

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Passion/Palm Sunday

The Sixth Sunday in Lent

April 9, 2017

8:30 and 11:00 am

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING. . .

The Prelude *Arise, Come Ye Sinners Poor and Needy*
Jubilate Ringers

The Welcome and Announcements

The Call To Worship

Give thanks to the Lord, Who is good, Whose mercy endures forever.

Let Israel now proclaim,

“The mercy of the Lord endures forever.”

On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Hosanna, Lord, hosanna.

You are my God, and I will thank You.

Open to us the gates of righteousness!

Let us enter to praise the Lord.

Give thanks to God, who hears our cry.

The Lord has become our salvation.

The Opening Prayer

Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem

Matthew 21:1-11

Blessed is the One Who comes in the Name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

The Procession

Procession for Palm Sunday

Craig Courtney

The Prayer of Confession

Holy God, sure of Your faithfulness even in Your dying, comforted by Your compassion toward Your people in every age, we beg Your mercy for our imperfect gratitude. We have looked to You for paltry favors, when You have given everything. We have withheld from Your people, our neighbors, and from Your creation, our Earth, the care and tending they deserve. We have rejected the cornerstone You sent to build a people of righteousness even here, today. Forgive us our failings. . . .(time for silent confession). . . Heal what we have broken, nurture what we have neglected, and lead us to Your vision, so that we may know the peace of wholeness in You; in Jesus' Name. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

*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.)

*The Hymn 196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: *Isaiah 50:4-9a*

p. 833 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 31:9-16*

p. 622 in the pew Bible

The Epistle Lesson: *Philippians 2:5-11*

p.240 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 264

At the Name of Jesus

The Meditation

Who Can This Be?

Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

The Anthem

Thy Will Be Done

Craig Courtney

Our cup was filled with darkness. Our cup was filled with death.

Christ took our cup and drank it, and gave us life, and gave us hope, gave us Himself.

My Father, let this cup pass from me; yet not my will, O Lord,

yet not my will, O Lord, but Thine be done.

In blackest night we hear Him in dark Gethsemane.

Pleading with the Father for one more way, for one more hope, for one more day.

Then they took our Savior, and led Him to a tree;

and there they broke His body, poured out His life, put Him to death to rise again!

My Father, let this cup pass from me; Yet not my will, O Lord,

yet not my will, O Lord, but Thine be done.

The Passion of Christ: *Matthew 27:11-54*

p. 39 in the pew Bible

Silent Meditation

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

God of all good gifts, we thank You for showing us how to care for each other. May these gifts lead to great feasting for those who have no banquets set before them. May these gifts build shelters and places of prayer for those who are homeless. May these gifts proclaim Your desire that all Your creation live in peace. Give us grateful hearts, O God, in the Name of the One Who came to draw all people to himself, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

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

The Hymn 209

My Song is Love Unknown

*The Charge & Benediction

*The Postlude

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 4/9-16

Today (4/9) Palm/Passion Sunday

Worship Services, *S* 8:30 & 11am
Church School 9:45am
Sacred Dance, *U* 3:30pm
Cantate Choir, *UCR* 5pm
Youth Fellowship and Dinner, *FH* 6pm
Session, *MH* 7pm

Monday (4/10)

Newsletter Item Submissions Due
Labyrinth, *FH* 8:30am-4:30pm
PW Faith Circle, *MH* 10pm

Tuesday (4/11)

Men's Breakfast, *Bob Evans* 7:30am
Labyrinth, *FH* 8:30am-4:30pm
PW Friendship Circle, *Chancellor's Village* 10:30am
Gospel of Matthew Study, *FH* 7pm

Wednesday (4/12)

Labyrinth, *FH* 8:30am-4:30pm
Bible Study, *EB* 9:30am
Meditation Group, *CP* 6:30pm
Fast Begins

Thursday (4/13)

Ladies' Bible Study, *MH* 9:30am
Fast ends - Maundy Thursday Service, *FH* 7pm
Prayer Vigil begins

Friday (4/14)

Prayer Vigil ends - Good Friday Service, *S* 7pm

Saturday (4/15)

