

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Transfiguration of the Lord

February 11, 2018

8:30 and 11:00 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 50; 2 Corinthians 4:6; Mark 9:7)

The glory of God shines like a consuming fire.

We have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The voice of God thunders like a mighty storm.

Out of the cloud, God speaks: This is my beloved Son; listen to him!

The Prayer of Adoration

Morning by morning You awaken us, O God; day by day You show us Your wondrous love. The words of Your commandments fall fresh upon our listening ears; we heed Your wisdom and are renewed by Your Word. You surround us with countless acts that tell of Your majesty; we are struck by Your goodness as we are refreshed in Your Spirit. Come, dwell among us, and through Christ let us praise You. You are the God we worship and adore – Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer of all. Amen

*The Hymn 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*The Prayer of Confession

God of compassion, have mercy upon us as we confess our sin. In Christ You bring light, yet we still dwell in darkness. Your Word offers guidance, but we choose to ignore Your counsel. You promise renewal, but we heed not Your wisdom. We bow to the gods of this world, choosing to hide from Your truth. Speak to us again from beyond the clouds of our sinfulness; dazzle us anew with the light of Christ's love. Restore and forgive us in Jesus' Name . . . (time for silent confession). . .

*The Choral Response

*The Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear the Good News!
**To us as to others, Jesus says,
"Your sins are forgiven."
Friends, 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 stand to greet one another in the name of Christ and exchange this ancient greeting with worshipers seated near you.)

The Moment for Mission

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: *2 Kings 2:1-12*

p. 412 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalm 50:1-6*

p. 639 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

Rise, Shine

Dale Wood

*Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered our human story;
God in him is centered.*

He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, with grace unbounded.

See how he sends the powers of evil reeling; He brings us freedom light and life and healing.

All men and women, who by guilt are driven, now are forgiven.

*Celebrate! Celebrate! Celebrate your joy, your banners high unfurling,
your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.*

To all the world go out and tell the story of Jesus' glory.

Tell how the Father sent his Son to save us. Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.

Tell how the Spirit calls from every nation His new creation. Rise and shine!

The Gospel Lesson: *Mark 9:2-9*

p. 54 in the pew Bible

The Anthem (11:00 a.m.)

This Little Light of Mine

Carol Choir

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 190

Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

The Epistle Lesson: *2 Corinthians 4:3-6* p. 220 in the pew Bible
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon *Luminescence*
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

*The *Apostles' Creed* p. 35 in the Hymnal

The Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving
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, we give You thanks for the light of love around us and the fire of faith within us. As we go forth from this place let our tithes, gifts and lives reflect the One Who is the image of Your glory: Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.

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

*The Hymn 314 *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness*

*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 2/11-18

Today (2/11)
 Worship Services, *S* 8:30 & 11am
 Church School 9:45am
 CE Reception, *CH* 2pm
 Sacred Dance, *U* 3:30pm
 Cantate, *UCR* 5pm
 Youth Fellowship & Dinner, *FH* 6pm
 Session, *MH* 7pm

Monday (2/12)
 PW Circle of Prayer, *CF* 12:15pm
 PW Faith Circle, *CP* 1pm

Tuesday (2/13)
 Men's Breakfast, *Bob Evans* 7:30am
 PW Friendship Circle, *Chancellor's Village* 10:30am
 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, *FH* 6pm

Wednesday (2/14)
 Meditation, *CP* 6:30pm
 Ash Wednesday Service, *S* 7pm

Thursday (2/15)
 Ladies' Bible Study, *MH* 9:30am
 Handbells, *S* 6pm
 Adult Choir, *CR* 7:30pm

Saturday (2/17)
 Micah Breakfast, *FH* 6:30am
 Community Dinner, *FH* 2pm

Sunday (2/18)
 Worship Services, *S* 8:30 & 11am
 Church School 9:45am
 PW Lesson Overview, *CF* 12pm
 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*

Birthdays this Week

February

11. Keren Pritchett, Beth Valasko
12. Porter Blakemore, Riley Eland, Addam Marcotte
13. Opal Stroup
14. Jeanne Carelock, Anita Holle, Carl King, Gay Sullivan
15. Corey Chewning, Steve McCullough, Lynda Starnes
16. Cory Almeida, Scott Bushman, Marilyn Lloyd, Susan Ranel
17. Will Jacobs
18. Polly Furr, Carol King

Hospital Visitor 2/11-17

Steve McCullough, 412-5633

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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 Dr. and Mrs. J. Richard Garnett to the glory of God and in memory of their parents.

Capsule of Concern: Dora Mae Crooks, Laura Miller, Elizabeth Rehm, Billie Plank, Bob Snow, Susie Techlin

Lectionary readings for next Sunday,

February 18:

Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10;
 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

Service Attendants

Liturgist
 Brian Raska

8:30 AM
Sanctuary Guild
 Terrie Crawley

Greeters
 Brittany Harvey, Eva Lewis,
 Steve & Susie Davis

Ushers
 Steve & Linda Spratt, Karen &
 David Johnson

Elevator Assistant
 Mary Lowman

11:00 AM
Sanctuary Guild
 John & Chrissy Conway

Greeters
 Gilbert family, Linda Sweet

Ushers
 Preston & Lynn Simms

Elevator Assistant
 Bridget Harvey

Nursery Attendants
8:30 & 11:00 services
 Heidi Pedersen, Laura
 Chewning, Amy & Steve
 McCullough, Libby Humes

We thank the 100 plus volunteers who assisted with the packaging of the 20,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger last Sunday. We will hear in the near future where in the world these meals were sent.

