

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 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 *Psalms* 22)

We will tell of Your Name to our brothers and sisters,
and lead them in praise.

**You did not despise the afflicted nor turn
a deaf ear when they cried to You.**

All the ends of the earth shall turn to You, O God;
all families shall worship the Lord.

**We will tell of Your deeds to those who follow,
and proclaim Your deliverance to all.**

The Prayer of Adoration

*The Hymn 49

The God of Abraham Praise

*The Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not been sincere in our faith. We claim to follow Jesus but have not taken his path of sacrificial love. We profess to be disciples, but we are not willing to bear the cost of discipleship. We affirm the virtue of self denial, but we indulge our selfish desires and seek earthly gain. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for sincere repentance through Jesus Christ, our Lord . . . (time for silent confession). . .

*The Choral Response

*The Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News: God deems as righteous all who trust that Jesus
Has been raised for us and for our salvation.

**In the Name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God! 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

Holy Spirit, open our hearts to receive Your Word, reveal to us the Good News, and enable us to trust in the promise of salvation in Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Old Testament Lesson: *Genesis 17:1-7,15-16*

p. 15 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 22:23-31*

p. 616 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

O Master Let Me Walk with Thee

*O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;
Tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.
Teach me thy patience; still with thee in closer, dearer company.
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.
In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way;
In peace that only thou can give, with thee, O Master, let me live.*

The Epistle Lesson: *Romans 4:13-25*

p. 187 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 51

To Abraham and Sarah

The Gospel Lesson: *Mark 8:31-38*

p. 53 in the pew Bible

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

The Sermon

Authentically Human
Brittany Tamminga

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

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*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

Source of all goodness, what can we give that has not already been given to us? Surely no gift of ours can repay Christ's gift of love. Therefore, we offer ourselves, with thanksgiving for new life in the Spirit and place before You what we have in response to Your love. Use us in ways that fulfill Your plan for creation and bless what we give, so that others may learn of Your ways. Amen.

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

*The Hymn 718

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

*The Charge & Benediction

*The Postlude

the
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



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 2/25-3/4

Today (2/25)

Worship Services, <i>S</i>	8:30 & 11am
Church School	9:45am
Empty Nesters' Fellowship, <i>6B&1G</i>	12:30pm
Sacred Dance, <i>U</i>	3:30pm
Cantate, <i>UCR</i>	5pm
Youth Fellowship & Dinner, <i>FH</i>	6pm

Monday (2/26)

Newsletter Assembly, <i>L</i>	9:30am
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Tuesday (2/27)

Men's Breakfast, <i>Bob Evans</i>	7:30am
Know Your Neighbor Committee, <i>CF</i>	7pm

Wednesday (2/28)

Lenten Lunch Service, <i>Presbyterian Church</i>	12pm
Meditation, <i>CP</i>	6:30pm

Thursday (3/1)

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

Saturday (3/3)

Micah Breakfast, <i>FH</i>	6:30am
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Sunday (3/4)

Worship Services, <i>S</i>	8:30 & 11am
Church School	9:45am
Fellowship Committee, <i>CF</i>	12:15pm
PW Neverending Cir., <i>Mary Szymanski</i>	12:30pm
Sacred Dance, <i>U</i>	3:30pm
Cantate, <i>UCR</i>	5pm
Youth Fellowship & Dinner, <i>FH</i>	6pm

Location Key:

<i>CP: Church Parlor</i>	<i>MH: Middle House</i>
<i>S: Sanctuary</i>	<i>CH: Church House</i>
<i>EB: Education Building</i>	<i>CF: Conference Room</i>
<i>U: Undercroft</i>	<i>FH: Fellowship Hall</i>
<i>UCR: Choir Room in Ed. Building</i>	<i>CR: Choir Room</i>

Birthdays this Week

February

26. Judy Balch, Finian Joel, James Miller, Sophie Statler, Adrian Stocker
27. Joyce Allison, Dave Bohmke, Kyle Coble, Monica Cox, Louis Illi, Evan Sullivan
28. Matthew Green, Les Johnson

March

1. Rowan Eland, Rachel Hancock, Megan Sullivan, Sarah Wright
2. Wayne Hibbeler, James Jaworski
4. Bailey Nance, Barbara Katrina Nance, Diane Peterson, Donna Ridge, Margaret Roberson

Hospital Visitor 2/25-3/3

Patricia Langfitt, 370-4489

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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 Debbie Leimer to the glory of God; in grateful thanksgiving for their family; in memory of Peggy Brower, Helen & Kenneth Leimer, and Patricia Chawkat; and in honor of Gene Brower, their children and grandchildren.

