

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Second Sunday After Epiphany

January 15, 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 Isaiah 49:3; John 1:29,39,41)

Here is the servant of God, a light to all nations.

Come and see the Messiah, the Lord.

Here is the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world.

Come and see the Messiah, the Lord.

The Prayer of Praise

O God our Sovereign, Whose Word resounds to the coastlands and reaches the hearts and minds even of those far off, hear the praise from the frontiers of life and listen to distant places tell Your glory. We rejoice that nowhere is past Your seeing and that You grasp everyone and everything everywhere. And so we praise Your Holy Name now and always. Glory be to You, The One Eternal God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The Hymn 744

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

*The Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have received Your call but have failed to faithfully respond. You have called us to be a servant to the nations, but we have been preoccupied with our own salvation. You have given us a ministry to all people, but we have remained focused on ourselves. You called us to share our goods with the world, but we have gathered more for our own use. You directed us to declare Your mercy to the nations, but we have sought to bend the nations to our will. You have made us a servant, but we have acted as if we were in charge. Cleanse us, God. Forgive us. Redeem us and grant us your mercy...(time for silent confession)...

*The Choral Response

*The Assurance of Pardon

(from I Cor. 1)

Grace and peace are given to you in Jesus Christ.

All who call upon his Name, the Lord claims as his own.

God will keep you firm to the end,

without reproach on the Day of our Lord Jesus!

It is God Who called us to share in the life of God's Son, Jesus Christ.

God keeps faith and forgives our sin.

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

The Old Testament Lesson: *Isaiah 49:1-7*

p. 830 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 40:1-11*

p. 631 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

The Lamb

Patrick Coleman

The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?

Faith see, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!

Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me his own. The Lamb is reigning on his throne.

The Lamb, the Lamb, one perfect final offering.

The Lamb, the Lamb, let earth join heaven his praise to sing.

The Lamb, the Lamb, as wayward sheep their shepherd kill.

so still, his will on our behalf the Law to fill.

He sighs, he dies, he takes my sin and wretchedness.

He lives, forgives, he gives me his own righteousness.

Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me his own.

The Lamb is reigning on his throne!

He rose, he rose, my heart with thanks now overflows.

His song prolong 'til every heart to him belong.

Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me his own.

The Lamb is reigning on his throne!

The Epistle Lesson: *1 Corinthians 1:1-9*

p. 201 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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The Gospel Lesson: *John 1:29-42*

p. 112 in the pew Bible

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

The Sermon

More than Winning

Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

*The *Apostles' Creed*

p. 35 in the Hymnal

The Prayers of the People and 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

We give You thanks, O loving God, that You have placed in the hearts of Your faithful people the gift of generosity and the desire to do Your will. Use these gifts to proclaim Good News to every nation and restore all people to Christ. Amen.

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

*The Hymn 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

*The Charge & Benediction

*The Postlude

the
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



The Rev. Allen H. Fisher, Jr., *Pastor*

Brittany Tamminga, *Associate Pastor*

E. Bruce Harvey, Jr., *Coordinator of Christian Education*

Mary Ann & Larry Casey, *Choirmasters*

Amy L. Shirk, *Organist*

MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES 1/15-22

Today (1/15)
 Worship Services, S 8:30 & 11am
 Church School 9:45am
 Sacred Dance, S 3:30pm
 Cantate Choir, UCR 5pm
 Youth Group and Dinner, FH 6pm

Monday (1/16)
 Office Closed
 PW Coordinating Team, Rm 209 10am
 PW Circle of Prayer, CP 12:30pm
 Mission Committee, MH 7pm

Tuesday (1/17)
 Men's Breakfast, Bob Evans 7:30am
 Blood Drive, FH 1pm

Wednesday (1/18)
 Bible Study, EB 9:30am
 Meditation Group, CP 6:30pm

Thursday (1/19)
 Ladies' Bible Study, MH 9:30am
 Handbells, S 6pm
 Adult Choir, CR 7:30pm

Saturday (1/21)
 Micah Breakfast, FH 6:30am
 Community Dinner, FH 2pm

Sunday (1/22)
 Worship Services, S 8:30 & 11am
 Church School 9:45am
 Fellowship Committee, CF 12:15pm
 Worship Workshop, FH 12:15pm
 20s/30s Outing, Capitol Ale House 3pm
 Sacred Dance, S 3:30pm
 Cantate Choir, UCR 5pm
 Youth Group and Dinner, FH 6pm

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

15. Lou Cralle, Duane Hansen, Linda Spangler, Neil Sullivan, Eleanor Bailey, Oliver Morris
16. Susan Harrison, John Baer
17. Jane Williams, Drew Rexrode, Erica Foreman
19. Missy Dodson, David Godshall, CJ Forsing
20. Don Wilson, Chris Repp, Miguel Pineda
21. Michael Gloyd
22. Nellie Kate Dameron

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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 & Debbie Leimer to the glory of God, and in honor of Eugene Brower and in memory of Peggy Brower, Helen Leimer and Kenneth Leimer.

