

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Baptism of the Lord

January 8, 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

In the beginning, at creation, the Spirit hovered over the waters of the deep.

In the waters of the flood, God cleansed the earth and humankind.

God caused the waters to part so that Israel could cross from slavery to liberation.

God formed Jesus in the waters of Mary's womb.

Jesus taught us how to live by washing his disciples' feet in water.

Drinking water from a well, Jesus met a Samaritan woman, the first person to recognize that he was the Christ.

Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus, the Christ.

God meant for Jesus to be the firstborn in a large family.

Thanks and praise be to God!

The Prayer of Adoration

*The Hymn 409

God Is Here!

*The Prayer of Confession

You have given Christ as a covenant to the nations, O God, yet Your people continue to live at war. Your prophets proclaim justice and peace, yet we dwell amid hostility and oppression. You judge Your people with fairness; we implore You to have mercy upon us. Give sight to eyes that are blind to Your truth. Enlighten our darkness, that we may behold You even in the midst of our enemies. Free us from seeking our own grandeur, so that in humility we may live at peace with Your people. . . (time for silent confession) . . .

*The Choral Response

*The Assurance of Pardon

God loves us enough to accept us as we are.

God loves us too much to leave us as we are.

We believe 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

The Old Testament Lesson: *Isaiah 42:1-9*

p. 820 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 29*

p. 621 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

The New Testament Lesson: *Acts 10:34-43*

p. 157 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 96

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

The Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 3:15-17*

p. 3 in the pew Bible

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

The Communion Meditation

Well Pleased
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

*The *Nicene Creed*

p. 34 in the Hymnal

The Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and Dedication

The Service of Offering

The Gathering of Our Gifts

The Offertory

TO CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT. . .

*The Hymn of Preparation 494

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

The Invitation

The Call To Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise. . .

January 8, 2017

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

. . . who forever sing to the glory of Your Name:
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Power and Might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the Highest.
. . . Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again . . .

The Lord's Prayer

p. 35 in the Hymnal

The Communion

(Worshippers may take the bread and the cup as they are offered,
following their own quiet moments of preparation.)

The Prayer After Communion

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

*The Hymn 482

Baptized in Water

*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 1/8-15

Today (1/8)

Worship Services, <i>S</i>	8:30 & 11am
Church School Brunch, <i>FH</i>	9:30am
Never Ending Cir., <i>Debe Garrison's</i>	12:30pm
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

Monday (1/9)

Newsletter items due	
PW Faith Circle, <i>MH</i>	1pm
Congregational Retreat Committee, <i>CF</i>	7pm
Holy Land Trip Meeting, <i>MH</i>	7pm

Tuesday (1/10)

Men's Breakfast, <i>Bob Evans</i>	7:30am
PW Friendship Circle, Chancellors Vlge	10:30am

Wednesday (1/11)

Bible Study, <i>EB</i>	9:30am
2 nd Wednesday @ TPC, <i>FH</i>	6pm
Meditation Group, <i>CP</i>	6:30pm

Thursday (1/12)

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

Saturday (1/14)

Micah Breakfast, <i>FH</i>	6:30am
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Sunday (1/15)

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

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

8. Haley Dameron
9. Bud Baker, Sarah Gormley
10. Harry Farley, Bridget Harvey, Thomas Digges
11. Lillian Remsen, Ruth Moreau, Laura Digges, Alexandra Spaulding
12. Mike Foreman, Ginger Oplinger
13. Pete Kolakowski, Mia Rawlings
14. Gary Scheibel
15. Lou Cralle, Duane Hansen, Neil Sullivan, Eleanor Bailey, Oliver Morris

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January 8, 2017

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 Pete and Sharon Humes in honor of Larry and Mary Ann Casey.

Capsule of Concern: Mary Babinsky, Charlotte Mims, Jack Plank, Kay Roscoe, Bob Snow

Our heartfelt **Christian love and sympathies** are extended to Gary and Grace Hynden, Cara Hynden Wainright, Gary Wainright, Isla Wainright and family on the death of Michael, their son, brother, and uncle, who died on December 30, 2017.

Lectionary readings for next Sunday, January 15:

Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11;
1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

Service Attendants

Liturgist
Suzi Bevan

8:30 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Trudy McNatt

Greeters
Mike & Susie Kuliasha, Judy Lowman

Ushers
David & Sarah Wright, Mike Gibson

Elevator Assistant
Bryan Eland

11:00 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Doreen Vaughn

Greeters
Helen Fortune, Gina Whitticar

Ushers
Ralph & Betsy Lewis, Linda Sweet, Paul Leimer

Elevator Assistant
Gary Vaughn

Nursery Attendants
Heather Eland, Al & April Stevens, Amy & Steve McCullough, Brian & Kim Liska

Hospital Visitor 1/8-14

Bob Piersall, 373-3289

Stewards of God's good Earth.
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All members are invited to the **Church School brunch** this morning 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.

Seekers and Covenant Partners will meet this evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Undercroft to begin the 2017 Confirmation Journey. The seekers will meet at 9:45 a.m. next Sunday, January 15, to start their regular class schedule. Please be in prayer for the 13 seekers, parents, and Covenant Partners.

PW NeverEnding Circle meets today, at Debe Garrison's at 12:30.

The **Women's Thursday Morning Bible Study** will resume on January 12. We will continue studying the Lectionary readings for the following Sunday. New participants are welcome to join us at 9:30 a.m. in the 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 so that we will be prepared to enter into conversation with the youth they reflect on their discussions.

The **2017 Congregational Retreat Committee** will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 9, in the Conference Room.

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.

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 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@fredericksburg.org).

The **January 2nd Wednesday Fellowship** will gather on **January 11**, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Felicia Hibbeler will prepare a lasagna dinner (meat and veggie). The cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 4-11 with a family max of \$18. After dinner activities will include big circle dancing and Bible story slideshow. All ages are invited to come. Make a reservation using the insert in the bulletin.

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.

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. Hit songs of this show include "Blue Suede Shoes," "Folsom Prison Blues," "Great Balls of Fire," "Hound Dog," "See You Later, Alligator," and many others! 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.

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.

A Kitchen Committee is being formed to 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).

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.

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