

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Seventh Sunday After Epiphany

February 19, 2017

8:30 and 11:00 am

*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 119)

Teach us, O Lord, all of Your ways,
and we will follow you until the end.
Give me understanding, that we may keep Your covenant,
and trust it with our whole heart.
Lead us in the path of Your commandments,
for we find joy in following You.
Turn our hearts to Your decrees,
and away from selfish gain.
We long for Your precepts;
in Your righteousness is life.

The Prayer of Praise and Adoration

O God, You confirm us in Your promise. With the coming of Christ, You have implanted Your Word within us, sealing the covenant once and for all. We gather to give You all praise and thanksgiving. Impart to us the fullness of Your truth. Lead us along the paths of righteousness in the Name of Jesus, the Word made flesh, Whom with You we adore by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The Hymn 385

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

*The Prayer of Confession

We may try to trick ourselves, but we cannot fool You, Wise God. We tell lies about others and profane Your Name. We hold onto grudges, as if they were the most precious of jewels. We steal another's identity when we ridicule who they are, and we boast about all we are without a nod toward You Who have blessed us. . .(time for silent confession)... No matter how often we hurt You, God of Grace, You show us Your merciful nature. As You seek to teach us Your ways, may we pay close attention. As You love us despite our foolish choices, may we be more compassionate toward others. As we seek to follow Jesus, may we be willing to go as far as he will take us, even into that place of hope and peace, which is the realm of Your heart. Amen.

*The Choral Response

*The Assurance of Pardon

This is the Good News: we belong to Christ,
Who comes bringing life and hope to all.

**Because we belong to Christ, we belong to God.
The Holy One is also the Merciful One, Who fills our hearts with love.
Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! 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.)

The Moment for Mission

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

Almighty God, You built Your church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ himself as the cornerstone. Join us together by their teaching so that we may be a holy temple in whom Your Spirit dwells; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Old Testament Lesson: *Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18*

p. 132 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalm 119:33-40*

p. 697 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

Teach My Thy Song, O Lord

Craig Courtney

*Teach me Thy song, O Lord, that song which graced creation's dawn and bid the firmament unfurl;
That bathed the newborn world in uncreated light, that song so bright. Teach me Thy song, O Lord.
Teach me Thy song, O Lord, that song which burst Thy servant's heart to beat of blows upon the cross;
His pain and bitterest loss and death that should be mine, His song was Thine, Teach me Thy song, O Lord.
Teach me Thy song, O Lord, that song which swirls to wreath Thy throne,
And bears the prayers of all Thine own;
To Thee and Thee alone, by saints and angels raised Thy name to praise, Teach me Thy song, O Lord.*

The Epistle Lesson: *I Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23*

p. 203 in the pew Bible

The Anthem (11:00 a.m.)

Love One Another

Carol Choir

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 463

How Firm a Foundation

The Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 5:38-48*

p. 6 in the pew Bible

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

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The Sermon

Holy Perfection
Brittany Tamminga

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

*The Affirmation of Faith

A Brief Statement of Faith
(Paragraphs 1, 2 5, 6 only)

p. 37-38 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

God of Unimaginable Love, You sent Your Son into our midst that we might see his way of love, which is so different from what the world has shown us. It calls us to give with extravagant generosity and to love those who wrong us. Holy God, bless the offering we give, and may what we share be used to bring your compassion and grace to those who need it the most. Through Jesus Christ Your Son, our Lord we pray. Amen.

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

*The Hymn 754

Help Us Accept Each Other

*The Charge & Benediction

Go now, beloved of God!

We will go to love all we meet.

Go now, followers of Jesus!

We will go the distance with the One who shows us the way.

Go now, companions of the Spirit!

We will go, sharing peace and hope with the world.

*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 2/19-26

Today (2/19)

Worship Services, <i>S</i>	8:30 & 11am
Church School	9:45am
Sacred Dance, <i>S</i>	3:30pm
Cantate Choir, <i>UCR</i>	5pm
Youth Group and Dinner, <i>FH</i>	6pm

Monday (2/20)

PW Coordinating Team, <i>EB</i>	10am
PW Circle of Prayer, <i>CF</i>	12:30pm
Mission Committee, <i>MH</i>	7pm

Tuesday (2/21)

Men's Breakfast, <i>Bob Evans</i>	7:30am
Dolce Flutes, <i>CR</i>	6pm

Wednesday (2/22)