Capsule of Concern: Dora Mae Crooks, Amanda Hild, Paul Ludwig, Billie Plank, Bob Snow, Susie Techlin

Lectionary readings for next Sunday, March 4:

Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19;
1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

Service Attendants

Liturgist
Paul Kukla

8:30 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Terrie Crawley

Greeters
Ed, Piper & Avery Foresman,
Pete Kolakowski & Evan Foresman

Ushers
Suzi Bevan, Porter Blakemore,
Ashley & Brian Raska

Elevator Assistant
Maryann Piersall

11:00 AM
Sanctuary Guild
John & Chrissy Conway

Greeters
Russell Morris & Brittany Harvey,
Bob & Caroline Deaderick

Ushers
Erik & Macon Fino, Shirley Eye, Helen Fortune

Elevator Assistant
Gary Vaughn

Nursery Attendants
8:30 & 11:00 services
Margaret Rowe, Bryan & Heather Eland, Katie Fidler, Betsy & Eva Lewis

The **2018 Confirmation Journey** Explorers will meet this morning in the Middle House, 2nd floor, at 9:45 a.m. They will participate in a scavenger hunt throughout the church property.

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 exploration of the basic tenets of other faiths as a way of coming to better understand our own. *Next Week:* We will continue to explore the basic tenets of other faiths as a way of coming to better understand our own.

On March 7, the **Prime Timers** will meet for lunch at Brock's Riverside Grill, 503 Sophia Street, at 11:30 a.m. The planned visit to Ferry Farm has been canceled and will be rescheduled at a later date. The menu choices are Caesar salad with chicken, cheddar burger with French fries, or capellini pomodoro. Please call JoAnne Kinnamon, 898-2500 or Gina Whitticar, 373-7271, by February 26, for reservations and menu choice.

Re-creation Retreat is the theme for the congregational retreat on March 10-11 at Camp Hanover. You may register using the form in the February Newsletter or at the table outside the sanctuary or in the lobby of the Education Building. All participants are asked to bring recyclables - cardboard, plastic, newspaper, cans (no glass). The registration deadline is March 4.

Would you like to **help feed hungry students and their families** in the Fredericksburg City Schools? Our church, along with 3 to 5 other Micah churches, is 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. 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 is 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.

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!

Adults are invited to the **Know Your Neighbor: An Interfaith Event** Sunday, March 25, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at the Fredericksburg Library (formerly Headquarters) on Caroline Street. Members from our church, the Fredericksburg Islamic Center, and Beth Sholom Temple will come together for a time of fellowship and sharing. Each faith community will have a limit of 25 participants due to the space at the library. If you wish to participate, please sign-up today at the table outside the sanctuary or in the lobby of the Education Building. More events are planned for the coming months. The Planning Committee meets on Tuesday, February 27, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

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.

Each Wednesday during Lent, the downtown area churches host a **Community Lenten Worship Service**. Services begin at noon and last approximately 30 minutes, followed by a light luncheon.

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

During Lent, you will hear a couple of moments for mission about the **One Great Hour of Sharing** Offering and there is also an article in the March newsletter. The OGHS offering is one of the four special offerings of the PC (USA). OGHS goes to presbytery and General Assembly to support the Presbyterian Hunger Program - 36%, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance - 32%, and the Self-Development of People - 32%. The offering offers assistance in natural and man-made disasters, feeding the hungry, and helping people learn skills that will help them to be independent. You are invited to pray for and support the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. You may use the envelopes in the pew or in your offering envelope box.