

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

January 7, 2018

Celebrating Epiphany

8:30 & 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 60)

Arise, shine; for Your light has come; and the glory of the Lord has risen upon You.

**Lift up your eyes and look around; sons and daughters,
gather together, they come to you.**

Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice.

**They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.**

The Prayer of Adoration

*The Hymn 143

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

*The Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, Light of the world, we confess that we have not resisted the darkness of sin. You deliver the poor and the helpless, but we have ignored their cry. You take pity on the weak and the destitute, but our hearts are hard in the face of their need. You heal the wounded and save the oppressed but we have placed our trust in the callous violence of war. Forgive us, we pray. Awaken in us sincere repentance that we may shine with the light of your saving grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. . . . (time for silent confession). . .

*The Assurance of Pardon

Arise, shine, for your Light has come!

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

To all who believe in Christ, God gives power to become children of God.

We believe 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 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: *Isaiah 60:1-6*

p. 844 in the pew Bible

The *Psalter* Lesson: *Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14*

p. 656 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

We Three Kings
Sacred Dancers

John Rutter, arr.

The *Epistle* Lesson: *Ephesians 3:1-12*

p. 235 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 152

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

The *Gospel* Lesson: *Matthew 2:1-12*

p. 2 in the pew Bible

The Sermon

Star Struck
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

The Service of Offering

The Gathering of Our Gifts

The Offertory

MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES 1/7-14

Today (1/7)

Worship Services, <i>S</i>	8:30 & 11am
Church School Brunch, <i>FH</i>	9:30am
PW Lesson Overview, <i>CF</i>	12:15pm
PW Never Ending Circle, <i>Patty Toler's</i>	2pm
Sacred Dance, <i>U</i>	3:30pm
Cantate, <i>UCR</i>	5pm
Youth Fellowship and Dinner	6pm
Confirmation Explorers/Covenant Partners, <i>U</i>	6:30pm

Monday (1/8)

Newsletter Item Deadline	
PW Faith Circle, <i>CP</i>	1pm

Tuesday (1/9)

Men's Breakfast, <i>Bob Evans</i>	7:30am
PW Friendship Circle, <i>Chancellor's Village</i>	10:30am
Cong. Retreat Planning Mtg, <i>CF</i>	7pm

Wednesday (1/10)

2nd Wednesday Fellowship, <i>FH</i>	6:00pm
Meditation, <i>CP</i>	6:30pm

Thursday (1/11)

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

Saturday (1/13)

Micah Breakfast, <i>FH</i>	6:30am
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Sunday (1/14)

Worship Services, <i>S</i>	8:30 & 11am
Church School	9:45am
Bruce's 20 th Anniversary Reception, <i>FH</i>	12:30pm
Sacred Dance, <i>U</i>	3:30pm
Cantate, <i>UCR</i>	5pm
Session, <i>MH</i>	7pm

Location Key:

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

Birthdays this Week

January

- Haley Dameron
- Bud Baker, Sarah Gormley, Anne Thompson
- Thomas Digges, Harry Farley, Bridget Harvey
- Laura Digges, Ruth Moreau, Lillian Remsen, Alexandra Spaulding
- Mike Foreman, Ginger Oplinger
- Pete Kolakowski, Mia Rawlings
- Maxine Gloyd, Gary Scheibel

Hospital Visitor 1/7-13

Susie Kuliasha, 370-1710

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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 Doris Gulatsi to the glory of God and in honor of the Presbyterian Church Staff.

Capsule of Concern: Carole Fariss, Mary Lou Greenlaw, Mary Jane King, Charlotte Mims, Billie Plank, Bob Snow, Susie Techlin, Frank Turnage

Our heartfelt **Christian love and sympathies** are extended to Ann Harry and family on the death of her mother, Louise Earnhardt, who died on January 3, 2018.

Lectionary readings for next Sunday, January 14:

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20); Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18;
1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

Service Attendants

Liturgist
Brian Liska

8:30 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Linda Spratt

Greeters
Mike & Michelle Gibson,
David & Karen Johnson

Ushers
Marjolijn Bijlefeld, Paul
Leimer, Jean Ravinsky, Wayne
Hibbeler

Elevator Assistant
Jim Toler

11:00 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Doreen Vaughn

Greeters
Whalen family, Steve & Linda
Spratt

Ushers
Joel & Julie Young, Shirley
Eye, Helen Fortune

Elevator Assistant
Scott Fischer

Nursery Attendants
8:30 & 11:00 services
Mike & Mel Gloyd, Rachel
Hole, Russell Morris &
Britanny Harvey, Betsy & Eva
Lewis

All are invited to the **Church School brunch** this morning beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. All food and beverages are provided by the Christian Education Committee. Children and youth will leave for their classes around 10:00 a.m. Adults will remain in the fellowship hall to hear about the upcoming classes for the winter/spring.

