

# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*The Fifth Sunday After Epiphany*

*Youth Sunday*

February 4, 2018

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*\*All who are able may stand.*

***Bold type spoken by the congregation***

## GATHERING. . .

The Prelude *Divertimento #2, mvt 4, Menuetto* Mozart

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit *How Majestic is Your Name*  
Cantate

The Call To Worship

We gather here to worship our Lord.

**God has blessed us with life, family and community.**

God has done miraculous things.

**Our Lord is the everlasting God, Who never grows tired or weary.**

Come, give thanks and worship God.

**It is right to give praise to the One, True God!**

The Prayer of Adoration

\*The Hymn 30 *O God, in a Mysterious Way*

\*The Prayer of Confession

**Great and Holy God, we have sinned against You by losing sight of Your Word. We confess that we have failed to recognize that you supply our every need. We confess that we have used each other for our own gain. You have called us to be present to others, but we are more concerned and consumed with ourselves. .**

**.(time for silent confession). . . Forgive us, Holy God. Open our eyes to Your goodness. Give us guidance through trouble and move us to help those in need. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.**

\*The Assurance of Pardon

\*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

**O Lord, make Your presence known among us. Speak to us through the songs we sing, the prayers we speak, and the words we hear. Open our eyes - open our hearts that we may be strengthened and renewed by Your Word. Amen.**

The Old Testament Lesson: *Isaiah 40:21-31* p. 817 in the pew Bible

The Anthem *On Eagle's Wings* Joncas/Hayes

*And He will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand.*

*You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in His shadow for life.*

*Say to the Lord: "My refuge, my Rock in whom I trust!"*

*The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear;*

*Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield.*

*You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;*

*Though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.*

*And He will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand.*

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 147:1-11, 20c* p. 715 in the pew Bible

The New Testament Lesson: *1 Corinthians 9:16-23* p. 208 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

The Gospel Lesson: *Mark 1:29-39* p. 42 in the pew Bible

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

\*The Hymn 793 *O Christ, the Healer*

The Meditations

Rachel Talmadge  
McCray Fidler  
Sydney Coffman

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

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\*The Affirmation of Faith      *A Brief Statement of Faith*      p. 37-38 in the Hymnal  
(Paragraphs 1, 2, 5, 6 only)

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      *Divertimento #2, mvt 2, Menuetto*      Mozart

\*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication      Doxology, p. 606 in the Hymnal  
**Generous God, we thank You for providing all that sustains us. Make us agents of healing and wholeness, that Your Good News may be made known to the ends of Your creation. May we, and these gifts we offer, be used by You to strengthen the weary, feed the hungry, and give hope to the despairing. We ask it in Christ's Name. Amen.**

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

\*The Hymn 315      *In the Midst of New Dimensions*

\*The Charge and Benediction  
God sends us forth into the world,  
**so we will walk miles in the shoes of others.**  
Jesus calls us to serve everyone we meet,  
**so we will become all things to all people.**  
The Holy Spirit encourages us to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ  
**so we may breathe new life into the faint,  
in the Name of the One Who gives us strength.**

\*The Postlude      *Divertimento #2, mvt 1, Allegro*      Mozart



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 2/4-11**

**Today (2/4)**  
 Worship Services, *S* 8:30 & 11am  
 Church School 9:45am  
 Rise Against Hunger Event, *FH* 12pm  
 PW Never Ending Cir., *Sharon Moser's* 12:30pm  
 Sacred Dance, *U* 3:30pm  
 Cantate, *UCR* 5pm

**Monday (2/5)**  
 Newsletter Item Deadline  
 PW Circle of Joy, *CP* 10am

**Tuesday (2/6)**  
 Men's Breakfast, *Bob Evans* 7:30am  
 Dolce Flutes, *CR* 6pm  
 Deacons, *CF* 6pm  
 Congregational Retreat Planning Mtg., *CF* 7pm

