

# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

## *The Fourth Sunday After Epiphany*

January 28, 2018

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

*On Eagles Wings*  
Intonare Bell Ensemble

The Call To Worship

Come! Let us give thanks to the Lord with whole hearts.

**Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.**

Glory be to the One Whose wonders are to be remembered.

**Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.**

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

**Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.**

The Lord feeds the righteous with truth.

**Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.**

Come! Let us give thanks to God.

(from *Psalm 111*)

The Prayer of Adoration

**Great God of the universe, Whose wisdom pervades all creation, we gather before You to give You all praise and honor. Wonderful and majestic are Your works; righteousness is seen in all that You do. You make a covenant and call us as heirs of its promise. You establish your law, showing all people that You are to be trusted in company with the redeemed of all ages, we lift our voices to acclaim Your worth. Glory be to You the One Eternal God- Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

\*The Hymn 36

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

\*The Prayer of Confession

**Holy and all-powerful God, Who commands all spirits, comforts those in distress, and casts out destructive forces, we confess that we are unable to do Your will. We protect what is familiar and reject what is unknown. We admire those with courage but excuse ourselves when we falter from truth. We forget that You are always with us, and that with You all things are possible. Forgive us, lead us, make us new. Remove our desire to heed false prophets, and show us Your way...(time for silent confession). . . .**

\*The Choral Response

\*The Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News!

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us,

**Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.**

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

**The old life has gone; a new life has begun.**

Believe the Good News.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. 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 stand to greet one another in the name of Christ and exchange this ancient greeting with worshipers seated near you.)*

### TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: *Deuteronomy 18:15-20*

p. 218 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalm 111*

p. 691 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

*Praise the Lord*

Handel/Hopson

*Praise the Lord. Let songs of joy break forth, let songs of joy break forth.*

*Sing alleluia, Praise His name forevermore.*

*Shout, sing and dance; come dance and celebrate.*

*Rejoice; let all within us praise His name.*

A Moment With the Children

The New Testament Lesson: *I Corinthians 8:1-13*

p. 208 in the pew Bible

\*The Hymn 450

*Be Thou My Vision*

The Gospel Lesson: *Mark 1:21-28*

p. 42 in the pew Bible

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

The Sermon

*Astounded*

Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

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

\*The *Apostles' Creed*

p. 35 in the Hymnal

The Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession  
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

**Most merciful and gracious God, the good that we do we owe to Your righteousness. Whatever honor we receive is due to Your redeeming love in Christ Jesus. All that we have is a gift of Your grace. You call us, You name us, You watch over us with care. We bring now our gifts in response to Your goodness. Use them and us to further the work of Your eternal benevolence, through Jesus Christ, Whom we seek to obey. Amen.**

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

\*The Hymn 181 *Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit*

\*The Charge and Benediction

\*The Postlude

For Liturgist:  
Prayer for Illumination

**Holy Spirit, Your people call out for understanding. Bring to our yearning hearts and minds the truth of Your Word; in Jesus' Name. Amen.**



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 1/28-2/4**

<b>Today (1/28)</b>	
Worship Services, <i>S</i>	8:30 & 11am
Congregational Meeting	
Church School	9:45am
Sacred Dance, <i>U</i>	3:30pm
Cantate, <i>UCR</i>	5pm
Youth Fellowship & Dinner, <i>FH</i>	6pm
<b>Monday (1/29)</b>	
Newsletter Assembly, <i>CF</i>	9:00am
<b>Tuesday (1/30)</b>	
Men's Breakfast, <i>Bob Evans</i>	7:30am
<b>Wednesday (1/31)</b>	
Meditation, <i>CP</i>	6:30pm
<b>Thursday (2/1)</b>	
Ladies' Bible Study, <i>MH</i>	9:30am
Handbells, <i>S</i>	6pm
Adult Choir, <i>CR</i>	7:30pm
<b>Saturday (2/3)</b>	
Micah Breakfast, <i>FH</i>	6:30am
YF Rehearsal for Youth Sunday, <i>S</i>	10am
<b>Sunday (2/4)</b>	
Worship Services, <i>S</i>	8:30 & 11am
Church School	9:45am
Rise Against Hunger Event, <i>FH</i>	12pm
Sacred Dance, <i>U</i>	3:30pm
Cantate, <i>UCR</i>	5pm

**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**

- 28. Claire Fritz, Don MacNemar
- 29. Brian Baker, Ellie Bell, Zac Cunningham, Bruce Harvey, Clara Liska, Kim Liska, April Stevens
- 30. Kaileen Coffman, Don Doherty
- 31. Robert King, Lynn Norfleet

**February**

- 1. Elizabeth Adams, Karen Chichester
- 2. Winnie Vyverberg

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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 Scott and Kim Fischer to the glory of God.

