

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The First Sunday After Christmas

January 1, 2017

10:00 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

There is good news of great joy for all!
Our Savior is born: the Messiah, the Lord.
I will proclaim the gracious deeds of God;
The steadfast love of the Lord is great.

The Prayer of Praise

Exalted God, even as the heavenly host sang of Your glory in the night skies over Bethlehem; even as the star shone in the heavens, and sheep and cattle gathered in that light, so we gather, young and old together, to recount all that You have done for us in mercy and steadfast love. No tyrant's threat or deadly act can destroy the dreams and visions You have placed within us, for You have drawn us close. With all creation, we praise You and exalt Your Name forever and ever. Amen.

*The Hymn 15 *All Creatures of Our God and King*

*The Prayer of Confession

*The Assurance of Pardon

. . . Declare with me the Good News of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia! 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

Holy One, your Word comes to us: Jesus Christ, Immanuel. Holy Word, You cross every border meant to shut You out. Holy Wisdom, speak to us in the word read and proclaimed, that in hearing, we may dream Your dreams and faithfully follow wherever You lead. In You triune Name we pray. Amen.

The Old Testament Lesson: *Isaiah 63:7-9*

p. 848 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 148*

p. 716 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

Patti Kerns, Julie Perry

The Epistle Lesson: *Hebrews 2:10-18*

p. 265 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 153

In Bethlehem a Newborn Baby

The Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 2:13-23*

p. 2 in the pew Bible

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

The Sermon

The Whole Story
Brittany Tamminga

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

*The Apostles' Creed

p. 35 in the Hymnal

The Prayer 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
**Great Shepherd of the sheep, You feast our soul with abundance and satisfy
Your people with goodness. We dine on Your mercy and are filled with Your
grace. Having received Your gift of Christ our Redeemer, we no longer
languish in barrenness but are full of new life. Accept these gifts that we
bring You in response to the love You have shown us in Christ. Amen.**

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

*The Hymn 158 *Born in the Night, Mary's Child*

*The Charge and Benediction
Go out to share the Good News
With a world bent low
From suffering and fear:
**Jesus Christ has come to help us
And to set us free!**

*The Choral Response

*The Postlude

the
**PREBYTERIAN
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 1/1

Today (1/1)	
Worship Services, <i>S</i>	10am
Monday (1/2)	
Office Closed	
PW Circle of Joy, <i>CP</i>	10am
Tuesday (1/3)	
Men's Breakfast, <i>Bob Evans</i>	7:30am
Wednesday (1/4)	
Bible Study, <i>EB</i>	9:30am
Prime Timers' Lunch, <i>Brock's</i>	11:30am
Meditation Group, <i>CP</i>	6:30pm
Thursday (1/5)	
Handbells, <i>S</i>	6pm
Adult Choir, <i>CR</i>	7:30pm
Saturday (1/7)	
Micah Breakfast, <i>FH</i>	6:30am
Sunday (1/8)	
Worship Services, <i>S</i>	8:30 & 11am
Church School Brunch, <i>FH</i>	9:30am
Sacred Dance, <i>S</i>	3:30pm
Cantate Choir, <i>UCR</i>	5pm
Youth Group and Dinner, <i>FH</i>	6pm
Confirmation Seekers & Covenant Partners, <i>U</i>	6:30pm
Session, <i>MH</i>	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

January

1. Libby Humes, Scott Theado, Tom Wimberly, Mike O'Brien
- 2.
3. Brent McGhee
4. Mollie Creasey, Jeremy Stoddard
- 5.
6. Mark Hughes, Joan Darby
- 7.
8. Haley Dameron

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January 1, 2017

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

10:00 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 Steve and Amy McCullough with thanksgiving for the blessings of 2016 and hope for the year to come.

