

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

July 16, 2017

8:30 and 10:00 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 *Psalm 119*)

Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord, and teach me Your ordinances.

Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.

I incline my heart to perform Your statutes forever, even unto the end.

The Prayer of Adoration

Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Like a beacon You lead us to safe havens. You discern the thoughts of our hearts. You enlighten our darkness and clarify our confusion. You, indeed, rescue us when we are bewildered and lost. Accept now our offerings of praise and thanksgiving as we open Your Word and learn of Your ways. All glory be to You, Eternal God-Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer of all. Amen.

*The Hymn 308

O God in Whom All Life Begins

*The Prayer of Confession

Holy Spirit, we confess that we have been caught up in the movements of this world, that cause us to seek our own gain, our own worldly success above the needs of others. We confess that we often judge others by our own lives, that others have not worked hard enough or lived the right way. Forgive us for our short-sightedness, our selfish smugness that asserts we are right and others are wrong. Forgive us for not living as if we are last of all and servant of all, as Christ taught us. Lead us into the way of life, to seek the well-being of others, lifting up those who are in need, and loving our neighbors as ourselves. In the name of Christ, our teacher, our Redeemer and friend, we pray ... (time for silent prayer)...

*The Assurance of Pardon

God sets our feet on right paths.

Every time we step away, we are giving the opportunity to step back.

Even when we stray further away, grace is available.

God does not leave us.

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

Life-giving God, we give thanks for the gift of Your Word; for the light and life it brings to our lives. We ask that as it is proclaimed, we might come to know You better, to understand ourselves more fully, and find the wisdom and encouragement we need to live as Your faithful disciples. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

The Old Testament Lesson: *Genesis 25:19-34*

p. 26 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalm 119:105-112*

p. 699 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

Sometimes a Light Surprises

Craig Courtney

Dorothy Mondak, soprano

Sometimes a light surprises the Christian while he sings;

It is the Lord who rises with healing in His wings.

When comforts are declining, He grants the soul again

a season of clear shining, to cheer it after rain.

In holy contemplation we sweetly then pursue the theme

of God's salvation, and find it ever new;

Set free from present sorrow, we cheerfully can say,

let the unknown tomorrow bring with it what it may.

It can bring with it nothing but He will bear us through:

who gives the lilies clothing will clothe His people too:

Beneath the spreading heavens no creature but is fed;

and He who feeds the ravens will give His children bread.

Though vine nor fig tree neither their wanted fruit should bear,

though all the fields should wither, nor flocks nor herds be there;

Yet, God the same abiding, His praise shall tune my voice;

for, while in Him confiding, I cannot but rejoice.

The Epistle Lesson: *Romans 8:1-11*

p. 191 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 407

Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

The Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*

p. 16 in the pew Bible

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

MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES 7/16-23

Today (7/16)

Worship Services, *S* 8:30 & 10am
Deacon Training, *CP* 11:30am
Sacred Dance, *U* 3:30pm

Monday (7/17)

SOKS Camp, *Heritage Park* 12:30pm
Mission Committee, *CF* 7pm

Tuesday (7/18)

Men's Breakfast, *Bob Evans* 7:30am
SOKS Camp, *Heritage Park* 12:30pm
Summer Book Club, *FH* 7pm

Wednesday (7/19)

Lunch Prep for Stafford Junction, *K* 10am
SOKS Camp, *Heritage Park* 12:30pm
Meditation Group, *CP* 6:30pm

Thursday (7/20)

SOKS Camp, *Heritage Park* 12:30pm

Friday (7/21)

Youth Fellowship to King's Dominion,
Depart Church Parking Lot 9am

Saturday (7/22)

Micah Breakfast, *FH* 6:30am

Sunday (7/23)

Montreat Youth Conference, *depart* 7am
Worship Services, *S* 8:30 & 10am
Sacred Dance, *U* 3:30pm

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

July

16. Meg Bohmke, Frank Turnage
17. Ann Glover, Christopher Hall,
Elizabeth McAfoose, Nancy Raines,
Judy Schulken, Michael Wimberly
18. Josh Rehm, Adelaide Stevens
19. Ellie Cox, Matthew Rembisz
20. Joe Mathias, Harper Umble
21. Sydney Coffman, Penny Vaughn,
Mallory Veil
22. Michele Coffman, Piper Foresman,
Jim Gillespie, Sue Grussendorf,
Ralph Hughes, Nicholas Kallay, Ben
King, Chauncey Kutz
23. Suzi Bevan, Ryan Ribel

Hospital Visitor 7/16-22

Jane Kolakowski, 374-0476

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

8:30 and 10:00 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 Vi and Woody Statler to the glory of God and in celebration of Ashley Rose Statler's baptism.

Capsule of Concern: Tom Coen, Charlotte Mims, Lillian Remsen, Susie Techlin, Frank Turnage, Rim Vining

The Sacrament of Baptism at our 10:00 a.m. service is celebrated for Ashley Rose Statler, born November 10, 2016. Ashley is the daughter of Rachel Ball and John Statler, sister of Sophie and granddaughter of Vi and Woody Statler.

