

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 8, 2018

8:30 and 11 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 *Psalms 133*)

Behold, how good it is when brothers and sisters live together in unity!

**It is like precious oil on the head,
running down over the collar of Aaron's robes.**

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

For there the Lord ordained God's blessing, life forevermore.

The Prayer of the Day

You pour out upon us the oil of gladness, gracious God, as we gather in the Name of our risen Savior. You have given us the Word of Life; we have heard and seen Your greatest of all gifts and testify to that experience by our presence here. Let Jesus Christ be known among us, in our conversation and in our prayers. May our thoughts center on the message that light has come to chase away the shadows, community has been born to remove our isolation, joy has been heaped upon us that we might share it with the world. Amen.

*The Hymn 254

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

*The Prayer of Confession

Sometimes we hide ourselves behind closed doors - afraid to love, afraid to share, afraid to be vulnerable. Sometimes we hide ourselves behind locked minds - unwilling to love, unwilling to share, unwilling to be vulnerable. You, O Lord, continue to invite us to step outside, to trust, and to embrace Your new life. Forgive our faintheartedness and release us from our reluctance, that we may go out to tell of the Good News that comes to us through the crucified and resurrected Christ . . . (time for silent confession) . . .

*The Choral Response

*The Assurance of Pardon

We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;

**He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins,
and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.**

Friends, hear and believe the Good News: In Christ we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God. 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 4:32-35*

p. 148 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 133*

p. 706 in the pew Bible

The Epistle Lesson: *1 John 1:1-2:2*

p. 289 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 255

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

The Gospel Lesson: *John 20:19-31*

p. 140 in the pew Bible

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

The Communion Meditation

*Greeting and Gift
Brittany Tamminga*

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

The Anthem

I am Sending You

Mary McDonald

"As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with those words, he said to them,

"Receive the Holy One; Forgive them of their sins and lead them to the risen Son!"

"As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

How shall they believe in whom they've not heard?

How shall they call upon His name?

How shall they preach unless you go there and share in Jesus' Name?

"As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

Go ye therefore to the world and tell them of Good News!

Teach them to do as I command and know I'm there with you!

"As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

*The Nicene Creed

p. 34 in the Hymnal

The Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and Dedication

By Your grace, O God, **raise us from death to life.**

TO CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT . . .

The Presbyterian Church welcomes and invites everyone - children and adults - baptized in the name of Jesus Christ to come to The Table of the Lord and participate in The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

*The Hymn of Preparation 515 *I Come with Joy*

The Invitation

The Call To Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

. . . we join our voices in praising Your Name:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest . . .

Great, O Lord, is the mystery of faith:
Christ walked to Calvary to die for us.
Christ strode from the tomb to raise us to life.
Christ will come and stand among us, to lead us home.

The Lord's Prayer

p. 35 in the Hymnal

The Communion

(You are invited to partake of the elements as you receive them with reverent meditation.)

The Prayer After Communion

We thank You, O God, that through Word and Sacrament, You have given us
Your Son, Who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life. So
strengthen us in Your service that our daily living may show our thanks;
through Christ, the Risen Lord. Amen.

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

*The Hymn 547 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

*The Charge and 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 4/8-15

Today (4/8)
 Worship Services, *S* 8:30 & 11am
 Congregational Meeting
 Church School 9:45am
 Library Committee, *L* 12pm
 Sacred Dance, *U* 3:30pm
 NeverEnding Circle, *Gaye Copley's* 5pm
 Cantate, *UCR* 5pm
 Youth Fellowship & Dinner, *FH* 6pm
 Session, *MH* 7pm

Monday (4/9)
 Newsletter Items Due
 PW Faith Circle, *CP* 1pm

Tuesday (4/10)
 Men's Breakfast, *Bob Evans* 7:30am
 PW Friendship Circle, *Chancellor's Village* 10:30am
 Deacons, *CP* 6pm

Wednesday (4/11)
 2nd Wednesday Fellowship, *FH* 6pm
 Meditation, *CP* 6:30pm

Thursday (4/12)
 Ladies' Bible Study, *MH* 9:30am
 Handbells, *S* 6pm
 Adult Choir, *CR* 7:30pm

Saturday (4/14)
 Middle School Retreat, *Camp Hanover*
 Session Retreat, *Massanetta*
 Micah Breakfast, *FH* 6:30am

