

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 30, 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

The Call To Worship (from *1 Peter 1:17-19, 23*)
Followers of Jesus,
by his cross we are redeemed from the futility of sin.
Alleluia!
By his rising we are free from the fear of death.
Alleluia!
By his love we are made new
in the living and enduring Word of God.
Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

The Prayer of Adoration

Beckoning God, we come giving thanks for the mercy we have received from Your presence revealed in ways that are beyond our comprehension. We seek Your wisdom as we pour out the stories of our own hearts before You, trusting in Your grace and vision for us. Reveal Yourself to us as we gather in this hour, and open us to understanding ourselves and Your story anew. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ the Risen Lord. Amen.

*The Hymn 268 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

*The Prayer of Confession

We cut You to the heart, Loving God, with the foolish choices we make. We had hoped our lives would reflect Your presence, but those around us can see how empty we are. We had hoped our words might bring healing, but they end up hurting those we love the most. We had hoped to find Jesus, but cannot see him in all those You send to us. How wrong we are to think we can go on without Your mercy, Lord God. Forgive us and lead us to repent and remember the promise of our baptism, through Jesus Christ our Lord. . . .(time for silent confession). . .

*The Choral Response

*The Assurance of Pardon

This we know for certain – we are forgiven by our gracious God.
**This promise is passed on to us, so we may share it with everyone we meet.
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 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

Elusive God, companion on the way, You walk behind, beside, beyond; You catch us unawares. Break through the disillusionment and despair clouding our vision that with wide-eyed wonder, we may find our way and journey on as messengers of Your Good News. Amen.

The New Testament Lesson: *Acts 2:14a, 36-41* p. 144 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19* p. 694 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

Stay with Us

*Stay with us, Lord, stay with us. Stay with us, it soon is evening.
Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us, it soon is evening and night is falling.
Jesus Christ, the world's true light! Shine so the darkness cannot overcome it!
Stay with us, Lord Jesus, it soon is evening. Stay with us, Lord Jesus, for night is falling.
Let your light pierce the darkness and fill your church with its glory.
Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us. Stay with us, it soon is evening.
Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us, it soon is evening, and night is falling.*

The Epistle Lesson: *1 Peter 1:17-23* p. 282 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 247 *Now the Green Blade Rises*

The Gospel Lesson: *Luke 24:13-35* p. 109 in the pew Bible

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

The Sermon

Hopelessly Renewed
Anders Pedersen

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

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*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

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication Doxology, p. 606 in the Hymnal

We bring our gifts to You in response to the Good News. Christ is risen indeed and abides in us still. May all that we do be in response to new life. As You accept who we are, O God, receive what we offer, and transform all of our being to conform with Your will. Extend Your grace through us so that others hear of the salvation You bring through Christ our Risen Savior. Amen.

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

*The Hymn 249 *Because You Live, O Christ*

*The Charge & Benediction

*The Postlude

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."



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 4/30-5/7

Today (4/30)

Session Retreat, <i>Massanetta</i>	
Worship Services, <i>S</i>	8:30 & 11am
Church School	9:45am
PW Spring Tea, <i>Trudy McNatt's</i>	2pm
Sacred Dance, <i>U</i>	3:30pm
Cantate Choir, <i>UCR</i>	4-6pm
Youth Fellowship and Dinner, <i>FH</i>	6pm

Monday (5/1)

PW Circle of Joy, <i>CP</i>	10am
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Tuesday (5/2)

Men's Breakfast, <i>Bob Evans</i>	7:30am
Dolce Flutes, <i>CR</i>	6pm
Wed. Fellowship Planning Meeting, <i>CF</i>	7pm

Wednesday (5/3)

Bible Study, <i>EB</i>	9:30am
Meditation Group, <i>CP</i>	6:30pm

Thursday (5/4)

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

Saturday (5/6)

Micah Breakfast, <i>FH</i>	6:30am
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Sunday (5/7)

Worship Services, <i>S</i>	8:30 & 11am
Church School	9:45am
Sacred Dance, <i>U</i>	3:30pm
Never Ending PW Circle, <i>Gail McGhee's</i>	4pm
Cantate Choir, <i>UCR</i>	4-6pm
Youth Fellowship and Dinner, <i>FH</i>	6pm

Location Key:

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

Birthdays this Week

April

1. Drew Makovsky, Tracy Mallory
2. Rod Hughes, Dee Kindred, Peyton King, Chuck Penick, Gina Whitticar
3. Bill Crawley, Samuel Rembisz
4. Sarah Hancock
5. Kristina Palangi, Jack Plank
6. Shirley Kutz, Bera Mataka, Amy McCullough, Megan Vyverberg
7. Allison Wimberly

Hospital Visitor 4/30-5/6

Joan Hamb, 972-1381

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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 kindergarteners.

