

# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

## *The Sixth Sunday After Epiphany*

February 12, 2017

8:30 and 11:00 am

\*All who are able may stand.

**Bold type spoken by the congregation**

### GATHERING. . .

The Prelude

*Hymn of Promise*

Sleeth/McFadden

Jubilate Ringers

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

The Call To Worship

(From Deuteronomy 30:16, 19; I Corinthians 3:7, 9)

We are God's people, walking together.  
**Let us choose the way of the Lord and live.**  
We are God's servants, working together.  
**It is the Lord who makes us live and grow.**

The Prayer of Praise and Adoration

**Great is Your wisdom, O God. You are mighty in power and wondrous in Your love for us. Your eyes are fixed on those who put their trust in You; You know all that we do. You command no one to be wicked, nor give anyone permission to sin. In all that we do, You seek obedience from us and send us Your Spirit that we may know of Your will. We come now before You with hearts that are upright and voices singing Your praise. Glory to You, Eternal God – Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. Amen.**

\*The Hymn 610

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

The Prayer of Confession

**We confess to You, O God, and before one another that we have sinned. You have set before us the way to life and prosperity, and we have chosen to follow the path that leads to death and adversity. We see the glittering lights of the world with its wealth and fame, and we think that is what we need. Our worship of work and devotion to consumerism disorders our love of You and each other. We see Your way of service and caring and want to leave that path to others. Yet we know that only in Your path will we find the way to an abundant, joyful life. Forgive us our foolishness and empower us with Your Spirit that we might follow our Savior Jesus into service and life Eternal. . . (time for silent confession). . .**

The Choral Response

The Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,  
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

**He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,  
that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.**

Believe the Good News of the Gospel:

**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

**Loving God, anoint us with Your Holy Spirit, as we hear Your Word this day. Fill us with Your truth that we may walk in the ways of God and to the glory of Your realm. Amen.**

The Old Testament Lesson: *Deuteronomy 30:15-20*

p. 233 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 119:1-8*

p. 696 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

*In the Sweet By and By*

Webster/Helvey

*There's a land that is fairer than day, and by faith we can see it afar;  
For the Father waits over the way to prepare us a dwelling place there.  
In the sweet by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore;  
We shall sing on that beautiful shore the melodious songs of the blest;  
And our spirits shall sorrow no more, not a sigh for the blessing of rest.  
To our bountiful Father above, we will offer our tribute of praise  
For the glorious gift of His love and the blessings that hallow our days.  
In the sweet by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore;  
In the sweet by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore.*

The Epistle Lesson: *I Corinthians 3:1-9*

p. 203 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

The Sacrament of Baptism (8:30 a.m.)

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

The Baptism

The Welcome

**With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church  
to share with us in His ministry, for we are all one in Christ.**

\*The Hymn 487 *These Treasured Children*

\*The Hymn 444 (11:00 a.m.) *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive*

The Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 5:21-37* p. 5 in the pew Bible

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

The Sermon *By God's Grace*  
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

\*The *Apostles' Creed* (11:00 a.m.) 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

**Accept the gifts that we offer, O God, as we go seeking reconciliation with  
our brothers and sisters. In them we seek to love You with all our hearts,  
souls, and minds. May the reconciliation we pursue reflect our love for  
neighbor as for ourselves. We pray in the Name of Christ Who allows us to  
present ourselves blameless before You. Amen.**

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

\*The Hymn 300 *We Are One in the Spirit*

\*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 2/12-19

### Today (2/12)

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

### Monday (2/13)

PW Faith Circle, CP	10am
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### Tuesday (2/14)

Men's Breakfast, Bob Evans	7:30am
PW Friendship Circle, Chancellor's Village	10:30am

