

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

August 6, 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

(from Psalm 17)

Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to our cries;
give ear to prayers from lips free of deceit.

**I call upon You, for You will answer me, O God;
incline Your ear to me, hear my words.**

Wondrously show Your steadfast love, O Savior of those who
seek refuge from their adversaries at Your right hand.

**As for me, I shall behold Your face in righteousness;
when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding Your likeness.**

The Prayer of Adoration

**You do hear the prayers of Your people, O God, and give heed to their
supplications. Your faithfulness spans generations and nations, as a cloak of
protection sewn with benevolent care. You promise Your presence as Your
Spirit abides in our midst. We bow down before You, as our ancestors have
done before us, in praise and adoration of Your gracious Name. Glory be to You
the One Eternal God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*The Hymn 393

O Day of Rest and Gladness

*The Prayer of Confession

**God of compassion, we are sick. We have wrestled all night with worry
instead of resting in You. We have asserted our own goodness instead of
awakening to Yours. We have turned away those hungry for Your help instead
of trusting You and feeding them from Your limitless supply of blessings.
Forgive us, heal us, and help us to hold on to You ... (time for silent confession)....
We call upon You, for You will answer us, O God, through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

*The Choral Response

*The Assurance of Pardon

(from *Romans 8*)

Friends, hear the Good News!
Nothing in all creation can separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

**Nothing in all creation can separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Believe the Good News:
**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 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: *Genesis 32:22-31*

p. 37 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 17:1-7, 15*

p. 610 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

It Is Well With My Soul

Alexandra Spaulding and Leif Johnston

*When peace like a river attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll,
Whatever my lot, thou has taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate and shed his own blood for my soul.
Lord hast the day that my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back like a scroll
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend, even so it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul.*

The Epistle Lesson: *Romans 9:1-5*

p. 193 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 463

How Firm a Foundation

The Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 14:13-21*

p. 19 in the pew Bible

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

The Sermon

Plenty
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

August 6, 2017

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

Gracious God, Your compassion brings wholeness, and Your forgiveness brings promise of new life. Through Christ the gifts of Your grace are available to all. We place ourselves before You as recipients of Your mercy; we make our offerings to You in response to Christ's call. Accept them as tributes to Your glory as we dedicate ourselves anew to Christ's service. We give You thanks for Your extravagant grace in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

*The Hymn 610

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

*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 8/6-13

Today (7/30)

Worship Services, *S* 8:30 & 10am
Fellowship Committee Meeting, *CF* 11am
Sacred Dance, *U* 3:30pm

Tuesday (8/8)

Men's Breakfast, *Bob Evans* 7:30am
Blood Drive, *FH* 1pm

Wednesday (8/9)

School Dressing Days Set-Up, *LDS Church* 9am
Meditation Group, *CP* 6:30pm

Thursday (8/10)

School Dressing Days Set-Up, *LDS Church* 9am

Friday (8/11)

School Dressing Days, *LDS Church* 9am

Saturday (8/12)

Micah Breakfast, *FH* 6:30am
School Dressing Days, *LDS Church* 9am

Sunday (8/13)

Worship Services, *S* 8:30 & 10am
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

Birthdays this Week

August

6. Terrie Crawley, Dora Mae Crooks
7. John Gaines, Joe Umble
8. John Conway, Tricia McDaniel, Doris Miller, Evelyn Oplinger
9. Jeannette Gibbons, Lizzie Hamlett, Jackie Hollister, Cameron Sidebotham
10. Allie Hall, Karla Lewis, John Thompson
11. Jeanie Carr, Jamie Fellingner, Bill Major, Belen Medina, Bart Sprankle
12. Gene Brower
13. Brad Allison, Chip Johnston, Preston Simms

Hospital Visitor 8/6-12

Helen Fortune, 374-9831

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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 Gina Whitticar to the glory of God and in memory and honor of loved ones.