Capsule of Concern: Mary Babinsky, David C. Johnson, Will Harrison, Charlotte Mims, Jack Plank, Kay Roscoe, Bob Snow

Lectionary readings for next Sunday, January 8:

Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29;
Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

Service Attendants

Liturgist
Heather Eland

10:00 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Trudy McNatt

Greeters
Paul & Debbie Leimer, David & Tammy Hancock and family

Ushers
Wayne & Felicia Hibbeler,
Rod & Judy Hughes

Elevator Assistant
James Lockett

All members are invited to the **Church School brunch** on Sunday, January 8, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All food and beverages will be provided by Kaci LeFebre and the Christian Education Committee. Children and youth will go to their classes shortly after 10:00 a.m. Adults will stay in the Fellowship Hall to hear brief overviews of the classes for the winter/spring. Plan now to make Church School a part of your New Year resolutions.

The **Women's Thursday Morning Bible Study** will be on break until its first meeting on January 12. We will continue studying the Lectionary readings to follow each Sunday. New participants are welcome to join us at 9:30 a.m. in the Middle House.

First through third graders and their parents are invited to the **Worship Workshop** on Sunday, January 22, following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. We will begin with lunch. There will be learning centers focusing on the Apostles' Creed, finding scripture, making a hymnbook marker, the Lord's Prayer, a sanctuary game, order of worship, the Doxology & Gloria Patri, and more. Let Bruce or the church office know by Sunday, January 15, if you plan to attend.

The **20s/30s Fellowship Group will gather at Capitol Ale House** on January 22, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. No pretenses, just good food and great fellowship in a casual, laid-back atmosphere. Whether you are studying or working, single, newly married or starting a family, there is a place for you to meet new friends and deepen relationships. Child care will be provided in the Church Nursery. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Tamminga, 373-7057 (btamminga@fredericksburg.org).

We encourage all ages to join us for the **2nd Wednesday @ TPC Fellowship Dinner and Activity** on **January 11**, at 6:00 p.m. On the menu is Felicia Hibbeler's lasagna. The Mission presentation is from Empowerhouse. Activities will include freeze-framed Bible stories and big circle dancing. This is a very great time of fellowship and fun.

Prime Timers Fellowship Outing - Let's start the year off with fellowship over lunch at Brock's Riverside Grill on Wednesday, January 4, at 11:30 a.m. We will be in the Chef's Room enjoying the warmth of the fire and the view of the river. Menu choices include: Caesar salad with grilled chicken, cheddar burger with fries, or crab cake sandwich with vegetables. A minimum of 15 is needed (room will hold up to 40). The price, including tax and gratuity, is \$18.33. Please RSVP with your numbers and meal choices no later than December 28, to Gina Whitticar, 373-7271, (vwhitticar@aol.com). Hostesses Betty Ellett and Gina Whitticar look forward to seeing you!

Youth Sunday, Super Bowl Offering, and Stop Hunger Now will take place on February 5.

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 in Mechanicsville, Virginia.

Every Saturday morning our church hosts a **breakfast for the homeless and others in our community**. In 2017, we will be responsible to prepare the breakfast on the following Saturdays: April 29, September 2, and December 30. If you would like to be a part of a team or teams who will cook breakfast, please let Bruce know, 373-7057, (bharvey@fredericksburgpc.org) or sign-up at the table outside the Sanctuary.

Saturday morning breakfast hosts serve in teams of two from 6:30 to 9:00 a.m. If you would like to serve as one of the two hosts on a rotating basis with about 12 other pairs, please let Bruce know, 373-7057, (bharvey@fredericksburgpc.org). He will be glad to share the list of responsibilities with you and/or answer questions.

Mark your calendar: we will host a **Blood Drive** on January 17, from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. More details to come.

Offering Envelopes: Please pick up your 2017 envelopes in the Education Building Lobby. If you did not see a box with your name or have not previously had envelopes and would like them, contact our financial secretary, Casey Naatjes, 540-373-7057, (cnaatjes@fredericksburgpc.org).

A **Kitchen Committee** is being formed. It will help oversee the kitchen including regular cleaning, checking food in the refrigerator/freezer, supplies and more. If interested in helping please contact Piper Foresman, 371-1065 (jps.piper@cox.net), Kaci LeFebre, 582-9334 (klefeb1254@gmail.com) or Bruce, 373-7057(bharvey@fredericksburgpc.org).