

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

January 29, 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

The Call To Worship

O Lord, who may abide in Your tent?
Who may dwell on Your holy hill?

**Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right;
and speak the truth from their heart.**

Those who do not slander with their tongues,
and do no evil to their friends.

Those who do these things shall never be moved.

(from Psalm 15)

The Prayer of Praise and Adoration

*The Hymn 429

As a Chalice Cast of Gold

*The Litany of Confession

When the cross appears as folly instead of God's power,
let those who boast, boast of the Lord.

When some demand signs and others seek wisdom,
let those who boast, boast of the Lord.

When the favored of the world claim the favor of God,
let those who boast, boast of the Lord.

We despise the weak and long to be strong;
God's foolishness is wisdom; God's weakness is strength.

We despise the ignorant and seek to be wise;
God's foolishness is wisdom; God's weakness is strength.

We despise the lowly and struggle for status;
God's foolishness is wisdom;

God's weakness is strength. . . (time for silent confession). . .

*The Choral Response

*The Litany of Pardon

Blessings abound for the people of God!

The poor in spirit are rich; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

The meek inherit the earth; the merciful obtain mercy.

Peacemakers are children of God, imitating their heavenly parent.

And those who search for righteousness find fulfillment in their quest.

In spite of persecution and slander, gladness and joy are proclaimed.

Believe the Good News of the Lord:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

*The Gloria Patri

p. 579 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 worshippers 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: *Micah 6:1-8*

p. 1060 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalm 15*

p. 609 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

Blessed Are You

Mark Hayes

Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who now weep, for you will laugh.

Blessed are you who are meek, for you will inherit the earth.

Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

*Blessed are you, my children. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad,
for great is your reward in heaven.*

Blessed are you who are merciful, for you will inherit the earth.

Blessed are you who are pure in heart, for you will see God.

Blessed are you who make peace, for you will be called the children of God.

*Blessed are you who are persecuted for righteousness sake,
for yours is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you,
and when they revile you, and when they defame you on account of the Son of Man.*

Rejoice in that day and leap for joy for surely your reward is great in heaven.

The Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 5:1-12*

p. 4 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 372

O for a World

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The Epistle Lesson: *I Corinthians 1:18-31*

p. 202 in the pew Bible

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

The Sermon

Crossigns

Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

*The Affirmation of Faith

A Brief Statement of Faith
(Paragraphs 1, 2, 5, 6 only)

p. 37-38 in the Hymnal

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

p. 16 in the Hymnal

The Service of Offering

The Gathering of Our Gifts

The Offertory

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Doxology, p. 592 in the Hymnal

We offer but a portion of the bounty that You bestow, O God. Receive our gifts as we seek to walk in Your way. Where justice is sought, use these gifts to bring Christ's liberating word. Where there is pain, may they bring the healing of Christ's love. Where there is want, let them assure others that You know of their needs before they are voiced. Continue to multiply what we give to You, as we become more obedient to Christ's will for our lives. Bless both our gifts and the lives that present them to Your praise and glory. Amen.

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

*The Hymn 223

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

*The Charge & Benediction

*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 1/29-2/5

Today (1/29)

Worship Services, <i>S</i>	8:30 & 11am
Church School	9:45am
Congregational Meeting	
Sacred Dance, <i>S</i>	3:30pm
Cantate Choir, <i>UCR</i>	5pm
Youth Group and Dinner, <i>FH</i>	6pm

Monday (1/30)

CE Committee, <i>CF</i>	7pm
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Tuesday (1/31)

Men's Breakfast, <i>Bob Evans</i>	7:30am
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Wednesday (2/1)

Bible Study, <i>EB</i>	9:30am
Prime Timers' Lunch, <i>Renato's</i>	11:30am
Meditation Group, <i>CP</i>	6:30pm

Thursday (2/2)

