

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

August 27, 2017

8:30 and 10:00 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

(Psalm 124)

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side – let the people now say,

If it had not been the Lord Who was on our side,

when our enemies attacked us,

The flood would have swept us away; the torrent would have gone over us;

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers;

our help is in the Name of the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.

The Prayer of Adoration

We give You all praise, O God of salvation. We come with devotion to You, O

Christ our Redeemer. We Honor You, O Holy Spirit, our source of

encouragemen, one God Who sustains us with Your love and Your presence.

Hear our words of reverence as we bow down before You. Grace us with Your

presence, that we may learn of Your way. Praise be to You, the One eternal

God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The Hymn 394

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

*The Prayer of Confession

Forgiving God, we confess that we are conformed to this world. We conform to this world's frantic pace, too hectic to notice all the blessings You provide.

We conform to this world's reckless waste, exploiting what You entrust to our care. We conform to this world's shallow values, oblivious to the giftedness of

people different from us. We conform to this world's impatient attitudes,

preferring the latest instead of the lasting. Forgive our conformity and

transform us, O God. In Jesus' Name, have mercy on us . . . (time for silent confession). . . .

*The Choral Response

*The Assurance of Pardon

(From Psalm 124)

If it had not been the Lord Who was on our side,

We would now be lost in sin.

But it is the Lord Who is on our side,

And so in 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 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

The Old Testament Lesson: *Exodus 1:8-2:10*

p. 60 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalm 124*

p. 703 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

There Is Sunshine in My Soul

John Coates, arr

The Epistle Lesson: *Romans 12:1-8*

p. 22 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

The Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 16:13-20*

p. 196 in the pew Bible

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

The Sermon

Who do you say?

Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD . . .

*The Affirmation of Faith

(Philippians 2:5-11)

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death– even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the Name that is above every Name, so that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

The Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer

The Service of Offering
The Gathering of Our Gifts
The Offertory

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication Doxology, p. 606 in the Hymnal
Almighty God, You took a baby from the Nile and used him to lead Your people to the promised land. Take our offerings and use them for Your people in this land and throughout Your world. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

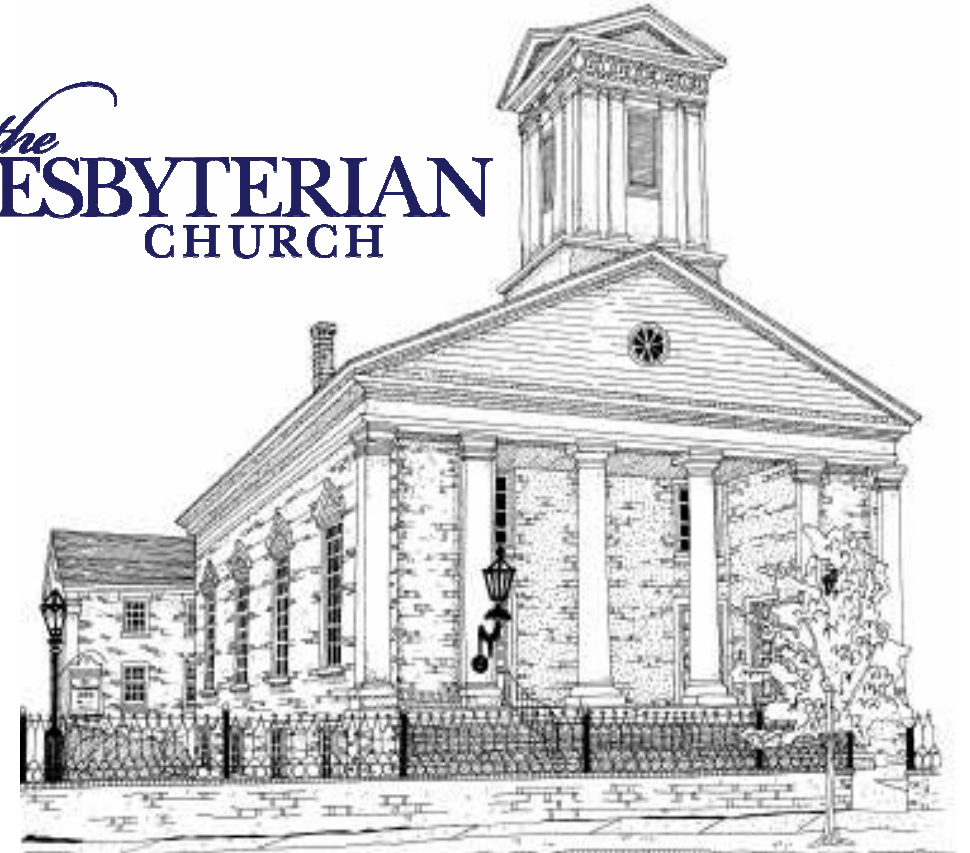
TO GO FORTH AND SERVE IN GOD'S NAME. . .

