

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The First Sunday After Christmas

December 31, 2017

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

THE PEOPLE GATHER. . .

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

The Call To Worship

Behold, I bring you Good News of great joy which will come to all people,
for born to you in the city of David is a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

**Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for God has visited and redeemed God's people.**

Great is the Lord!
And greatly to be praised!

The Prayer of Adoration

**Eternal God, we praise You that in the coming of Your Son, Jesus the
Messiah, Your promises given by the prophets were fulfilled and day of
humankind's deliverance has dawned. As we look for the ultimate triumph
of his kingdom, we exult with holy joy. Amen.**

*The Hymn 132

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

*The Prayer of Confession

**God our Savior, we confess that we fail to live in Your light. You reveal Your
saving love, but we hide Your love from others. You claim us as Your children,
but we do not claim You as our God. . . (time for silent confession). . . Forgive us,
God of grace. Let Your will be done in our lives so that we may live in peace
according to Your word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Assurance of Pardon

. . . Friends believe the Good News of the Gospel.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*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

**God of light and life, open our eyes as well as our ears, so that we may not
only hear Your Word spoken, but also see Your Word lived out in our lives and
in Your world. In the Name of Jesus, the Living Word, we pray. Amen.**

The *Psalter* Lesson: *Psalms 148*

p. 716 in the pew Bible

The *Old Testament* Lesson: *Isaiah 61:10-62:3*

p. 846 in the pew Bible

The *Epistle* Lesson: *Galatians 4:4-7*

p. 231 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 140

Once in Royal David's City

The *Gospel* Lesson: *Luke 2:22-40*

p. 71 in the pew Bible

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

The Sermon

Seeing Salvation
Brittany Tamminga

AND TO MAKE PROPER RESPONSE. . .

*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

**You, O generous God, have gifted us with so much. Your gracious gift of
salvation in Jesus Christ and material gifts that surround us every day move
us to huge gratitude to You for all life's blessings. May these gifts bring to
others the help, hope, and joy You have given us. Amen.**

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

- *The Hymn 136 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*
- *The Charge & Benediction
- *The Choral Response
- *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 12/31-1/7

- Today (12/31)**
Worship Services, *S* 8:30 & 11am
- Monday (1/1)**
Happy New Year
- Tuesday (1/2)**
Men's Breakfast, *Bob Evans* 7:30am
Dolce Flutes, *CR* 6pm
- Wednesday (1/3)**
Prime Timers' Outing, *Vinny's Grill* 11:45am
Meditation, *CP* 6:30pm
- Thursday (1/4)**
Ladies' Bible Study, *MH* 9:30am
Handbells, *S* 6pm
Adult Choir, *CR* 7:30pm
- Saturday (1/6)**
Micah Breakfast, *FH* 6:30am
- Sunday (1/7)**
Worship Services, *S* 8:30 & 11am
Church School Brunch, *FH* 9:30am
PW Lesson Overview, *CF* 12:15pm
PW Never Ending Circle, *Patty Toler's* 2pm
Sacred Dance, *U* 3:30pm
Cantate, *UCR* 5pm
Youth Fellowship and Dinner 6pm
Confirmation Explorers/Covenant Partners, *U* 6:30pm

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

December

- Gene Bingham, Sarah Demarest, Sam Durbin, Jennie Fellingner, Edward Langdon, Linda Sweet, Rachel Wyant

January

- Libby Humes, Mike O'Brien, Scott Theado, Tom Wimberly, Arlo Wyant
- Brent McGhee
- Mollie Creasey, Jeremy Stoddard, Gary Wainwright
- Joan Darby

Hospital Visitor 12/31-1/6
Helen Fortune, 374-9831

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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 Paul and Holly Horn to the glory of God and in memory of Holly's mom and Paul's dad.