Capsule of Concern: Mary Babinsky, Patti Kerns, Charlotte Mims, Jack Plank, Bob Snow

Lectionary readings for next Sunday, January 22:

Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9;
 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

Session has called a **meeting of the congregation** for Sunday, January 29, beginning with the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect members of the Congregational Nominating Committee for 2017, and to vote on proposed changes in pastors' terms of call for 2017.

Service Attendants

Liturgist
 Jim Christie

8:30 AM
Sanctuary Guild
 Trudy McNatt

Greeters
 Bryan & Heather Eland, Mike & Robin Joel

Ushers
 Karen & David Johnson, Susie & Steve Davis

Elevator Assistant
 Milton McNatt

11:00 AM
Sanctuary Guild
 Doreen Vaughn

Greeters
 Katya Zablottney, Mike & Michelle Porter

Ushers
 James & Marsha Lockett, John & Nita Deegan

Elevator Assistant
 Paul Rabatin

Nursery Attendants
 Rebecca Whitford, Rachel Jarnecke Hole, Amanda Wimberly, Emily Humes

The **Seekers in the 2017 Confirmation Journey** will meet at 9:45 a.m. today on the 2nd floor of the Middle House to start their regular class schedule. Next Sunday, January 22, Covenant Partners will join them. Please be in prayer for the 13 Seekers, parents, and Covenant Partners.

Church School is on regular schedule today with children's classes up through the 5th grade all meeting in the Education building including a nursery for infants and toddlers. Classes for 6th-7th grade, Confirmation Journey, and the 9th-12th grades all meet in the Row Houses. Adult classes meet in the following classrooms: *Parenting* - Room 213, 2nd floor, Education Building; *Wisdom* taught by Don Newlin; Room 215, 2nd floor, Education Building; *Bible 102* taught by Dorothy Mondak, Undercroft; *It's Complicated* with Anders Pedersen, 1st floor, Church House; *Faith & Movie Class*, 1st floor, Middle House.

The **Sr. Highs** will be joining the Church School **Movie Class** for two Sundays in January to discuss *Selma* (1/22) and *He Named Me Malala* (1/29). The congregation is invited to watch at home to be prepared to enter into conversation with the youth as they reflect on their observations.

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 know today if you plan to attend.

The **20s/30s Fellowship Group** will gather at Capitol Ale House on January 22, from 3:00 to 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@fredericksburgpc.org).

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

The Prime Timers' February event will be lunch at Ristorante Renato, at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 1. RSVP to Jane Eger (898-7166) Sunday, January 29.

Make plans now to attend the next **2nd Wednesday fellowship on February 8**, when John Vest from Union Presbyterian Seminary will lead our activity. He will focus on sharing our faith story. Chris Fisher will prepare the meal.

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.

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."

Middle School & Senior High Summer Trips: 1) Massanetta Middle School Conference for current 6th-7th graders, June 27-30, registration form and \$270 are due January 29; 2) Senior High Mission Trip to Greenbrier County, West Virginia, July 9-15 for current 8th-12th graders, let Pastor Tamminga or Bruce know you plan to participate by February 12; 3) Montreat Youth Conference for current 8th-12th graders, July 23-29, \$400 total with a \$75 deposit due by February 12. Scholarships are available upon request.

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.

Our **first blood drive** was great; let's make this one on January 17 spectacular. It will be from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up outside the Sanctuary on Sundays following both services or register online at www.redcross.com. For further information call Sharon Moser, 786-2661.

Volunteers needed:

- 1) 2nd Wednesday Fellowship - setup, serving, cleanup, and making desserts;
- 2) Prepare and serve Micah breakfasts at our church on Saturday, April 29, September 2, and December 30;
- 3) Help host a Micah breakfast - we have two people each Saturday who open the Education bldg at 6:30 a.m., stay for the breakfast, and lock the building at 9:00 a.m.;
- 4) Food Pantry - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday - 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.;
- 5) Service on the Kitchen Committee

You may sign-up at tables outside the church Sanctuary or in the Education Building lobby, or let Bruce know at bharvey@fredericksburgpc.org.

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), if you have any questions.