Lectionary readings for next Sunday, July 23:

Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24;

Romans 8:12-25;

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Service Attendants

Liturgist
Michelle Gibson

8:30 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Rachel Hole

Greeters
Gene & Hattie Bingham, Jerry
& Trina Parsons

Ushers
Steve & Susie Davis, Wayne &
Felicia Hibbeler

Elevator Assistant
Ian Norfleet

10:00 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Lynn Simms

Greeters
Helen Fortune, Joan Hamb

Ushers
Scott & Kim Fisher, Marty &
Vicky Wilder

Elevator Assistant
Linda Benn

Lemonade on the Lawn
Vanessa Huffman and family

Nursery Attendants
8:30 & 10:00 services
Sharon Moser, Laura
Chewning, Kathryn Rexrode,
Chip & Amy Ellis

Please talk to and thank our **youth mission trip participants** - Olivia Fartro, Rachel Talmadge, Camila Medina, Thomas Hancock, Nick Medina, McCray Fidler, Nils Pedersen, David Deaderick, Wayne Hibbeler, John Howe, and Brittany Tamminga. They were in Greenbrier County, West Virginia, working on a house damaged by the floods last summer.

Youth Fellowship at Kings Dominion Youth of all ages, from rising 6th graders to graduating seniors are invited to join us on Friday, July 21, at King's Dominion for a day of fellowship and fun. We will meet at the church at 9:00 a.m. and return by 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35 and include the waterpark, Soak City. Please contact Rev. Tamminga to reserve your space today, and make sure to mention if you already have a season pass. The deadline to reserve your ticket is July 16. Checks can be made payable to The Presbyterian Church before or on the day of the event.

Twenty-two youth and three adults will leave from the church parking lot for the **Montreat Youth Conference** on Sunday, July 23, at 7:00 a.m.; and will return on Saturday, July 29, mid-afternoon.

All youth and adults are invited to join the **special August Church School session** focusing on *Christianity, Judaism, and Islam - basic beliefs and struggles in today's world* - August 6, 13, 20, and 27. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall following the 10:00 a.m. service

SOKS Camp is this week, Monday-Thursday at Heritage Park and Sunshine Park from 12:45 to 3:30 p.m.

All Roads lead to Rome this summer at VBS! Join us the week of July 30-August 3, to explore a crowded Roman marketplace, tiptoe past watchful Roman guards, encourage first-century Christians who meet in a dark cave, race chariots, and visit Paul for daily discoveries about God's love. Register during lemonade on the lawn (rising 4 year olds through rising 5th graders). Come have a glass of lemonade and sign up for VBS

VBS Nursery Volunteers - We are in need of a few brave souls to stay with the babies and toddlers of our volunteers so that they can make Ancient Rome come to life for the children of our church. If you would like to help, please contact Robin Joel (rjoel515@gmail.com) or Rachel Hole (rjarnেকে@yahoo.com), or come sign up during lemonade on the lawn.

Looking for a way to **help with VBS** this year but cannot volunteer? A great way would be to **donate supplies needed for the week**. We need: cardboard (especially large boxes or sheets), round cardboard tubes, 6 tailgate tents/canopy tents, two small kid pools and old large sheets to drape over canopy tents.

Mission Committee will meet in the conference room at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 17.

Volunteers will meet this Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the kitchen to put together lunches for the summer school at **Stafford Junction**.

Steve & Sonia Dettweiler, who work in Nigeria with Wycliffe Bible Translators, will be visiting with us on Sunday, July 30. They will have a moment for mission at both services.

Following the 10:00 a.m. service they will be available to share in more detail about their work. We will meet in the Middle House.

School Dressing Days will be held August 11 & 12, at the LDS church on Bragg Road. New clothing, school supplies, backpacks and toiletries are provided to children grades K-12 to go back to school. Ways to be involved: help families "shop," keep items replenished, clean up, etc., help set up on August 9 & 10, and help with pre-registration in June and July.. To volunteer, sign up online at signupgenius.com and search schooldressingdays@gmail.com or signup on Sunday mornings. Questions? Contact Becky Paul, 373-2294, (bcmrpaul@cox.net).

Mark your calendars and spread the word: on Monday, July 24, at Harry's Ale House, (Harrison Crossing Shopping Center), **School Dressing Days** will receive \$2 for each Charity Steak Dinner that is purchased from opening to closing on that day. You don't need a flyer; just order the steak meal for charity. Our goal is to sell at least 100 steak dinners.

We lend our 15 rectangular tables to **School Dressing Days** at the Mormon church in August. A pickup and 3 or 4 volunteers are needed to take tables over the afternoon of August 8, and to bring them back to the church on Monday, August 14. If you are able to help, please contact Bruce or the church office - 373-7057 or bharvey@fredericksburgpc.org.

An opportunity awaits for volunteers on Saturday, September 2, to help out with the **Micah breakfast**. The prepared food will need to be heated and served followed by cleanup. The time is from 6:30 to 9:00 a.m. Please stop by the table outside the Sanctuary to sign-up if you are able to help.

Roll up your sleeves for the **Annual Red Cross Blood Drive** on August 8, in the Fellowship Hall from 1:00-7:00 p.m.