

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

June 17, 2018

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

The time is ripe; the harvest is near!
Everything old is passing away.
The kingdom of God is springing to life.
See, everything is becoming new!

The Prayer of Adoration

God of our refuge, what have we to fear? You are a very present help in times of trouble, a source of comfort during distress. There is no matter so small that You are not aware of it, no problem too great that we cannot share it with You. You who move mountains and set streams on their courses, within Your providence You take care even of us. We praise You and honor You, God of Creation; You are indeed our refuge and strength. In the Name of Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we worship and pray. Amen.

*The Hymn 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

The Prayer of Confession

Holy God, the parable of the mustard seed teaches us that a little faith can produce great work in Your kingdom. Yet we are too timid to bear the fruit of Your righteousness, for we walk by sight and not by faith. Too often we do not uphold the poor or the oppressed. We do not advocate for the powerless or the voiceless. We do not sacrifice ourselves for the needs of our neighbors. . . . (time for silent confession). . . In Your mercy, renew us with the love of Christ so that we live no longer for ourselves, but for Christ Who became the seed of Your righteousness in us. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

Christ died for all so that all might die to sin.

Therefore, we no longer live for ourselves.

We live for the One who for our sakes died and was raised.
Because of 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.)

The Reception of New Members

Questions of Membership

*The *Apostles' Creed*

p. 35 in the Hymnal

*The Prayer of Reception

Almighty God, by the love of Jesus Christ You draw people to faith, and welcome them into the church family. May we show Your joy by embracing new brothers and sisters, who with us believe the Good News of Your undying love. Together may we live in the Spirit, build one another up in love, sharing in the life and worship of the church, and serving the world for the sake of Jesus Christ, to Whom we give honor and glory forever. Amen.

*Hymn of Reception

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: *1 Samuel 15:34-16:13*

p. 322 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

His Eye Is On the Sparrow

Gabriel/Schrader

Carol Mayer, soprano

*Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home,
when Jesus is my portion?*

My constant friend is He: for His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free!

For His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me.

"Let not your heart be troubled," his tender words I hear.

And resting on His promise I lose my doubt and fear.

Though on the path He leads me, O, just one step I see:

for His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me.

The Epistle Lesson: *2 Corinthians 5:6-10*

p. 220 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

Father's Day Recognition

The Ordination and Installation of Officers (see insert)

The Gospel Lesson: *Mark 4:26-34*

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

p. 47 in the pew Bible

The Sermon

A Seedy Business
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

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

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Doxology, p. 606 in the Hymnal

All that we have is Yours, O God. What we present for the church's use in no sacrifice. We are privileged to share Good News in word and deed. May our common ministry be extended by the time and talents and treasure we invest. We would no longer live just for ourselves but for the realization of Your reign among us. Let all things become new as we give our best, in Christ's Name. Amen.

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

*The Hymn 36

For the Fruit of All Creation

*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*

The Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

June 17, 2018

8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

The Litany of Gifts

There are a variety of gifts,
But it is the same Spirit Who gives them.
There are different ways of serving God,
But it is the same Lord Who is served.
God works through each person in a unique way,
But it is God's purpose that is accomplished.
To each is given a gift of the Spirit
To use it for the common good.
Together we are the body of Christ,
And individually members of it.

Statement on the Ministry of the Church

Questions to the Elders and Deacons Elect

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge Him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

To Elders...

Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

To Deacons...

Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

Questions to the Congregation

Do we, the members of the church, accept Michael, Andrea, Jim, Russell, Don, Libby, John, Connie, Vanessa, Michelle and Gail as ruling elders and deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

*The Apostles' Creed

p. 35 in the Hymnal

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

Declaration of Ordination

Welcome

Charge and Blessing

Hymn 548

May God Support You All Your Days

We ordain and install Michael Gloyd, Libby Humes, Andrea Ilardia,
Jim Christie, Russell Morris, Don Nance.

We install John Bailey, Connie Barnes, Vanessa Huffman, Michelle Porter
and Gail McGhee who have served previously.

Elders retiring from active duty on Session are: John Conway, Vanessa Huffman,
Ralph Lewis, Jen Rowe, Jeremy Vaughn and Nils Pedersen.

Deacons retiring from active service are: Kim Fischer, Trina Parsons,
Della Hall and Rachel Talmadge.

