

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Second Sunday in Lent

March 12, 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

(Psalm 121:1, 5,8)

From where will our help come?

Our help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.

Who is our keeper?

The Lord is our keeper, by day and by night.

How long will God protect us?

**God will keep our going out and our coming in
from this time on and forever more.**

The Prayer of Praise

You keep Your eye upon us, O God; You protect us as a shield. You give us hope in spite of the disquiet that lingers within us. You lift our spirits and make us glad. All creation sings Your praise; we Your people laud Your Name. Hear us as we worship, and speak to us as we gather. For we seek to be filled with Your Spirit and made alive by Your abiding Word. Glory to You, O Eternal God – Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. Amen.

*The Hymn 49

The God of Abraham Praise

*The Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we come before You in need of forgiveness and grace. You call us to trust in You completely, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow Your lead. We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what You require. We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change. Forgive us in Your mercy. . . (time for silent confession). . .

*The Choral Response

*The Assurance of Pardon

(John 3:16-17)

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world,

but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Believe the Good News of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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: *Genesis 12:1-4a*

p. 12 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 121*

p. 702 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

I Will Lift Mine Eyes to the Hills

David Childs

I will lift mine eyes to the hills, whence cometh my help?

My help comes from God, the Maker of heaven and earth.

The Lord God watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

I will lift mine eyes to the hills, whence cometh my help?

The Lord will keep you from harm; Your Maker will watch over you;

The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

The Epistle Lesson: *Romans 4:1-5,13-17*

p. 187 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 51

To Abraham and Sarah

The Gospel Lesson: *John 3:1-17*

p. 114 in the pew Bible

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

The Sermon

How Can This Be?
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

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*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

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Doxology, p. 606 in the Hymnal

Gracious God, we dedicate to You not only these gifts but also ourselves, in deep gratitude – for Your call on our lives, Your guidance in the baptismal journey, and for blessing us so that we may be a blessing to others. Accept what we bring for Your own good purposes. In Christ we pray. Amen.

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

*The Hymn 826

Lift High the 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 3/12-19

Today (3/12)

Congregational Retreat, <i>Camp Hanover</i>	11am
Daylight Saving Time Begins	
Worship Services, <i>S</i>	8:30 & 11am
Church School	9:45am
Sacred Dance, <i>S</i>	3:30pm
Middle School Advisors, <i>FH</i>	5pm
Cantate Choir, <i>UCR</i>	5pm
Youth Group and Dinner, <i>FH</i>	6pm
Session, <i>MH</i>	7pm

Monday (3/13)

Newsletter Items Due	
PW Faith Circle, <i>MH</i>	1pm

Tuesday (3/14)

Men's Breakfast, <i>Bob Evans</i>	7:30am
PW Friendship Circle, <i>Chancellor's Village</i>	10:30am
Gospel of Matthew Study, <i>FH</i>	7pm

Wednesday (3/15)

Bible Study, <i>EB</i>	9:30am
Lenten Lunch, <i>St. Georges</i>	12pm
Meditation Group, <i>CP</i>	6:30pm

Thursday (3/16)

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

Saturday (3/18)

Micah Breakfast, <i>FH</i>	6:30am
Community Dinner, <i>FH</i>	2pm

Sunday (3/19)

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 Fellowship and Dinner, <i>FH</i>	6pm

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

March

12. Roxanne Nance, Nancy Seale, Lou Silvey, Kate Yealy
13. Caroline Raska, Maya Schattgen
14. Beth Huber, Jacqui Nix
15. Lindsay Dingman, Sophie Sweet, Xander Umble
17. Jo Anne Kinnamon, Jim Pates
19. Suzi Ashby, Janet Dowling, McCray Fidler, Ed Foresman, Will Harrison

Hospital Visitor 3/12-18

Helen Fortune, 374-9831

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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 James and Marsha Luckett to the glory of God and in honor of the marriage of Barbara Luckett and Eric Johnson in the church yesterday.

Capsule of Concern: Nita Deegan, John Howe, Doris Johnson, Barry Jones, Jean Ravinsky, Jacquie Raymond, Lillian Remsen, Kathy Rocholl, Richard Roscoe

The rosebud on the pulpit rail celebrates the birth of Rowan Bryan Eland, born March 1, 2017. Rowan is the son of Bryan and Heather Eland, and brother of Riley. He is the grandson of John and Barbara Howe and the nephew of Ashley and Jacob Kave.

Our heartfelt **Christian love and sympathies** are extended to friends and family of Larry Glassco, who died on March 2, 2017.