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

The flowers today are given by Duane and Nancy Hansen to the glory of God.

Capsule of Concern: Charlotte Mims, Richard Roscoe

Lectionary readings for next Sunday, May 7:

Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23;
 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

Service Attendants

Liturgist
Felicia Hibbeler

8:30 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Mike & Michelle Gibson

Greeters
Bob & Caroline Deaderick,
Don & Christie Doherty

Ushers
David & Tammy Hancock, Suzi Bevan, Mary Lowman

Elevator Assistant
David C. Johnson

11:00 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Eric & Kathy Rocholl

Greeters
Mike & Carole Fariss, Mary Lou Cramer

Ushers
George Cralle, Helen Fortune,
Paul & Holly Horn

Elevator Assistant
Pat Parkinson

Nursery Attendants
8:30 & 11:00 services
Sharon Moser, Jen & Margaret Rowe, Bridget Harvey, Patricia Langfitt

The 2017 **Confirmation Journey** will meet today at 9:45 a.m. on the 2nd floor of the Middle House. Seekers will explore worship this morning. The seekers will meet with the session on Tuesday, May 9, at 7:00 p.m., and Confirmation Sunday is May 14.

The **Faith and Movie** Church School Class will discuss *Dancing at Lughnana* on Sunday, May 7.

A new church school class, **Following Jesus Today: Challenges and Opportunities**, has started and continues 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 **2017-18 Wednesday Planning Committee** will meet on Tuesday, May 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

All women are invited to the **Spring Tea** today, April 30, at the home of Trudy McNatt (1315 Sunken Road, Fredericksburg, VA) at 2:00 p.m. Join us for an afternoon of fellowship.

This year Presbyterian Women are having a **basket raffle** in support of their local mission project, the Spotsylvania Emergency Concerns Association (SECA). Founded in 1986, SECA is an all-volunteer group which provides emergency relief for residents of Spotsylvania County, including victims of fires and natural disasters. Baskets are on display in the Education Building Lobby. You may purchase raffle tickets after worship today. Tickets are \$1.00 each, 10 tickets for \$5.00, or 25 tickets for \$10.00. Donations will also be accepted. The raffle drawing will be held during the spring tea (you do not need to be present to win).

The next 2nd **Wednesday Fellowship** will be on Wednesday, May 10, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The menu will be subs from Wegmans. Activities for all ages will follow dinner. We will be finished by 7:30 p.m. If you would like to help with setup, cleanup, or make a dessert, please sign up at the table outside the Sanctuary.

Everyone is invited to the **Church Picnic** on Sunday, June 4, following the 11:00 a.m. service. The CE Committee will provide chicken and beverages. Singles and couples are asked to bring one dish and families of 3 or more are asked to bring two dishes: vegetable, salad or dessert. Wear picnic clothes w/ red for Pentecost.

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.

If you are interested in serving as a **host for the Micah breakfast** that takes place each Saturday morning in the Fellowship Hall, contact Bruce, 373-7057 bharvey@fredericksburgpc.org. The hours are 6:30 to 9:00 a.m. You would be paired with another person. An outside group prepares and serves the breakfast.

Do you enjoy helping to plan events? Social gatherings? The **Fellowship Committee** is looking to add a few **new members**. This committee meets about 4 times a year. They plan the Fall Festival at the Copley Farm, arrange flowers for Mother's Day and Father's Day as well as the recent outing to the Riverside Dinner Theater and this summer's trip to the Nationals baseball game. If you would like to be part of this committee and help to plan some new events, we would love to have you on board. Please contact Brittany Tamminga at btamminga@fredericksburgpc.org if you are interested.

There is a great opportunity for adults who would like to spend a week doing **mission in West Virginia, June 25-July 1**. We will return to Gilbert and Hampden, West Virginia, to work on houses in this region of Appalachia. We stay in a church where we also prepare our meals and shower. You are invited to stop by the table outside the Sanctuary to sign up or see Bruce for more information.

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.

Is someone you know **graduating from high school, college, or with a postgraduate degree** this year? Are you? CJ (cjforsing@fredericksburgpc.org) will be gathering information in the next few weeks so that we can acknowledge those achievements. For high school students, please share the high school from which they are graduating, plans for the fall and a photo. For college and postgraduate students, please share the school and their degree. Please have this information to CJ today. Thank you!

The Session along with newly elected elders are on retreat at Massanetta Conference Center this weekend.