

# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

## *The Fifth Sunday After Epiphany*

### *Youth Sunday*

February 5, 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

*Bwana Asifwe*  
*Praise the Lord!*  
Cantate

Mark Burrows/Traditional Swahili

The Call To Worship

(Adapted from *Ruth 1, Psalm 23, 1 Corinthians 12*)

As in the days of Ruth, God calls us to remain together.

**For just as the body is one and has many members, so it is with Christ.**

Your people shall be my people and your God my God.

**Let us walk in the way of the Lord.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us.

**We shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

The Prayer of Praise and Adoration

\*The Hymn 401

*Here in This Place*

\*The Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, You poured Your Spirit upon gathered disciples, creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of Your Spirit among us. We do not listen for Your Word of grace, speak the Good News of Your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God . . . (time for silent confession). . . Transform our timid lives by the power of Your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be Your faithful people, doing Your will for the sake of Jesus Christ Our Lord. 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 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

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalm 23 & 133 (NJB)*

p. 617 & 706 in the pew Bible

The Epistle Lesson: *I Corinthians 12:12-27*

p. 212 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

The Anthem

*This Little Light of Mine*

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!*

*Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine!*

*Won't let anybody blow it out. No, I'm gonna let it shine!*

*Shine my light across the land, yes, I'm gonna let it shine!*

The Old Testament Lesson: *Ruth 1:15-18 (CEV)*

p. 299 in the pew Bible

Scriptural Reflection

\*The Hymn 317

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

The Gospel Lesson: *John 17:20-26 (TLB)*

p. 137 in the pew Bible

Scriptural Reflection

#### TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

\*The Affirmation of Faith

(adapted from *the Confession of Belhar*)

It is through Christ's reconciling work that we are the church,  
united to God and to other believers.

**As the Church, we are the salt of the earth. We are the light of the world.**  
We are entrusted with the message of the reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ.

**As the Church, we are witnesses by both word and deed.**

We proclaim the new heaven and the new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

**As the Church, we proclaim that God's life-giving Word and Spirit  
has conquered sin and death.**

God conquers irreconciliation, hatred and bitterness.

**As the Church, God's life-giving Word and Spirit  
enable us to live in a new obedience.**

God opens new possibilities of life for society and the world.

**We declare ourselves ready to venture out  
on the road of obedience and reconciliation;  
servants of the God Who wishes to bring about justice  
and true peace among people. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People  
The Lord's Prayer

p. 35 in the Hymnal

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The Service of Offering  
The Gathering of Our Gifts  
The Offertory

\*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication Doxology, p. 606 in the Hymnal  
**Almighty God, Creator and Sustainer of all things, we give back to You in thankfulness what You have given to us in kindness. We acknowledge that the world and its resources are not ours but Yours. Help us to love and be thankful for all Your gifts by serving You and delighting to do Your will. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.**

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

\*The Hymn 319 *Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing*

\*The Charge & Benediction *May You Run and Not Be Weary*

*May you run and not be weary. May your heart be filled with song.  
And may the love of God continue to give you hope and keep you strong.  
And may you run and not be weary, May your heart be filled with joy!  
And may the road you travel always lead you home*

\*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 2/5-12**

**Today (2/5)**

Worship Services, *S* 8:30 & 11am  
 Church School 9:45am  
 Stop Hunger Now event, *FH* 12pm  
 PW Neverending Circle, *Jacqui Nix's* 2pm  
 Sacred Dance, *S* 3:30pm

**Monday (2/6)**

Newsletter Items DUE  
 PW Circle of Joy, *CP* 10am  
 Cong. Retreat Planning Mtg, *CF* 7pm

**Tuesday (2/7)**

Men's Breakfast, *Bob Evans* 7:30am  
 Deacons' Meeting, *CP* 6pm

**Wednesday (2/8)**

Bible Study, *EB* 9:30am  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Fellowship, *FH* 6pm  
 Meditation Group, *CP* 6:30pm

**Thursday (2/9)**

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

**Saturday (2/11)**

Micah Breakfast, *FH* 6:30am

**Sunday (2/12)**

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

5. Polly Estes, Julie Young
7. Steve Cunningham, Preston Simms
8. Asher Almeida, Mason Bako, Kelly Bond, Jeanne Ramsburg
9. Noah Fellingner
10. Cameron Brandon, Emma Whitford
11. Keren Pritchett, Beth Valasko
12. Porter Blakemore, Riley Eland

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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 Mike & Elizabeth Adams in honor of our youth.

**Capsule of Concern:** Ellie Bell, Joyce Gilbert, Adrian Stocker, Charlotte Mims, Gay Sullivan

**Lectionary readings for next Sunday, February 12:**

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8;  
 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37

The **Souper Bowl Offering** received after both services today will help pay for the Stop Hunger Now meals (29-cents per meal).

**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, Sarah Wright.

**Service Attendants**

*Liturgist*  
 High School Youth

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

*Greeters*  
 Middle School Youth

*Ushers*  
 Middle School Youth

*Elevator Assistant*  
 Jeff Spinnanger

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

*Greeters*  
 Middle School Youth

*Ushers*  
 Middle School Youth

*Elevator Assistant*  
 Stacie Buck

*Nursery Attendants*  
 Heidi Pedersen, Stacy Whalen,  
 Bridget Harvey, Mary Grace Humes

Hospital Visitor 2/5-11

Patricia Langfitt, 370-4489

**Youth Sunday, Souper Bowl Offering, and Stop Hunger Now** will take place today in the Fellowship Hall following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Come join us.

The **2017 Confirmation Journey seekers** meet at 9:45 a.m. today on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Middle House before going to the Sanctuary to hear first person stories of John Calvin, John Witherspoon, Rachel Henderlite, and Samuel Wilson. Many of the Seekers and their Covenant Partners will participate in Stop Hunger Now.

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.

Join us this Wednesday, February 8, at 6:00 p.m. for the **2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday fellowship**. Chris Fisher will prepare Teriyaki chicken with fried or plain rice and egg rolls. John Vest from Union Presbyterian Seminary will lead our activity for all ages focusing on sharing our faith stories.

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](mailto:btamminga@fredericksburgpc.org)) to reserve tickets for this event.

**2017 Congregational Retreat** - This year's planning committee is excited to inform you of the upcoming congregational retreat on March 11 and 12, 2017, at Camp Hanover. The theme is "Ground of All Being: Exploring Our Celtic Heritage." **Registration** opens today for the **Congregational Retreat** 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 you may go to the church website, [www.fredericksburgpc.org](http://www.fredericksburgpc.org) to register.

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

The **Faith and Movie Church School Class** will discuss *Inside Out* on Sunday, February 12.

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

**Middle School & Senior High Summer Trips:** 1) Massanetta Middle School Conference for current 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> graders, June 27-30, registration form and \$270 due now; 2) 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 by February 12; 3) Montreat Youth Conference for current 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders, July 23-29, \$400 total with a \$75 deposit due by February 12. Scholarships for all summer trips are available upon request.

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.

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

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. If you are interested in welcoming our new community members in this way, 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](mailto:ksjohnson422@msn.com)), if you have any questions.

**Beautiful orphaned dishes are looking for their rightful owners!** We are organizing the church kitchen and have found several nice dishes, plates, serving trays and bowls. 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.

We apologize for any inconvenience caused from our church website being unavailable due to disrupted service by our web host.

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.

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