Capsule of Concern: Carole Fariss, Mary Lou Greenlaw, Nancy Hansen, Mary Jane King, Charlotte Mims, Billie Plank, Bob Snow, Dick Szymanski, Susie Techlin, Frank Turnage

Lectionary readings for next Saturday,

January 6, Epiphany of the Lord:

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14;
Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

Lectionary readings for next Sunday,

January 7, Baptism of the Lord:

Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29;
Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

Service Attendants

Liturgist
Tim Tamminga

8:30 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Trudy McNatt

Greeters
John and Sophie Statler, Doris Glidden

Ushers
Mike & Michelle Gibson,
Wayne & Felicia Hibbeler

Elevator Assistant
Adam Zimmerman

11:00 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Maryann Piersall

Greeters
Gary & Doreen Vaughn, Paul & Debbie Leimer

Ushers
James & Marsha Luckett, Mike & Jeanne Ramsburg

Elevator Assistant
James Luckett

Nursery Attendants
8:30 & 11:00 services
Rachel Ball, Al & April Stevens, Russell Morris & Brittany Harvey, Julie Young

Church School is on break today. The **Church School brunch** is Sunday, January 7, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Christian Education Committee will provide all the food and beverages. Around 10:00 a.m. children and youth will go to their classes. Adults will remain in the Fellowship Hall to hear about the winter/spring adult classes.

No Youth Fellowship activities today. *Next Week: Friday, January 5:* Join us for an evening of fellowship at the Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens' GardenFest of Lights. We will depart the church parking lot at 6:00 p.m. and return by 10:00 p.m. Admission is \$10. Middle School: Game Night. Senior High: January 7 - Final theme selection for Youth Sunday on February 4.

First through third graders along with their parents are invited to come to the **Worship Workshop** on Sunday, January 28, following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall. Children and parents will participate in learning centers on the 2nd floor of the Education Building. The centers will include: the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles' Creed, the Doxology & Gloria Patri, Sanctuary Game, Finding Scripture Passages, Order of Worship, and a hymnbook marker. Please let Bruce know by January 21 if you plan to attend, 373-7057 (bharvey@fredericksburgpc.org).

The **2nd Wednesday Fellowship** will have dinner on January 10, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Kaci LeFebre will prepare the dinner. After dinner, everyone is invited to participate in the "freeze frame" Bible stories and Big Circle dancing. Come and enjoy great food and wonderful fellowship.

The Fellowship Committee invites you to plan for **Suppers for 7** (or sometimes 6 or 8). These small groupings of fellow church members gather to share a meal and enjoy fellowship with old and new friends. To be in a group that will be announced the end of January, contact Pastor Tamminga, 540-373-7057 (btamminga@fredericksburgpc.org).

The **Prime Timers Fellowship Group** will gather for lunch at Vinny's Italian Grill & Pizzeria, 11105 Leavells Road, on Wednesday, January 3, at 11:45 a.m. Vinny's is located across the street from Battlefield Elementary & Middle Schools. We will be in a private room and order from the menu. Please RSVP to Harry or Gerry Smart, 786-6170, TODAY.

The Fellowship Committee will be hosting a **Trivia Night and Potluck** on Saturday, January 27, in the Fellowship Hall. All ages will enjoy this terrific event! Please bring a bowl-food to share. Supper will begin at 5:00 p.m., and the first round of trivia will begin at 5:30.

The **Empty Nesters** are planning another event of conversation, games, appetizers, and desserts. Please bring your own beverage along with an appetizer or dessert to share. A bonfire and s'mores are also on the agenda! The fun happens between 5:00 and 9:00 p.m. on January 20, at the Simms' residence, 12092 Mount Rose Drive, King George, VA. Let Lynn know by phone, 540-775-2763, or email, ljsimms1209@gmail.com, if you plan on coming.

Offering Envelopes are available in the Education Building Lobby. If you have not had envelopes in the past and would like them, contact the church office, 540-373-7057, (cjforsing@fredericksburgpc.org)

2017-18 Deacons

Last name:	Your Deacon:				
A-Bo	Beth Huber	Br-C	Doreen Vaughn	D-Fi	Paul Rabatin
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