Bible Study, <i>EB</i>	9:30am
Newsletter Assembly, <i>CF</i>	9:30am
Meditation Group, <i>CP</i>	6:30pm

Thursday (2/23)

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

Friday (2/24)

Office Closed

Saturday (2/25)

Micah Breakfast, <i>FH</i>	6:30am
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Sunday (2/26)

Worship Services, <i>S</i>	8:30 & 11am
Church School	9:45am
PW Lesson Review, <i>CF</i>	12:15pm
Sacred Dance, <i>S</i>	3:30pm
Cantate Choir, <i>UCR</i>	5pm
Youth Group and Dinner, <i>FH</i>	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

19. Carson Pugh, Brian Raska, Stanley Rembisz
20. Larry Glassco, Morgan Hughes, Amy Spinnanger
21. James Avery, Andy Grussendorf, Ryan Hughes
22. Erin Bushman, Lisa Kuiper
23. Theo Blashford
24. Christie Doherty, Josiah Rowe, Collin Stoddard
25. Di Johannsen
26. Judy Balch, Finian Joel, James Miller, Sophie Statler, Adrian Stocker

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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 Don and Bev Newlin to the glory of God and in celebration of their marriage which took place in this sanctuary February 18, 1967.

Capsule of Concern: Charlotte Mims, Opal Stroup

Lectionary readings for next Sunday, February 26:

Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2 *or* Psalm 99;
2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

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.

Service Attendants

Liturgist
Russ Pruitt

8:30 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Terrie Crawley

Greeters
Rebecca, Emma & Iain
Whitford, Al & Ruth Moreau

Ushers
Mary Lowman, Wayne &
Felicia Hibbeler

Elevator Assistant
Paul Kukla

11:00 AM
Sanctuary Guild
John & Chrissy Conway

Greeters
Gina Whitticar, Lydia Stevick

Ushers
Dick & Mary Szymanski,
Marty & Vicky Wilder

Elevator Assistant
Trang More

Nursery Attendants
Sharon Moser, Jen & Margaret
Rowe, Russell Morris &
Brittany Harvey, Julie Young

Hospital Visitor 2/19-25

Jane Kolakowski, 374-0476

The **2017 Confirmation Journey Seekers** meet at 9:45 a.m. today on the 2nd floor of the Middle House. They will have a church-wide scavenger hunt this morning. **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 6th-7th graders, June 27-30, registration form and \$270 due now; Senior High Mission Trip to Greenbrier County, West Virginia, July 9-15 for current 8th-12th graders, let Pastor Tamminga or Bruce know you plan to participate now; Montreat Youth Conference for current 8th-12th graders, July 23-29, a \$75 deposit (\$400 total) is due now. Scholarships for all summer trips are available upon request.

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.

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.

The **Faith and Movie** Church School Class will discuss *Grapes of Wrath* on Sunday, February 26.

A **Church-wide Fellowship Event** is coming that you won't want to miss! 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 at the Riverside Center for the Performing Arts**. 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. Tickets are limited. Please contact Rev. Tamminga, 373-7037, (btamminga@fredericksburgpc.org) to reserve tickets for this event.

You are invited to **Register** for the **Congregational Retreat** "Ground of All Being: Exploring Our Celtic Heritage" at Camp Hanover, March 11-12. All ages are invited to come 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 to register.

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.

The **Mission Committee** meets on Monday, February 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle House.

Join the Women's Thursday Morning Bible Study group as it **assembles lunches for Micah Ministries** on Monday, February 27, at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall Kitchen.

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.

Catholic Charities is the local agency welcoming and **resettling refugees** to this area. The refugees being resettled are screened and approved for resettlement in the United States by the U.S. Departments of State and Homeland Security and are only accepted for resettlement in the U.S. because their lives are in danger in their homelands. Catholic Charities has a need for Wal-Mart gift cards which will be used for food and household items for recently arrived refugees. You may drop off gift cards in the church office. You will receive a receipt from Catholic Charities. Contact Karen Johnson, 540-371-2719 (ksjohnson422@msn.com), if you have any questions.

We're again **seeking volunteers to help with Pitch, Hit & Run**, the free Major League Baseball skills competition, on Saturday, April 1, from 9:00 a.m. to 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) or Bruce Harvey (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.

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.

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), for more information.

Please be in prayer for the thirty-three Church members and friends who are traveling in the Holy Land now through February 28.