**Wednesday (2/7)**  
 Prime Timers' Outing, *Renato's* 11:45am  
 Meditation, *CP* 6:30pm

**Thursday (2/8)**  
 Ladies' Bible Study, *MH* 9:30am  
 Handbells, *S* 6pm  
 Adult Choir, *CR* 7:30pm

**Saturday (2/10)**  
 High School Retreat, *Camp Hanover*  
 Micah Breakfast, *FH* 6:30am

**Sunday (2/11)**  
 High School Retreat, *Camp Hanover*  
 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

**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**

4. Paula Kallay, Judy Lowman, Marty Wilder
5. Polly Estes, Julie Young
7. Steve Cunningham, Preston Simms
8. Asher Almeida, Kelly Bond, Jeanne Ramsburg
9. Noah Fellingner
10. Cameron Brandon, Emma Whitford
11. Keren Pritchett, Beth Valasko

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Hospital Visitor 2/4-10

Lynda Baer, 373-3450

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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 honor of their granddaughters.

**Capsule of Concern:** Dora Mae Crooks, Billie Plank, Bob Snow, Susie Techlin

Our heartfelt **Christian love and sympathies** are extended to Glynn Bell, former interim associate pastor, on the death of her husband, Bruce, who died on January 27, 2018. (9918 W Midland Way, Fredericksburg, VA 22408-7752)

**Lectionary readings for next Sunday,**

**February 11:**

2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6;  
 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

**Service Attendants**

*Liturgist*  
 High School Youth

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

*Greeters*  
 Middle School Youth

*Ushers*  
 Middle School Youth

*Elevator Assistant*  
 Joe Valasko

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

*Greeters*  
 Middle School Youth

*Ushers*  
 Middle School Youth

*Elevator Assistant*  
 Jim Christie

*Nursery Attendants*  
**8:30 & 11:00 services**  
 Rachel Ball, Stacy Whalen,  
 Marsha Luckett, Patricia  
 Langfitt

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

**Faith & Movie Class** will discuss *All Saints* on Sunday, February 11.

The **2018 Confirmation Journey Explorers** will meet this morning in their room in the Middle House, second floor at 9:45 a.m. before moving to the Sanctuary. Here, they will meet members of our church portraying John Calvin, John Witherspoon, Samuel Wilson, and Rachel Henderlite.

**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 - Youth Sunday, the Souper Bowl of Caring, and our annual Rise Against Hunger event. No regular Youth Fellowship activities tonight. *Next Week:* Middle school 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. On Saturday the high school youth will leave from the church parking lot at 9:00 a.m. for the Presbytery Winter Retreat at Camp Hanover. We will return no later than 1:00 p.m. on Sunday.

The **Prime Timers** will meet at Renato’s Italian Restaurant, 422 William Street at 11:45 a.m. on Wednesday, February 7. Please make a reservation today with Helen Fortune, 374-9831, or Jane Eger, 540-898-7166.

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 by February 18, to Jim Toler, 540-207-1202, ([jimtoler4@yahoo.com](mailto:jimtoler4@yahoo.com)).

The **Congregational Retreat Planning Committee** will meet in the Conference Room on Tuesday, February 6, at 7:00 p.m.

The theme for the congregational retreat is the **Re-creation Retreat** and is March 10-11 at Camp Hanover. You received a registration form in the February newsletter, and beginning next Sunday, you will find a registration table outside the Sanctuary or in the Lobby of the Education Building.

TODAY, **everyone is invited** to come to the Fellowship Hall following the 11:00 a.m. worship service to **put together 20,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger**. There is a job for 4-year-olds through adults as we package rice, soy, vegetables, and vitamins into plastic bags that are sealed and placed in boxes.

The **Souper Bowl Offering** today will help defray the cost of the 20,000 Rise Against Hunger Meals that are 29 cents per meal for a total of \$5,800. Our Middle School Youth Fellowship will collect the offering today.

All are invited to join in an **Interfaith Potluck gathering**, hosted by the network of interfaith leaders, today, at 1:00 p.m. at the Silk Mill (1707 Princess Anne St.). Beverages will be provided. Just bring yourself, your family, and a dish to share!

On Sunday, February 11, the Middle School Youth Fellowship will launch 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.

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, Wayne Hibbeler, Libby Humes, Ed Foresman, Jim Toler and Stacy Whalen.