### Wednesday (2/15)

Bible Study, EB	9:30am
Meditation Group, CP	6:30pm

### Thursday (2/16)

Ladies' Bible Study, MH	9:30am
Handbells, S	6pm
Adult Choir, CR	7:30pm

### Saturday (2/18)

Micah Breakfast, FH	6:30am
Community Dinner, FH	2pm
20s/30s Fellowship, EB	6pm

### Sunday (2/19)

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Church School	9:45am
Sacred Dance, S	3:30pm
Cantate Choir, UCR	5pm
Youth Group 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

### February

12. Porter Blakemore, Riley Eland
13. Opal Stroup
14. Jeanne Carelock, Gay Sullivan
15. Corey Chewning, Steve McCullough, Lynda Starnes
16. Scott Bushman
17. Justin Garrison, Will Jacobs
18. Polly Furr, Carol King, Douglas Ryan
19. Carson Pugh, Brian Raska, Stanley Rembisz

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.

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February 12, 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.

**The flowers today** are given by the Garnett family in memory of Ann Schwartz Garnett.

**Capsule of Concern:** Ellie Bell, Charlotte Mims, Gay Sullivan

**The Sacrament of Baptism** at our 8:30 a.m. service is celebrated for **Scarlett Elizabeth Joel**, born July 31, 2016. Scarlett's parents are Mike and Robin Joel, her siblings are Lena Grace and Finian, her grandmother is Connie Barnes, and her uncle is Kyle Barnes.

The **Sacrament of Baptism** is also celebrated for **Aubrey Marie Raska**, born August 21, 2016. Aubrey's parents are Brian and Ashley Raska, her sister is Caroline, she is the granddaughter of Tom and Janna Theado, niece of Scott and Erinn Theado, and cousin of Carter and Mason Theado.

### Lectionary readings for next Sunday, February 19:

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18; Psalm 119:33-40;  
1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23; Matthew 5:38-48

### Service Attendants

*Liturgist*  
Tom Coen

**8:30 AM**  
*Sanctuary Guild*  
Terrie Crawley

*Greeters*  
Pete & Jane Kolakowski,  
Richard & Jackie Reese

*Ushers*  
Jeff & Amy Spinnanger, Paul  
Leimer, Sharon Moser

*Elevator Assistant*  
Jeff Kunkler

**11:00 AM**  
*Sanctuary Guild*  
John & Chrissy Conway

*Greeters*  
Nance family, John & Gaye  
Copley

*Ushers*  
Mike & Jeanne Ramsburg, Joel  
& Julie Young

*Elevator Assistant*  
Preston Simms

*Nursery Attendants*  
Linda Benn, Laura Chewning,  
Shannon Waite, Rachel  
Talmadge

The **2017 Confirmation Journey Seekers** meet at 9:45 a.m. today on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Middle House. They will begin a 3-part discussion about the Apostles' Creed. **Seekers and Covenant Partners** will meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 4, to go to Ferry Farm for a special program followed by lunch at Primavera. Seekers and parents are reminded to **begin reading the Gospel of Mark**.

**Middle School & Senior High Summer Trips:** Massanetta Middle School Conference for current 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> graders, June 27-30, registration form and \$270 due now; Senior High Mission Trip to Greenbrier County, West Virginia, July 9-15 for current 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders, let Pastor Tamminga or Bruce know you plan to participate TODAY; Montreat Youth Conference for current 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders, July 23-29, a \$75 deposit (\$400 total) is due TODAY. Scholarships for all summer trips are available upon request.

We **thank our high school and middle school youth** who led us in worship last Sunday. The Souper Bowl offering received by the middle school youth last week was \$1,115, which helped defray the cost of the Stop Hunger Now meals. We also **thank our youth advisors**, Robert Fidler, Elizabeth Rehm, Michele Coffman, Beth Huber, Matt Bohmke, Scott & Kim Fischer, Sarah Newmeyer, Russ Morris, Michael Gloyd, Beth Valasko, Charlotte Horne, along with Pastor Tamminga for their work with our youth.

Members and visitors are invited to join a **study of the Gospel of Matthew** beginning on Tuesday, March 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The study will go through April 25. This is the gospel we are reading in the Lectionary this year. To get more details and to sign-up, stop at the table outside the Sanctuary after worship.