Capsule of Concern: Charlotte Mims, Jacquie Raymond, Susie Techlin, Frank Turnage, Rim Vining

Lectionary readings for next Sunday, August 13:

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28;
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b;
Romans 10:5-15;
Matthew 14:22-33

Service Attendants

Liturgist
Mary Ann Casey

8:30 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Suzi Bevan

Greeters
Linda Benn, Mary Lowman

Ushers
Marjolijn Bijlefeld, Tom & Karla Lewis, Mike Gibson

Elevator Assistant
Jeff Spinnanger

10:00 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Joan Darby

Greeters
Patti & Bobby Kerns, Dick & Mary Szymanski

Ushers
Preston & Lynn Simms, Linda Sweet, Shirley Eye

Elevator Assistant
Stacie Buck

Lemonade on the Lawn
Beth Valasko & family

Nursery Attendants
8:30 & 10:00 services
Carole Nelen, Al & April Stevens, Patty Toler, Patricia Langfitt

We thank our Vacation Bible School directors, Rachel Hole and Robin Joel, and all their adult and youth volunteers who made VBS such a great experience for our children this past week.

We invite all children, youth, and adults to join us for **Breakfast** on Sunday, September 10, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall as we begin a new year of **Church School**. Make plans now to join a class this fall.

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).

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.

School Dressing Days will be held August 11 and 12, at the LDS church on Bragg Road. New clothing, school supplies, backpacks and toiletries are provided to children grades K-12 to go back to school. Ways to be involved: help families "shop," keep items replenished, clean up, etc., or help set up on August 9 and 10. To volunteer, sign up online at signupgenius.com and search schooldressingdays@gmail.com or sign up on Sunday mornings. Questions? Contact Becky Paul, 373-2294, (bcmrpaul@cox.net).

Roll up your sleeves for the **Annual Red Cross Blood Drive** on August 8, in the Fellowship Hall from 1:00-7:00 p.m. You may sign up online at americanredcross.com or call Ralph Lewis, 361-4337.

Nationals Baseball - The Fellowship Committee has organized a church-wide outing on Saturday, August 26. Enjoy a day at the ballpark as the Washington Nationals take on the New York Mets. The first pitch is scheduled for 4:05 p.m. and tickets (\$30 each) are limited. Please contact Scott Fischer to reserve yours today!

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).

Movie Under the Stars - As summer begins to wind down, youth of all ages, from rising 6th graders to graduated seniors are invited to join us on August 11, at 8:00 p.m. for a movie under the stars. Remember to bring a blanket or lawn chair and a snack to share with the group. See you there!

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

The POJ Older Adult Purpose Group is delighted to offer a **workshop** for seniors, families of seniors, Pastors, and DCE's to explore issues related to end of life planning on Sunday Afternoon August 27, from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at Byrd Presbyterian Church, Goochland County 2229 Dogtown Rd., Goochland, VA 23063. This workshop will focus on the theme: "**Have it your Way at the end of Life's Journey through, discussion, and action planning.**" Following our discussions and socializing we will have a light supper that includes sandwiches, salad, vegetables, tea, coffee, tea, lemonade, and cookies. To sign up for this workshop email byrdchurch2017@gmail.com. Include in the email your name, the name of your church and the number of people attending the workshop. Please sign up by Sunday, August 20. Additional information can be found on posters throughout the church campus.

The lyrics of today's anthem, "It Is Well With My Soul" were written by Horatio Spafford, who was a Presbyterian elder, and the music was written by Phillip Bliss. The original poem is an inspiring theological statement in the face of a hardship. The poem was written after Spafford had lost much of his wealth in real estate by the Chicago fire in 1871 when he also lost his son to disease. In 1873 he wanted to get his family out of town and was delayed by business. His wife and 4 daughters took the ship "Ville du Havre" to London, but there was an accident in the middle of the north Atlantic. His wife later telegraphed "Survived alone," as the 4 daughters were lost in the accident. The situation that he faced seems much like that of Job. Supposedly, he penned the poem on his cruise to meet his wife and was inspired when he was close to the spot where the ship went down. Alexandra Spaulding and Leif Johnston chose to sing this anthem today.