**Capsule of Concern:** Mary Jane King, Billie Plank, Nancy Raines, Kay Roscoe, Bob Snow, Marie Soma, Susie Techlin, Frank Turnage

Our heartfelt **Christian love and sympathies** are extended to the family and friends of Mary Lou Greenlaw, who died on January 22, 2018.

**Lectionary readings for next Sunday,**

**February 4:**

Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20c;  
1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

**Service Attendants**

*Liturgist*  
Bridget Harvey

**8:30 AM**  
*Sanctuary Guild*  
Linda Spratt

*Greeters*  
Melissa Gloyd, Grace Fino,  
Scott & Kim Fischer

*Ushers*  
Valasko family,  
Spinnanger family

*Elevator Assistant*  
Jerry Zekert

**11:00 AM**  
*Sanctuary Guild*  
Doreen Vaughn

*Greeters*  
Barry & Peg Jones, George Cralle

*Ushers*  
Will & Vanessa Huffman

*Elevator Assistant*  
Bill Stewart

*Nursery Attendants*  
**8:30 & 11:00 services**  
John & Becca Jones, Robin Joel, Kathryn Rexrode, Rachel Talmadge

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

**Church School** is on regular schedule today (9:45-10:45 a.m.) with the five adult classes meeting. Children’s classes up through the 5<sup>th</sup> grade meet in the Education building. The 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade class meets on the top floor of the Church House, and the 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade class meets on the top floor of the Middle House. Covenant choir for 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders meets at 9:45 in the choir room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Education building, and then children will go to their classes, also located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Education building. The Carol choir meets during Church School. A brochure with more information is on the table outside the Sanctuary.

The **2018 Confirmation Journey** continues this morning on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Middle House at 9:45 a.m., with Explorers. The topic of discussion will be sin.

**Youth Fellowship** activities today - Middle school will meet for our regular Youth Fellowship dinner at 6:00 p.m., and Fellowship from 6:30-7:30 pm. High school will have a Punch & Paint night. Our artist in Residence, Suzi Bevan, will lead us in a guided painting.

*Next Week:* On Saturday, the Middle School and High School Youth Fellowship will meet in the Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. to do a final run-through for Youth Sunday. Sunday, February 4, is Youth Sunday, the Souper Bowl of Caring, and our annual Rise Against Hunger event.

The **Prime Timers** will meet at Renato Italian Restaurant, 422 William Street at 11:45 a.m. on Wednesday, February 7. Please make a reservation with Helen Fortune, 374-9831, or Jane Eger, 540-898-7166, by February 4.

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 **Souper Bowl Offering** next week will help to pay for the Rise Against Hunger Meals that are 29 cents per meal or \$5,800 total. Our Middle School Youth Fellowship will collect the offering. We thank you for your support.

Next Sunday, February 4, 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 everyone from 4 year olds through adults as we package rice, soy, vegetables, and vitamins into plastic bags that are sealed and packed in boxes. There is a sign-up outside the Sanctuary.

All are invited to join in an **Interfaith Potluck gathering**, hosted by the network of interfaith leaders, on February 4, 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!

**Micah Ecumenical Ministries** is much more than a Christian nonprofit that our church supports. It is a *ministry* of our nine “Micah” churches. While Micah is best known for its ministry to the street homeless and its community dinners, it is evolving into our churches’ collective response to address community needs. Our church not only cares for the street homeless and feeds the hungry through Micah, we also care for the homeless coming out of the hospital, help equip the homeless for a path to permanent housing through employment assistance, offer basic job training and even basic furniture for their first home. Micah recently opened a community café—a place where people from all walks of life can come together for a meal, regardless of ability to pay. Micah stands ready to address or facilitate solutions to whatever community needs are identified by the pastors of our churches. But we can’t do all this without both financial support AND volunteers. Please prayerfully consider the ways you can help our churches in action through Micah. Envelopes are available in the pews for your donations, and you can learn more about volunteer opportunities by calling Micah at 540-470-4116. With your help, *neighbors find a home here!*

Session has called a **meeting of the congregation** for today, beginning with the 11:00 a.m. service of worship. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on proposed changes in pastors’ terms of call for 2018.