We thank them for their dedicated, able, and faithful service.

MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES 6/17-24

Today (6/17)
 Worship Services, *S* 8:30 & 10am
 Sacred Dance, *U* 3:30pm

Monday (6/18)
 Mission Committee, *CF* 7pm

Tuesday (6/19)
 Men's Breakfast, *Bob Evans* 7:30am
 PW Cir. Of Prayer, *Vicky Wilder's* 12pm
 Library Committee, *L* 7pm

Wednesday (6/20)
 Meditation, *CP* 6:30pm

Thursday (6/21)
 Youth Fellowship Outing*

Saturday (6/23)
 Micah Breakfast, *FH* 6:30am
 Church-Wide Trip to Nationals Game*

Sunday (6/24)
 Worship Services, *S* 8:30 & 10am
 Deacon Training, *CF* 11:30am
 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
L: Library *EBL:* Ed. Building Lobby

*See announcement for details

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Birthdays this Week

June

17. Linda Blakemore, Lily Digges,
Leif Johnston, Anders Pedersen
18. Catherine Sullivan
19. Katie Blashford, Patti Kerns,
Jacob Rembisz
20. Olivia Adams, Pete Beattie, Guy
Gormley, Nicholas Kallay
21. David Johnson, Becky Paul
22. Camille McAllister, Trina Parsons
23. Amy Ellis, Marnie Schattgen
24. Mary Katherine Greenlaw, Donna
Hughes, Morgan Mallory, Andrew
Thomas

Hospital Visitor 6/17-23
 Betty Ellett, 371-3032

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June 17, 2018

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 4-year-olds.

All worshipers are encouraged to sign the Attendance/Friendship pad, greet your friends, and welcome visitors.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the March 31, 2018 marriage of Daniel Norfleet and Shanna St. John in Boise, Idaho. Daniel is the son/stepson of Ian and Lynn Norfleet.

Capsule of Concern: Earl Stroup, John Walker

Lectionary readings for next Sunday, June 24:

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49;
 Psalm 9:9-20;

or

1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 10-16;
 Psalm 133;
 2 Corinthians 6:1-13;
 Mark 4:35-41

Service Attendants

Liturgist
 Jeremy Vaughn

8:30 AM
Sanctuary Guild
 Debbie Leimer

Greeters
 Porter Blakemore, Eric &
 Kathy Rocholl

Ushers
 Matt Bohmke, Mike Gibson,
 Brian & Ashley Raska

Elevator Assistant
 Bryan Eland

10:00 AM
Sanctuary Guild
 Gaye Copley

Greeters
 Scott & Kim Fischer, Helen
 Fortune

Ushers
 Mike & Jeanne Ramsburg,
 Dave & Meg Bohmke

Elevator Assistant
 Linda Benn

Lemonade On the Lawn
 Robert & Tristin Fidler

Nursery Attendants
8:30 & 10:00 services
 Shannon Hendricks, Katie
 Blashford, Marsha Lockett,
 Amanda Wimberly

The new **Library Committee** will meet on Tuesday, June 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.

The **middle school and high school youth** (this includes rising 6th graders and graduated seniors) will be going to King's Dominion on Thursday, June 21. The ticket cost of \$35 includes admission to both the theme park and the water park. We will depart from the church parking lot at 9:30 a.m. Remember to bring a water bottle, sunscreen, and cash for inside the park. If there are parents who would like serve as chaperones, please contact Pastor Tamminga.

Vans/Drivers are needed to help transport 21 of our high school youth to the **Montreat Youth Conference**. We will be departing Sunday, July 22, and returning from Montreat on Saturday, July 28. If you enjoy driving and would like to assist with transportation on either of those days OR if you have a large vehicle you would be willing to lend out for the week, please contact Pastor Tamminga or Bruce Harvey.

Summer Book Club 2018: *The Scarlet Letter* - Nathaniel Hawthorne, describing "a tale of human frailty and sorrow," insisted that *The Scarlet Letter* was "a Romance," not a novel. This distinction, in his mind, was important. Where a novel, as he put it, "aims at a very minute fidelity, not merely to the possible, but to the probable and ordinary course of man's experience," a romance expressed "the truth of the human heart." Here, in short, is the prototype of the psychological novel, a brilliant and groundbreaking example of a new genre within 19th-century fiction. Join us on 4 Tuesday evenings in July (10, 17, 24, 31) for an adventure with a capital A... . For a reading schedule and more information, contact Jen Rowe (jenrowe@cox.net).

