

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Transfiguration of the Lord

February 26, 2017

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 Exodus 24, Psalm 99, Matthew 17)

The Lord said to Moses: Come up to the mountain,
and the glory of the Lord shone all around.

Let us worship the Lord our God.

Jesus led his disciples up a high mountain, and he was transfigured,
shining like the sun.

Let us worship the Lord our God.

The Prayer of Adoration

We come with reverence to praise and adore You, O God. You have given Your beloved Son for our salvation, and made the nations his inheritance, the ends of the earth his possession. You call us to be part of Your household, and there to partake of Your promise. We gather as Your people, attentive to Your word and ready to do Your bidding. All praise be to You, O God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.

*The Hymn 193

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

*The Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we do not trust You fully. We put our hope in world gain and in human promises, and find ourselves defeated and lost when things fall apart. You have given us a love fuller than anything we could experience in this world, but we do not seek it, we do not hold on to it, and we look to our own means of assurance and security. Forgive us, O Lord. Call us back to You that we may put our trust in You and not be afraid. May we hear the words as clearly as the disciples did on the day of the Transfiguration; may we rise up, and not be afraid. In the Name of Jesus, Who loves us and offers us forgiveness, we pray . . .(time for silent confession). . . .

*The Choral Response

Light of Light
Covenant Choir

*The Assurance of Pardon

Jesus came and touched them saying,

“Get up, and do not be afraid.”

Get up sisters and brothers. Do not be afraid.

You are forgiven, You are loved.

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 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 our Light, make us attentive to Your Word as to a lamp shining in a dark place, that seeing Your truth we may live faithful lives until that great day dawns and the morning star rises in our hearts. Amen.

The Old Testament Lesson: *Exodus 24:12-18*

p. 87 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalm 2*

p. 602 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

Mighty Power of God

Mark Hayes

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise.

That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;

The moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey.

Their luminous display reflects the power of God.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food.

He formed the creatures with His Word and then pronounced them good.

Lord, how your wonders are displayed wherever I turn my eye;

If I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky.

From seas to mountains high, the earth cannot contain the goodness of God.

The heavens are telling the glory of God! The heavens are telling the story,

The whole earth is filled with His glory, the heavens are telling the glory of God!

There's not a plant or flower below but makes Your glories known.

And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from Your throne.

While all that borrows life from You is ever in Your care and everywhere that we can be,

O God, You're present there. We joyously declare the power of Your love!

The Epistle Lesson: *2 Peter 1:16-21*

p. 286 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 11

Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud

The Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 17:1-9*

p. 22 in the pew Bible

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

February 26, 2017

The Sermon

Beloved
Shannon Waite

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

*The Affirmation of Faith

A Brief Statement of Faith
(Paragraphs 1, 4, 5, 6 only)

p. 37-38 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

As the transfigured Christ revealed a life offered for the sake of us all, receive our offerings for the sake of others. Transform, O God, money into the hope for justice, time into signs of service, talents into acts of ministry, and ourselves into expressions of thankfulness. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

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

*The Hymn 546

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

*The Charge & Benediction

*The Postlude

Rev. Shannon Waite is the Campus Minister at the Campus Christian Community, an ecumenical campus ministry that serves the students of the University of Mary Washington. Originally from Pennsylvania, Shannon has made her way to Fredericksburg through her work and education. She completed a Bachelor's degree in Human Services at Elon University in Elon, North Carolina, and she holds a Masters in Divinity and a Masters of Arts in Christian Education from Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia. She enjoys finding outlets for her creativity, especially to engage in ways that help us to grow deeper in our relationship with God.



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 2/26-3/5

Today (2/26)

Worship Services, <i>S</i>	8:30 & 11am
Church School	9:45am
PW Lesson Review, <i>CF</i>	12pm
Sacred Dance, <i>S</i>	3:30pm
Cantate Choir, <i>UCR</i>	5pm
Youth Group and Dinner, <i>FH</i>	6pm

Monday (2/27)

PW Mission Lunch/Workshop, <i>FH</i>	10am
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Tuesday (2/28)

Men's Breakfast, <i>Bob Evans</i>	7:30am
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Wednesday (3/1)

Bible Study, <i>EB</i>	9:30am
Prime Timers' Lunch, <i>Fujiya House</i>	12m
Meditation Group, <i>CP</i>	6:30pm

Thursday (3/2)

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

Friday (3/3)

High School Retreat, <i>Massanetta</i>	
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Saturday (3/4)

High School Retreat, <i>Massanetta</i>	
Micah Breakfast, <i>FH</i>	6:30am
Confirmation Outing, <i>Meet at Church</i>	9:30am

Sunday (3/5)

High School Retreat, <i>Massanetta</i>	
Worship Services, <i>S</i>	8:30 & 11am
Church School	9:45am
PW Never Ending Circle, <i>Mary Szymanski</i>	12:30pm
Church-wide Outing, <i>Riverside Theater</i>	1pm
Sacred Dance, <i>S</i>	3:30pm
Cantate Choir, <i>UCR</i>	5pm
MS Only Youth Group and Dinner, <i>FH</i>	6pm

Location Key:

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

Hospital Visitor 2/26-3/4

Carole Green, 287-8545

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. Rachel Hancock, Megan Sullivan, Sarah Wright
2. Wayne Hibbeler
4. Bailey Nance, Barbara Katrina Nance, Diane Peterson, Margaret Roberson
5. Becca Fisher, Helena Sidebotham

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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 Nancy Wilson to the glory of God and in memory of their parents.

Capsule of Concern: Charlotte Mims, Wayne Hibbeler

Lectionary readings for next Sunday, March 5:

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32;
Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

Service Attendants

Liturgist
Marjolijn Bijlefeld

8:30 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Terrie Crawley

Greeters
Brian & Ashley Raska, James & Doris Miller

Ushers
Pete & Jane Kolakowski, Jim & Patty Toler

Elevator Assistant
Joe Valasko

11:00 AM
Sanctuary Guild
John & Chrissy Conway

Greeters
Ellie Crane, Suzi Bevan

Ushers
Brian & Kim Liska, Preston & Lynn Simms

Elevator Assistant
Steve Spratt

Nursery Attendants
Katie Blashford, Delia Rabatin,
Beth Valasko, Libby Humes

The **2017 Confirmation Journey Seekers** meet at 9:45 a.m. today in the Middle House, 2nd floor.

They will discuss part 2 of 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 6th-7th graders, June 27-30, registration form and \$270 due now; Senior High Mission Trip to Greenbrier County, WV, July 9-15 for current 8th-12th graders, let Pastor Tamminga or Bruce know you plan to participate; Montreat Youth Conference for current 8th-12th graders, July 23-29, a \$75 deposit (\$400 total) is due now. Scholarships for all 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** tomorrow, 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** today, at 12:15 p.m. in the Conference Room.

You are invited to the next **2nd Wednesday Fellowship** dinner and activity on Wednesday, March 8, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Kaci LeFebre will prepare jambalaya and cornbread. There are veggie and children's options. Our Meditation Group will lead the program. Make plans now to attend.

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.

Join the Women's Thursday Morning Bible Study group as it **assembles lunches for Micah Ministries** tomorrow, 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.

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.

The **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.

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 (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.

Community Lenten Services are held each Wednesday during Lent, hosted by the downtown area churches. Services begin at noon and last approximately 30 minutes, followed by a light luncheon. Mar. 8, Christ Lutheran; Mar. 15, St. George's Episcopal; Mar. 22, Fredericksburg Baptist; Mar. 29, The Presbyterian Church; April 5, Fredericksburg United Methodist.

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