*The Hymn 363 *Rejoice, the Lord Is King!*

*The Charge and 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 8/27-9/3

- Today (8/27)**
 Worship Services, *S* 8:30 & 10am
 Sacred Dance, *U* 3:30pm
 Session, *MH* 7pm
- Monday (8/28)**
 Food Pantry Forum, *MH* 10am
 Adult Church School Teacher Mtg, *CF* 6pm
 Youth Church School Teacher Mtg, *CF* 7pm
- Tuesday (8/29)**
 Newsletter Assembly, *CF* 9am
 Men's Breakfast, *Bob Evans* 7:30am
 Preschool/Elementary Church School Teacher Mtg, *CF* 7pm
- Wednesday (8/30)**
 Meditation Group, *CP* 6:30pm
 CE Committee, *CF* 7pm
- Thursday (8/31)**
 Wed. Fellowship Planning Committee, *CF* 7pm
- Saturday (9/2)**
 Micah Breakfast, *FH* 6:30am
- Sunday (9/3)**
 Worship Services, *S* 8:30 & 10am
 PW Lesson Overview, *CF* 11:15am
 Sacred Dance, *U* 3:30pm

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*

2017-18 Deacons

Last name begins with:	Your Deacon is:
A-Bo	Beth Huber
Br-C	Doreen Vaughn
D-Fi	Paul Rabatin
Fl-G	Della Hall
Ha-Ho	Gina Whitticar
Hu-Ki	Kim Fischer
Kn-Ma	Trina Parsons
Mc-N	Kathryn Hower
O-Ra	Mary Szymanski
Re-Si	Suzi Bevan
Sm-T	Debbie Eckel
U-Z	Rachel Talmadge

Birthdays this Week

- August**
- 27. Savannah Gloyd
 - 29. John Garrison, Irene Repanshek
 - 30. Carole Fariss, Ron Ochsenknecht, Jack Valasko, Kaden Yealy
 - 31. Lois Jacob, Jeffery Rawlings
- September**
- 1. Nathan Cass, Katie Fidler
 - 2. Betty Jo Morecock, Diana Naatjes, Shirley Sanderson
 - 3. Emily Burke, Nikolas Farley, Beth Rabatin, Eric Rocholl

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 Mail checks to: Navy Federal Credit Union
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 Fredericksburg, VA 22401
 Make checks to: Myles Nix Memorial Fund.
 Put Acct # 7067412432 in the memo line

Hospital Visitor 8/27-9/3
 Eleanor McCord, 710-1159

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August 27, 2017

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

8:30 and 10:00 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 Milton and Trudy McNatt in honor and memory of their parents and to the glory of God.

Capsule of Concern: Charlotte Mims, Bob Morecock, Susie Techlin, Frank Turnage, Rim Vining

Lectionary readings for next Sunday, September 3:

- Exodus 3:1-15;
- Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b;
- Romans 12:9-21;
- Matthew 16:21-28

Service Attendants

Liturgist
 Rachel Talmadge

8:30 AM
Sanctuary Guild
 Suzi Bevan

Greeters
 Trey and Amy Talmadge,
 Michele and Kaileen Coffman

Ushers
 Jerry Zekert, Tom Coen, Paul &
 Mary Kukla

Elevator Assistant
 Joe Valasko

10:00 AM
Sanctuary Guild
 Joan Darby

Greeters
 Gina Whitticar, Mary Lou
 Cramer

Ushers
 Brian & Kim Liska, James &
 Marsha Luckett

Elevator Assistant
 Preston Simms

Lemonade on the Lawn
 Bryan & Heather Eland

Nursery Attendants
8:30 & 10:00 services
 Lexie & Jamie Loder, Stacy
 Whalen, Russ Morris &
 Brittany Harvey, Betsy & Eva
 Lewis

Church School will begin with breakfast on Sunday, September 10, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for all children, youth, and adults. Make plans now to join a class this fall. Singles and couples are asked to bring one dish and families of three or more bring two dishes. Children and youth will go to their classes beginning around 10:00 a.m., while adults remain in the Fellowship Hall to hear about the upcoming classes for the fall.

Second Wednesday Fellowship will begin on September 13, with a BBQ dinner prepared by Terrie Crawley at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Activities for all ages will begin at 6:45 p.m. ending by 7:30 p.m. We invite all to come.

