Elevator Assistant*  
Milton McNatt

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

*Greeters*  
Fidler family, Ellie Bell

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

*Elevator Assistant*  
Dave Bohmke

*Nursery Attendants*  
**8:30 & 11:00 services**  
Margaret Rowe, Al & April Stevens, Katie Fidler, Brian & Kim Liska

The **Confirmation Journey** will meet this morning at 9:45am. The Explorers will take a look at worship. Next Week, May 6, the Covenant Partners will join them at 9:45 a.m. for their last class; at 6:00 p.m. the Explorers will meet with the session in the Middle House. At 6:45 p.m., parents and Covenant Partners are invited to join them for a reception in the Church House. Confirmation Sunday is May 13, at the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

The **Faith & Movie Class** will discuss *Lady Bird* today, and the movies next Sunday, May 6, are *Remember the Titans* and *Save the Last Dance*.

**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 WEEK: *Middle School* youth will walk to Carl's. *High School* youth will play games in the park.

Today, 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.

All members and guests are invited to the outdoor party on **Wednesday, May 9**. This is the **2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday fellowship event for May** that will feature games and energizers for all ages. The meal will be sub sandwiches from Wegmans. You may make a reservation by filling out the bulletin insert next week or contacting the church at 373-7057 or [bharvey@fredericksburgpc.org](mailto:bharvey@fredericksburgpc.org).

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 ([rjarnecke@yahoo.com](mailto:rjarnecke@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. 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. There will be activities for all ages.

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.

**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 this afternoon, at 2:00 p.m. in the Lobby of the Education Building. 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, which 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, takes 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.