Ladies' Bible Study, <i>MH</i>	9:30am
Handbells, <i>S</i>	6pm
Adult Choir, <i>CR</i>	7:30pm

Saturday (2/4)

Micah Breakfast, <i>FH</i>	6:30am
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Sunday (2/5)

Worship Services, <i>S</i>	8:30 & 11am
Church School	9:45am
PW Neverending Circle, <i>Jacqui Nix's</i>	2pm
Sacred Dance, <i>S</i>	3:30pm

Location Key:

<i>CP: Church Parlor</i>	<i>MH: Middle House</i>
<i>S: Sanctuary</i>	<i>CH: Church House</i>
<i>EB: Education Building</i>	<i>CF: Conference Room</i>
<i>U: Undercroft</i>	<i>FH: Fellowship Hall</i>
<i>UCR: Choir Room in Ed. Building</i>	<i>CR: Choir Room</i>

Birthdays this Week

January

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

February

- 1. Elizabeth Adams, Karen Chichester
- 2. Winnie Vyverberg
- 4. Paula Kallay, Judy Lowman, Marty Wilder
- 5. Polly Estes, Julie Young

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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 Kimberly and Scott Fischer in honor of their parents, Joseph Lackey, Jr. and Catherine Fischer.

Capsule of Concern: Adrian Stocker

Lectionary readings for next Sunday, February 5:

Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]; Psalm 112:1-9 [10];
1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]; Matthew 5:13-20

Service Attendants

Liturgist
Paul Kukla

8:30 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Terri Crawley

Greeters
Chauncey & Shirley Kutz, Jeff & Terri Kunkler

Ushers
Harry & Joanne Farley, Suzi Bevan, Tracey Rembisz

Elevator Assistant
Jim Toler

11:00 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Doreen Vaughn

Greeters
Richard & Susan Harrison, Debra Myers

Ushers
Barry & Della Hall, Paul & Holly Horn

Elevator Assistant
Scott Fischer

Nursery Attendants
Lexie & Jamie Loder, April Stevens, Gina & Mike Wright, Chip & Amy Ellis

Hospital Visitor 1/29-2/4

Susie Kuliasha, 370-1710

Stewards of God's good Earth.
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Evelyn Oplinger, Jesse Chewning, Carter Theado, Theo & Levi Blashford along with their parents participated in the **Worship Workshop** last Sunday. We thank Sharon Humes, Jacqui & Bill Nix, Caroline Deaderick, Heidi Pedersen, Chris Fisher, Brittany Harvey, and Bridget Harvey for their leadership.

The **Christian Education Committee** will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room on Monday, January 30, at 7:00 p.m.

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.

The **Teachers for the Gospel of Matthew** study will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 2, in the Conference Room.

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; and *Faith & Movie Class*, Marty & Vicky Wilder, 1st floor, Middle House.

The **2017 Confirmation Journey** seekers will meet at 9:45 a.m. today on the 2nd floor of the Middle House. Their topic this morning is sin.

Youth Sunday, Souper Bowl Offering, and Stop Hunger Now will take place on February 5. You may sign up to help with Stop Hunger Now in the lobby of the Education Building.

For those **registering for the Stop Hunger Now** event on February 5, please fill out a release form at the registration table or complete the form at <http://events.stophungernow.org/TPC2017>.

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) today.

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.

This year's planning committee is excited to inform you of the upcoming **2017 Congregational Retreat** on March 11 and 12, at Camp Hanover. The theme is "Ground of All Being: Exploring Our Celtic Heritage."

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 6th-7th graders, June 27-30, registration form and \$270 are due today; 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.

Our volunteers continue to assist at the **Cold Weather Shelter** each Wednesday at least through the middle of March. Each week the volunteers take a snack and underwear/socks/t-shirts. **We ask that you bring women's and men's underwear, all sizes, for our volunteers to take to the guests at the shelter.** There is a bin outside the Sanctuary and another in the lobby of the Education Building.

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.

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.