**Register** today for the **Congregational Retreat** at Camp Hanover, March 11-12. All ages are invited to participate in a variety of activities including games, crafts, campfire, worship, dancing and much more. Stop by the table outside the Sanctuary or go to the church website, [www.fredericksburgpc.org](http://www.fredericksburgpc.org) to register. Make checks payable to the church with congregational retreat on the memo line.

The **March Prime Timers outing** will be to The Fujiya House, 149 Carl D Silver Pkwy in Central Park, on March 1, at 12:00 p.m. Please make a reservation with Harry or Gerry Smart at 540-786-6170 by February 22 if you plan to go.

The **Choir** of the Presbyterian Church will present **John Rutter's Requiem** on Sunday, March 26, at 3:00 p.m.

All women are invited to the **PW Mission Lunch** on Monday, February 27, at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will continue working on the quilts for the church's prayer quilt ministry. Also, there is an opportunity to assemble personal hygiene products for our overseas mission project in support of young women. Join us for soup and fellowship.

Rev. Brittany Tamminga will review the final three lessons in the **PW Who Is Jesus? Horizon Bible Study** on February 26, at 12:15 p.m. in the Conference Room.

We **thank the 120+ volunteers** who packaged the over 10,000 meals last Sunday for Stop Hunger Now. We also **thank our volunteers** who provided lunch.

On Saturday, February 18, the **20s/30s Fellowship** Group will gather in the library at 6:00 p.m. for a **Movie Night**. Come in your coziest attire (pajamas are acceptable) and feel free to bring a blanket, pillow, etc. Beverages will be provided. Please bring a snack to share. This Fellowship Group is a place for young adults who are studying or working, single, newly married, or have already started a family to meet new friends and deepen relationships.

**A Church-wide Fellowship Event** will be at the Riverside theater on Sunday, March 5, at 1:00 p.m. Members and friends of the congregation are invited to the final performance of **Million Dollar Quartet**. This 2010 Tony Award-winning musical dramatizes the now-famous 1956 impromptu recording session at Sun Record Studio in Memphis during which early rock and roll stars Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Carl Perkins, and Jerry Lee Lewis met and jammed just for fun. The cost of \$61 per ticket includes dinner, admission, and gratuity. Please contact Rev. Tamminga, 373-7037, (btamminga@fredericksburgpc.org) to reserve tickets for this event.

Our volunteers continue to assist at the **Cold Weather Shelter** each Wednesday at least through the middle of March, taking a snack and underwear/socks/t-shirts. **We ask that you bring women's and men's underwear, all sizes, for the guests at the shelter.** There is a bin outside the Sanctuary and one in the lobby of the Education Building.

We're again **seeking people to help with Pitch, Hit & Run**, the free Major League Baseball skills competition, on Saturday, April 1, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. for local boys and girls age 7 to 14, and for the regional event on Sunday, May 7, from noon to 4:00 p.m. Both events are at Sunshine Ballpark in Fredericksburg.

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](mailto:jimtoler4@yahoo.com)) or Bruce Harvey ([bharvey@fredericksburgpc.org](mailto:bharvey@fredericksburgpc.org)) for more information or to sign up.

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.

If you have brought a dish to church and think you may have left your dish, plate, or lid behind, please claim it from the kitchen serving island today.

**Nominating Committee:** 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: Donna Hughes, Steve Eckel, Annette Lowery, Beth Huber, Tammy Hancock, Pete Beattie, Marjolijn Biljefeld, Jane Kolakowski, Will Rowe, John Conway, and Sarah Wright.

**Dolce Flutes rehearses** every other Tuesday (February 21, March 7, 21, April 4, 18, May 2 and 16) from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. Bring your flute and join us to prepare worship music, perform at assisted living homes, and have a great time making music together! Contact Tina Christie, 540-710-4807 ([christie.tina.l@gmail.com](mailto:christie.tina.l@gmail.com)), for more information.