The **Women's Thursday Morning Bible Study** will start its fall schedule September 21, at 9:30 a.m. with the video and discussion series *Living Beyond Yourself: Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit*, a Beth Moore study. Participants may order study guides online or buy them at the local Life Way store. Contact Jane Kolakowski (jskola9@verizon.net) or Doreen Vaughn (doreenv8@gmail.com)

August Church School Teachers' Meetings

Adult teachers' meeting - Monday, August 28, 6:00 p.m., Conference Room

Youth teachers' meeting - Monday, August 28, 7:00 p.m., Conference Room

Preschool & Elementary teachers' meeting - Tuesday, August 29, 7:00 p.m., Conference Room.

Bibles will be given to our **third graders** on Sunday, September 17, at both services.

First through third graders, along with their parents, are invited to the **Children at the Lord's Table** class on Sunday, September 24, following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. We will begin with lunch in the Fellowship Hall before moving to the 2nd floor for activities centered around the Lord's Supper. We will finish in the Sanctuary around 2:00 p.m. This class will assist children and parents for communion on World Communion Sunday, October 1.

Youth Fellowship Dinner Cooks: The parents of our youth take turns each Sunday evening during the school year preparing a dinner for our Middle School and Senior High youth fellowships. We invite members who do not have youth to help out. There are 5 to 6 people doing a dinner each week. If you would like to assist with one or two dinners during the year, please sign up at the table outside the Sanctuary or contact Bruce Harvey, 373 7057, (bharvey@fredericksburgpc.org).

A new year of **Youth Fellowship** begins September 10. Come get to know your advisors and fellow youth. Come, give your input on possible topics, events, and activities for Youth Group. Come, reminisce about the great time you had at Massanetta, Montreat, the Mission Trip, or other experiences this summer. Come, check it out because you haven't been to Youth Group in a while, or maybe even at all, or come because you always do. Whatever your reason – come kick-off fall with us! Youth dinner (\$3) beginning at 6:00 p.m., followed by Youth Fellowship from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

The **Planning Committee for 2nd Wednesday Fellowship** will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 31, in the Conference Room.

The **Christian Education Committee** will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 30, in the Conference Room.

The **annual Campus Christian Community Golf Tournament** will be held at Fredericksburg County Club on Monday, October 2, with tee-off at 11:00 a.m. The format is captain's choice, and the cost is \$80 per person. The CCC is our campus ministry presence on the University of Mary Washington campus with the Rev. Shannon Waite as the campus pastor. The tournament is the major program fundraiser for the year. You may sign-up outside the Sanctuary or contact Bruce at bharvey@fredericksburgpc.org. If you are interested in sponsoring a hole, please contact Brittany Harvey at harveybg@gmail.com.

The Prime Timers will begin a new year of activities on Wednesday, September 6, when they meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. and go to George Washington's birthplace for a movie and tour. There is no fee at the park. After our visit, we will have lunch at High Tides on the Potomac in Colonial Beach. Contact Jean Ravinsky, 710-5350, or Gay Sullivan, 219-7255, by August 30.

Prime Timers & Empty Nesters along with guests are reminded that a deposit of \$100 for the May 14-17, 2018, trip to Philadelphia is due by August 31. The total cost of the trip is \$545 for double occupancy and includes a tour of historic Philadelphia, Winterthur, Longwood Gardens and much more. For more details, please contact Bruce, 373-7057 (bharvey@fredericksburgpc.org).

Empty Nesters' Fellowship: Join us for an evening of fun and theater on Saturday, September 30. Beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Trudy and Milton McNatt, 1315 Sunken Road. Bring your favorite hors d'oeuvre or dessert and a beverage of your choice. We will see *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike* at UMW at 7:30 p.m. Contact Karen Johnson for tickets (\$15/pp) by September 17, 371-2719 (ksjohnson422@msn.com). If you would prefer to attend only the pre-theater event, contact Trudy, 373-2852 (tmcnatt@gmail.com).

Empty Nesters, Save the Date for a picnic and wine tasting on Sunday November 12, at 1:00 p.m. at Potomac Point Winery, 275 Decatur Rd, Stafford, 22554. Cost is \$20 per person. More information to come. Contact Kaci LeFebre (klefeb1254@gmail.com)

Join church staff and session members on Wednesday, in Sanctuary between 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. or 6:00-8:00 p.m. for a time of coming together as **community in prayer**, comfort, and conversation in response to the violence and hatred unleashed upon our sisters and brothers in Charlottesville. Please drop in with friends, neighbors, and co-workers for as little or as long as you can stay to pray together for wisdom, grace, and God's steadfast promise to make all things new in this challenging time of difficult emotions, confusion, sorrow and pain.

Calling all photographs! If you have pictures of our amazing church activities and family, the Stewardship Campaign Committee would love to share them in our annual brochure, church website, and Facebook page as we celebrate the joy of doing God's work in this place! Digital photos may be sent to the church office (cjforsing@fredericksburgpc.org).