Micah Breakfast, *FH* 6:30am
Community Dinner, *FH* 2pm

Sunday (4/16) Easter

Easter Dawn Service, *Church Steps* 6:30am
Worship Services, *S* 8:30 & 11am
Church School 9:45am
Youth Fellowship and 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

Birthdays this Week

April

- Karen Boyles, Alison Harper, Enoch Huffman, David King, Tracey Rembisz
- Doris Gulatsi, John Nolan, Lydia Stevick, Marla Tischler
- Ellie Crane, Stephanie Yealy
- Shannon Farley, Rachel Hole, Elsie Janney, John James LeFebre
- Jean Calloway, Logan Cass, Andrew Mondak
- Margaret Beiler, Walt Jackson, John Jones, Elaine Keeley, Billy Nichols
- Peyton Cass, Kristen Harner, Patrick Korn
- Susie Davis, Kay Roscoe, Andrew Wright

Hospital Visitor 4/9-15

Lydia Stevick, 368-1183

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April 9, 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.

Capsule of Concern: Opal Ritchie, Richard Roscoe

Lectionary readings for next Sunday, April 16:

Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6;

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24;

Colossians: 3:1-4;

John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10

Service Attendants

Liturgist
Mary Katherine Greenlaw

8:30 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Mike & Michelle Gibson

Greeters
Steve & Susie Davis, Tim Duffy

Ushers
Porter Blakemore, Russ Pruitt,
Sarah Wright, Paul Leimer

Elevator Assistant
Bob Deaderick

11:00 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Eric & Kathy Rocholl

Greeters
Joel Young, Bob & Maryann Piersall

Ushers
Jane Eger, Ann Warner, Mike & Jeanne Ramsburg

Elevator Assistant
James Lockett

Nursery Attendants
Lexie Loder, Jamie Loder,
Robin Joel, Gina & Mike Wright, Allie Hall

The 2017 **Confirmation Journey** will meet today at 9:45 a.m. on the 2nd floor of the Middle House. Seekers and parents will discuss the Gospel of Mark.

The **Bible study on the Gospel of Matthew** continues on Tuesday, April 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Adult Church School classes that did not meet during the recent special class on Racism will resume today. Faith & Movie class - Middle House 1st floor; Parenting - Education Building, 2nd floor, Room 213; “It’s Complicated: A Guide to Faithful Decision Making” - Church House, 1st floor; and Bible 102 - Undercroft.

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 Iardia, and Harry Farley will teach this class, which will meet in Room 215 in the Education Building.

Church School will meet on **regular schedule** on **Easter Day**, April 16.

Middle School Youth Fellowship - Tonight, all Middle School Families are invited to dinner prepared and served by our middle school youth. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

High School Youth Fellowship - All high school students are invited to join us tonight as we 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 serving dinner to their families in the Fellowship Hall.

Cape May trip participants are invited to a meeting about the trip on Monday, April 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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 next Community Dinner is this coming Saturday, April 15. Contact Karen Johnson if you would like to help, (540) 371-2719, ksjohnson422@msn.com.

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 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. We would like two people for each hour.

Did you know you can get a current member directory right on your phone? You can access all member information from the app including pictures! This app, **ACS Church Life**, is available through your app store TODAY. If you need help or have questions you may talk to Ed Foresman, Tracey Rembisz, Jeremy Vaughn or call the church office.

The church has established a **PUBLIC Facebook page**. To be part of the public page, all you have to do is “like” it. The link is: <https://www.facebook.com/fredericksburgpc/>. All posts to this page will be approved by the administrators before they go public. Please like and share what you see on the public page as a way of getting our name into lots of peoples’ news feeds. Questions? Contact Tracey Remibisz (trembisz@outlook.com).

St. George’s Episcopal Church will be hosting an ecumenical **Stations of the Cross** on Good Friday at 1:45 p.m. that will begin and end at Micah Ecumenical Ministries.

Lectionary readings for next Holy Week:

Monday:

Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 36:5-11; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11

Tuesday:

Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 71:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 12:20-36

Wednesday:

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 70; Hebrews 12:1-3; John 13:21-32

Maundy Thursday:

Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13—53:12 ; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25 *or* Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9; John 18:1—19:42