Lectionary readings for next Sunday, March 19:

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95;

Romans 5:1-11;

John 4:5-42

Service Attendants

Liturgist
Harry Farley

8:30 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Tammy & David Hancock

Greeters
Paul Leimer, Ian & Lynn Norfleet

Ushers
Steve & Debbie Eckel, Mike Gibson, Bill Stewart

Elevator Assistant
Jerry Zekert

11:00 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Trudy McNatt

Greeters
Linda Sweet, Missy Dodson

Ushers
Rod & Judi Hughes, Dave & Meg Bohmke

Elevator Assistant
Gary Vaughn

Nursery Attendants
Carol Nelen, Jeremy & Adrienne Vaughn, Claire & Elizabeth Rehm, Betsy & Eva Lewis

The **2017 Confirmation Journey** will not meet today as they have participated in the congregational retreat at Camp Hanover this weekend. Regular class will resume next Sunday at 9:45 a.m. with covenant partners.

Seekers and parents are reminded to begin reading the Gospel of Mark.

About **90 members** of the congregation are at Camp Hanover this participating in the Congregational Retreat.

The **Bible study on the Gospel of Matthew** continues on Tuesday, March 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Cape May Trip Participants are reminded that all payments for the trip are due by March 31. The dates for the trip are May 15-17. There are still spaces available. If you are interested in going, contact Bruce at 373-7057 or bharvey@fredericksburgpc.org.

Empty Nesters: Join us for a light-hearted evening on April Fool's Day! We're planning another evening of conversation, games, appetizers, desserts, and this year, adding a campfire and s'mores. It's a great chance to catch up with friends in a fun and comfortable atmosphere. Please bring your own beverage along with an appetizer or dessert to share, and join us between 5:30 and 9 PM on Saturday, April 1, at the Simms' residence, 12092 Mount Rose Drive, King George, VA. Let Lynn know by phone, 540-775-2763, or email, jsimms1209@gmail.com, if you plan on coming.

The **Choir of the Presbyterian Church** will present **John Rutter's Requiem** on Sunday, March 26, at 3:00 p.m.

The **20s/30s Fellowship** will meet on Sunday, March 26, at 6:30 p.m. at Colonial Tavern for a **Trivia Night!** Trivia starts at 7:00 p.m. and runs about an hour, but it is necessary to arrive early to reserve seating. If you have questions, please contact Brittany Tamminga at 540-373-7057.

Youth Fellowship will be going to the **Cavalier Family Skating Rink** on Sunday, March 19. We will depart the Church Parking lot at 1:45 p.m. for an afternoon of Skating. Cost: Admission \$5, skate rental \$2, roller blade rental \$3. We will arrive back in time for choir at 5:00 p.m.

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

We're again **seeking volunteers to help with Pitch, Hit & Run**, the free Major League Baseball skills competition, on Saturday, April 1, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for local boys and girls age 7 to 14, and for the regional event on Sunday, May 7, from noon to 4:00 p.m. Both events are at Sunshine Ballpark in Fredericksburg.

Please bring new and/or gently used tennis shoes (all sizes), flats for teenage girls, backpacks, and gently used or new hoodies for **School Dressing Days**. Please do not bring worn out shoes.

The **Prime Timers** will meet at the church on Wednesday, April 5, at 9:00 a.m. to go to the Germanna Colonies Foundation Visitors Center for a brief tour before going to the nearby 18th century home, Salubria. We will have lunch at the Clear Water Grill near Lake of the Woods. Please make a reservation with Bruce, 373-7057 (bharvey@fredericksburgpc.org) or the church office by March 29.

On July 17-20, our church will lead **SOKS Camp** (Sema, Ota, Kua, Soma—Speak, Dream, Grow, Read) for the children of Heritage Park apartments. We need volunteers to help with baseball activities and field games from 12:45 to 3:30 p.m. at Sunshine. You may help on all four days or just one. Volunteers from teens to adults are welcome. You don't need baseball skills, just a willingness to enjoy some time with kids! Please contact Jim Toler (jimtoler4@yahoo.com) or Bruce Harvey (bharvey@fredericksburgpc.org) for more information or to sign up.

Our Church's **nominating committee** has begun its work of nominating elders and deacons for election by the Congregation. If you sense that you may be called to serve in one of these positions or you know of someone you feel could be considered for service, please inform one of the committee members: Donna Hughes, Steve Eckel, Annette Lowery, Beth Huber, Tammy Hancock, Pete Beattie, Marjolijn Biljefeld, Jane Kolakowski, Will Rowe, John Conway, Sarah Wright.

Dolce Flutes rehearses every other Tuesday (March 21, April 4, 18, May 2 and 16) from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. Bring your flute and join us to prepare worship music, perform at assisted living homes, and have a great time making music together! Contact Tina Christie, 540-710-4807 (christie.tina.l@gmail.com), for more information.

Community Lenten Services are held each Wednesday during Lent, hosted by the downtown area churches. Services begin at noon and last approximately 30 minutes, followed by a light luncheon. March 15, St. George's Episcopal; March 22, Fredericksburg Baptist; March 29, The Presbyterian Church; April 5, Fredericksburg United Methodist.

The next Community Dinner is this coming Saturday, March 18. Contact Karen Johnson if you would like to help, (540) 371-2719, ksjohnson422@msn.com.