Youth Fellowship activities today - Middle School: Game Night. Senior High: Final theme selection for Youth Sunday on February 4. *Next Week*: No Youth Fellowship activities.

The **explorers and covenant partners** in the 2018 **Confirmation Journey** will gather at 6:30 pm this evening in the Undercroft for a time of activities and sharing. Regular class for the explorers will begin next Sunday at 9:45 a.m. on the 2nd floor of the Middle House.

First through third graders along with their parents are invited to come to the **Worship Workshop** on Sunday, January 28, following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall. Children and parents will participate in learning centers on the 2nd floor of the Education Building. The centers will include: the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles' Creed, the Doxology & Gloria Patri, Sanctuary Game, Finding Scripture Passages, Order of Worship, and a hymnbook marker. Please let Bruce know by January 21 if you plan to attend, 373-7057 (bharvey@fredericksburgpc.org).

All ages are invited to the 2nd **Wednesday Fellowship and Dinner** on January 10, at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Kaci LeFebre will prepare chicken parmesan casserole for dinner. Following dinner everyone will participate in Big Circle Dancing and freeze-frame Bible stories. Come join the fun. You may make a reservation using the insert in the bulletin this morning or contact the church, 373-7057. (cjforsing@fredericksburgpc.org).

The **Congregational Retreat planning committee** will meet on Tuesday, January 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. The congregational retreat is March 10-11 at Camp Hanover.

The Fellowship Committee invites you to plan for **Suppers for 7** (or sometimes 6 or 8). These small groupings of fellow church members gather to share a meal and enjoy fellowship with old and new friends. To be in a group that will be announced the end of January, contact Pastor Tamminga, 540-373-7057 (btamminga@fredericksburgpc.org).

The Fellowship Committee will be hosting a **Trivia Night and Potluck** on Saturday, January 27, in the Fellowship Hall. All ages will enjoy this terrific event! Please bring a bowl-food to share. Supper will begin at 5:00 p.m., and the first round of trivia will begin at 5:30.

The **Empty Nesters** are planning another event of conversation, games, appetizers, and desserts. Please bring your own beverage along with an appetizer or dessert to share. A bonfire and s'mores are also on the agenda! The fun happens between 5:00 and 9:00 p.m. on January 20, at the Simms' residence, 12092 Mount Rose Drive, King George, VA. Let Lynn know by phone, 540-775-2763, or email, ljsimms1209@gmail.com, if you plan on coming.

The Presbyterian Church will be sponsoring our next blood drive with the American Red Cross on January 23 from 1-7 in the Fellowship Hall. Just imagine the lives that will be touched by your gift! All you need to do to become a part of this lifesaving mission is book your appointment and roll up your sleeve. You can register by filling out the signup sheet that will be located on the table in front of the church the first 3 Sundays in January or on line at redcrossblood.org. Search online for sponsor code:FredericksburgPresbyterian. Be sure to encourage your family members, friends, and co-workers to join you. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Benn, 540 370-1646 (lkbrab@verizon.net).

The churches of Fredericksburg have a great need for members to **volunteer** through their collaborative ministry, **Micah**. You can choose to work at the front desk in the Housing Stabilization Center, bus tables, serve or host/hostess in the new Micah Café, pick up and deliver household items for the Furniture "Bank," provide Respite dinners, or be on call to help with various maintenance projects. To learn more about any of these volunteer opportunities, visit the table outside the Sanctuary after church or call the Micah Hospitality Center at 540-479-4116. With your help, *neighbors find a home here*. There is a sign up table in the Lobby.

Offering Envelopes are available in the Education Building Lobby. If you have not had envelopes in the past and would like them, contact the church office, 540-373-7057, (cjforsing@fredericksburgpc.org)

You are invited to a **celebration in honor of Bruce Harvey and his 20 years of service** to our church on Sunday, January 14, in the Fellowship Hall, following the 11:00 a.m. service. RSVP to the church office, 540-373-7057 (cjforsing@fredericksburgpc.org).

BB&T welcomes the parishioners of Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church to park in our parking lot while we are closed on Sunday mornings. However, we ask that everyone only park in designated spaces and never in any of the drive-thru lanes. Spaces should not be created along the side of the building or as an extension of the marked parking spaces. We have retail and business clients that utilize the 24-hour service of the night depository and the ATM. Several of our clients have made complaints that they have been unable to access both.