VBS Shipwrecked - July 15-19 - Sunday 12:00-3:00 and Monday-Thursday 9:00-12:00
Join us on an awesome island adventure where we are rescued by Jesus! We will have an exciting week of fun games and activities, all while anchoring ourselves in the truth that Jesus carries us through every storm in life. Register online: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/08545b> or look for the VBS table outside of the Sanctuary. We need volunteers, so if you want to have a great week with the children of our church, sign up to help! Volunteers can also go to the website above to sign up or talk to Robin Joel or Rachel Hole for more information.

The destination for the **2019 Prime Timers/Empty Nesters Overnight trip** is Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, April 30-May 2. The trip will include stops at the Flight 93 Memorial and Fallingwater. A deposit of \$89 per person is due by August 31. The cost is \$389 for double occupancy and \$518 for single.

The Fellowship Committee has organized a church-wide outing on Saturday, June 23. Come and enjoy a day at the ballpark as the **Washington Nationals take on the Philadelphia Phillies**. The first pitch is scheduled for 4:05 p.m. and tickets are limited. Please contact Scott Fischer, 540-899-6064, (VaNavigator@msn.com) to reserve yours today!

The next **Know Your Neighbor Event: An Interfaith Gathering** will be on Sunday, July 8, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at our church. Make plans now to attend.

The **Mission Committee** will meet at 7:00 pm. on Monday, June 18, in the Conference Room.

Hartwood Presbyterian Church is asking for volunteers to help pack food bags for a Summer Meals Program at Stafford Junction. The meals for children 3 to 6 years old will be packed in bags on Mondays: July 10, 16, 23, and 30, at 7:00 p.m. at Hartwood Church. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Kasey Chance, 540-848-4876 (kaseybc@outlook.com) or Sue Schuler, 540-840-4824 (alsueschuler@verizon.net). Our church will also make a monetary donation to assist with the program.

Our church is sponsoring **SOKS Camp** for the children of Heritage Park apartments, June 25-28. We will offer baseball activities and field games at Sunshine Ballpark. Volunteers need to arrive at the apartment complex at 12:30 p.m. and take the children to the ballpark until 3:30 p.m. You may volunteer on one or all of the afternoons. Baseball skills are not necessary, just a willingness to help the kids and have fun! To sing up or for details, contact Jim Toler (jimtoler4@yahoo.com) or Bruce Harvey (bharvey@fredericksburgpc.org).

Are you looking for a gathering spot for your business, small group or lunch date? Try out **The Community Cafe**, a ministry of Fredericksburg churches involved in Micah Ecumenical Ministries. Not only does the cafe offer great food and a place to connect with people of various walks, your meal supports people living through homelessness as they prepare to work in food service. The Cafe, located at 1016 Caroline St., is open Tuesday and Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. It is a "pay-what-you-can" concept, which allows guests to make a suggested donation, give more, less or nothing at all. What a great way to grab a bite, cultivate community and help our neighbors in need sharpen employment skills!

Hospital visits are a regular part of the pastoral ministry of our congregation. Currently, local hospitals do not track patients by congregational membership. Please notify the church office if you or a family member is in the hospital and wish to be visited by the church staff. Thanks for your cooperation and understanding.

Fellow members, please mark your calendar for the all important annual Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, August 7, 1:00-7:00 p.m. This is truly a worthwhile endeavor which will save lives. Make the commitment now to help people in need. You can pre-register by going on line to Redcross.com. or call 1-800-Red-Cross.

Save the Date! Travel plans are underway for a **trip to Italy in May of 2019**. The specific itinerary and tour details will be available soon. If you are interested in some basic information about the trip now, please contact Chris Fisher via email at afish6@aol.com or cell (540) 903-8909 or watch for an Italy tour meeting announcement. Ciao!

Empty Nesters' Evening at the River - Join us at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 11, at the home of Karen and Johnny Boyles (5490 Potomac Landing Dr., King George), for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship (no fireworks). The main course will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share along with your favorite beverage. Please RSVP to Johnny and Karen Boyles, 540-469-4524 or John and Gaye Copley, 540-371-1630, by July 8. See you there!.