Sunday (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
 Youth Fellowship & Dinner, *FH* 6pm

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

8. Jeremy Vaughn
9. Karen Boyles, Alison Harper, Enoch Huffman, David King, Tracey Rembisz
10. Doris Gulatsi, John Nolan, Lydia Stevick, Marla Tischler
11. Ellie Crane, Stephanie Yealy
12. Shannon Farley, Rachel Hole, Elsie Janney, John James LeFebre
13. Jean Calloway, Logan Cass, Andrew Mondak
14. Margaret Beiler, Walt Jackson, John Jones, Billy Nichols, Kevin Peters
15. Peyton Cass, Kristen Harner, Patrick Korn

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Apr 8, 2018

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 & Debe Garrison to the glory of God and in honor of family and friends.

Capsule of Concern: Clark Hower, Bob Piersall, Bob Snow

Lectionary readings for next Sunday, April 15:

Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4;
 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

Congregational Meeting

Session has called a **meeting of the congregation** for today, April 8, beginning with the 11:00 a.m. service of worship. The purpose of the meeting is to hear the report of the Church Officer Nominating Committee and to elect Elders, Deacons and other officers.

Service Attendants

Liturgist
 Don Newlin

8:30 AM
Sanctuary Guild
 Mike & Michelle Gibson

Greeters
 Judy Lowman, Gene Bingham

Ushers
 Jerry Zekert, Tom Coen, Adam Nelen, John Howe

Elevator Assistant
 Steve Eckel

11:00 AM
Sanctuary Guild
 Eric & Kathy Rocholl

Greeters
 Gina Whitticar, Donn & Patricia Langfitt

Ushers
 Joel & Julie Young, Ann Warner, Suzie Ashby

Elevator Assistant
 Scott Fischer

Nursery Attendants
8:30 & 11:00 services
 Lexie Loder, Jamie Loder,
 Robin Joel, Regina Bostien,
 Libby Humes

All members and guests are invited to come to the **April Wednesday Fellowship** on April 11, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Chicken tenders will be provided, and we ask those coming to bring a vegetable, salad, or dessert to share. **Program provided by the Cantate Choir.**

The **Confirmation Journey** will meet this morning at 9:45am. They will discuss Part 3 of the Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer. Parents and Explorers are reminded to finish reading the gospel of Mark in preparation for class on April 22. Also Explorers will setup, serve, and cleanup at the Wednesday Fellowship dinner this week.

Faith & Movie Class will discuss *Pay It Forward* on Sunday, April 15.

The Library Committee will meet today at noon in the Church Library.

Youth Fellowship - TONIGHT: *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. *High School* will have supper at 6:00 p.m. and then shop for supplies and assemble worship bags for the youngest in our congregation. NEXT WEEK: *Middle School* will be at Camp Hanover Saturday and Sunday for a retreat. *High School* will have 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.

Church-Wide Fellowship - Join us on 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 will be a terrific fellowship event for all ages! Cost is \$10 per person and includes two hours unlimited bowling and shoe rental. Look for the sign-up sheet on Sunday mornings or email Pastor Tamminga your RSVP (btamminga@fredericksburgpc.org).

The **One Great Hour of Sharing** Offering is one of the four special offerings of the PC (USA). OGHs goes to Presbytery and General Assembly to support the Presbyterian Hunger Program - 36%, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance - 32%, and the Self-Development of People - 32%. The offering assists in natural and man-made disasters, feeding the hungry, and helping people learn skills that will help them to be independent. You are invited to pray for and support the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. You may use the envelopes in the pew or in your offering envelope box.

On 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.

SAVE the DATE! **VBS** will be here soon! 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! Contact Robin Joel, 540-229-1421 (rjoel515@gmail.com) or Rachel Hole, 540-903-0677 (rjarnecke@yahoo.com) for more information.

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.

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

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.

Shredfest 2018, a **fundraising event for Alzheimer's research**, will be held at Chancellor's Village on Saturday, April 14, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. See the poster in the Lobby for additional details.

Because of the unseasonably cold, wet weather this weekend, the Fredericksburg-area **Pitch, Hit & Run event and Junior Home Run Derby at Sunshine Ballpark has been rescheduled** for Sunday, April 15, 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. Participants may register at pitchhitrun.com, but walk-ins are welcome at anytime on April 15. For information, see Jim Toler or email him at jimtoler4@yahoo.com