We received \$972 for the **Souper Bowl Offering** last Sunday. You may still give to this offering to help defray the cost of the 20,000 Rise Against Hunger Meals - 29 cents per meal for a total of \$5,800. Your help in this effort would be very much appreciated.

All **Christian Education volunteers** are invited to a **“Thank You” reception** today, February 11, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Church House.

Faith & Movie Class will discuss *Absolute Power* on Sunday, February 18.

The **2018 Confirmation Journey Explorers** will meet this morning in the Middle House, 2nd floor, at 9:45 a.m. They will participate in Part one of their study of the Apostles’ Creed.

PW Lesson Leaders, please plan on joining Rev. Brittany Tamminga on Sunday, February 18, in the Conference Room in the Education Building at 12:15 p.m. for an overview of Lessons 7, 8, and 9 of the Horizons Bible Study, *Cloud of Witnesses - The Community of Christ in Hebrews*.

Youth Fellowship activities today - Middle and high school youth will meet for our regular Youth Fellowship dinner at 6:00 p.m., followed by an hour of baking and decorating sweet treats in the Fellowship Hall kitchen. *Next Week:* Find the clues, solve the puzzles and break out before it is too late... We hope you will join us for the Youth Fellowship’s first-ever Great Escape Breakout Game Night!

On February 25, at 12:30 p.m., the **Empty Nesters Fellowship Group** will gather at 6 Bears & a Goat Brewing Co., 1140 International Parkway, off U.S. 17 in southern Stafford. A tour and samples of 6B&G’s hand-crafted beer, appetizers and a pint of your choice or glass of wine will be offered for \$20. Karen Johnson will collect the money for the group. Lunch may be ordered individually after the tour and tasting. Please RSVP to Jim Toler, 540-207-1202, (jimtoler4@yahoo.com) today.

Re-creation is the theme for the congregational retreat on March 10-11 at Camp Hanover. You received a registration form in the February newsletter, so you may register for by using the form either in the Newsletter or at the table in the Lobby of the Education Building.

Would you like to **help feed hungry school students and their families** in the Fredericksburg City Schools? Our church along with 3 to 5 other Micah churches are beginning this project in February. We want 2 or 3 volunteers who will deliver 10 to 20 meal bags either to Lafayette Upper School or Walker Grant Middle School, once or so per month at most, between now and the end of the school year. In April, our church will package about 140 of these bags. The time is to be scheduled. We are partnering with Stafford Food Security, Inc who are already providing these meal bags to schools in Stafford and Spotsylvania Counties. Please contact Bruce Harvey, 373-7057, (bharvey@fredericksburgpc.org) if you would like to assist. Thanks.

Today, the Middle School Youth Fellowship launches a **diaper drive** on behalf of the Fredericksburg Area Service League (FASL). On average, it costs \$1,200 per year to diaper a child, and one in three U.S. families suffers from a lack of sufficient diapers to keep an infant or toddler clean, dry and healthy. Throughout the month of February, the Middle School Youth Fellowship will be collecting diapers, diaper wipes, and/or monetary donations, which FASL will use to purchase diapers and wipes. Look for the donation boxes beginning next week.

Volunteers are needed to host **Pitch, Hit & Run** and the **Junior Home Run Derby** at Sunshine Ballpark in Fredericksburg, on Saturday, April 7, and Sunday afternoon, May 6. This is a free MLB program for boys and girls ages 7-14. No baseball skills are necessary to help and times are flexible. Contact Jim Toler, 540-207-1202, (jimtoler4@yahoo.com) to sign up. Softball and baseball players in our congregation and community are welcome to participate in these events!

Our Church’s **nominating committee** has begun its work of nominating elders and deacons for election by the Congregation. If you sense that you may be called to serve in one of these positions or you know of someone you feel could be considered for service, please inform one of the committee members: Marjolijn Biljefeld, John Conway, Connie Barnes, Macon Fino, Wayne Hibbeler, Libby Humes, Ed Foresman, Jim Toler, Doreen Vaughn, or Stacy Whalen.

Micah Ecumenical Ministries is much more than a Christian nonprofit that our church supports. It is a *ministry* of our nine “Micah” churches. While Micah is best known for its ministry to the street homeless and its community dinners, it is evolving into our churches’ collective response to address community needs. Our church not only cares for the street homeless and feeds the hungry through Micah, we also care for the homeless coming out of the hospital, help equip the homeless for a path to permanent housing through employment assistance, offer basic job training and even basic furniture for their first home. Micah recently opened a community café—a place where people from all walks of life can come together for a meal, regardless of ability to pay. Micah stands ready to address or facilitate solutions to whatever community needs are identified by the pastors of our churches. But we can’t do all this without both financial support AND volunteers. Please prayerfully consider the ways you can help our churches in action through Micah. Envelopes are available in the pews for your donations, and you can learn more about volunteer opportunities by calling Micah at 540-470-4116. With your help, *neighbors find a home here!*

Each Wednesday during Lent, the downtown area churches host a **Community Lenten Worship Service**, which begins at noon and lasts approximately 30 minutes, and is followed by a light luncheon.

- Feb. 21: St. Mary’s Catholic Church
- Feb. 28: The Presbyterian Church
- Mar. 7: St. George’s Episcopal Church
- Mar. 14: Shiloh Baptist Church Old Site
- Mar. 21: Fredericksburg United Methodist Church