

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Fifth Sunday In Lent

March 18, 2018

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

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in love.

The Lord makes a new covenant with us.

We are God's people; the Lord is our God.

Jesus said, "When I am lifted up, I will draw all people to myself."

Blessed be the God of our salvation,

Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

The Prayer of Adoration

O Holy God, we praise You: for Your Holy promises; Your ancient covenant ever new; Christ's redemption, once for all; Your Holy Spirit's revival of our hearts and revival of our spirits. Draw us to Yourself. Bind us to one another. The voices of the least to the greatest among us are lifted up in Your presence. We glorify Your Majestic Name. All praise and adoration be to You, the Eternal God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The Hymn 63

The Lord is God

*The Prayer of Confession

O God of forgiveness, we pray for new life as we confess our old ways. We hear of Your promise amid our own sense of self-doubt. Hope is proclaimed, yet we seek guarantees. Christ calls us to obedience, but we set conditions. When called on to follow, we ask to what end. We applaud commitment, but we treasure our comfort. Forgive our reluctance to walk in newness of life. Have mercy on us in Jesus' Name. . . (time for silent confession). . .

*The Choral Response

*The Assurance of Pardon

*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 stand to greet one another in the name of Christ and exchange this ancient greeting with worshipers seated near you.)

Moment for Mission

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: *Jeremiah 31:31-34*

p. 899 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 51:1-12*

p. 640 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

O, My God, Bestow Thy Tender Mercy

Giovanni Pergolesi

O, my God, bestow Thy tender mercy. Blot out my transgressions; cleanse my sin.

O, God, bestow Thy tender love. Restore me, forgive me, uphold me;

O hide Thy face from my sin. I cry to Thee. Hear Thou my prayer. Cast me not away.

Take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. My mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

The Epistle Lesson: *Hebrews 5:5-10*

p. 267 in the pew Bible

The Anthem (11:00 a.m.)

Anytime, Anywhere

Don Phillips

Carol Choir

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 264

At the Name of Jesus

The Gospel Lesson: *John 12:20-33*

p. 130 in the pew Bible

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

The Sermon

Seeing Jesus
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES 3/18-25

Today (3/18)

Worship Services, <i>S</i>	8:30 & 11am
Church School	9:45am
Sacred Dance, <i>U</i>	3:30pm
Lenten Concert, <i>S</i>	4pm

Monday (3/19)

Newsletter Items due	
Food Pantry Forum, <i>MH</i>	10am
PW Coordinating Team, <i>CF</i>	6:30pm
Mission Committee, <i>CF</i>	7pm

Tuesday (3/20)

Men's Breakfast, <i>Bob Evans</i>	7:30am
Dolce Flutes, <i>CR</i>	6pm

Wednesday (3/21)

Lenten Lunch Service, <i>FUMC</i>	12pm
Meditation, <i>CP</i>	6:30pm

Thursday (3/22)

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

Friday (3/23)

Sacred Dancers, <i>U</i>	6pm
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Saturday (3/24)

Micah Breakfast, <i>FH</i>	6:30am
20s/30s Fellowship, <i>Spence Devon</i>	12:30pm

Sunday (3/25)

Worship Services, <i>S</i>	8:30 & 11am
Church School	9:45am
Know Your Neighbor Event, <i>F'burg Library</i>	3pm
Sacred Dance, <i>U</i>	3:30pm
Cantate, <i>UCR</i>	5pm
Youth Fellowship Dinner & Activities, <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

- Suzi Ashby, McCray Fidler, Ed Foresman, Will Harrison
- Chip Ellis, Ashley Raska, Aaron Shirk
- Jen Rowe, Isla Wainwright, Pam Werner
- Georgia Lee Strentz, Jean Walker
- Debbie Eckel, Andrew Horne
- Larry Casey, Richard Harrison, Christopher Werner
- Evan Foresman, Mike Fritz, Michelle Gibson, Robert Gloyd

Hospital Visitors 3/18-24

Harry & Joanne Farley, 371-2631

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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 Ed and Joyce Allison to the glory of God and in memory of their parents.

Capsule of Concern: Clark Hower, Doris Johnson, Bob Piersall, Billie Plank, Kay Roscoe

Lectionary readings for next Sunday, March 25:

Liturgy of the Palms

Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:13-16;

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Liturgy of the Passsion

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16;

Philippians 2:5-11;

Mark 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39 (40-47)

Service Attendants

Liturgist
 James Luckett

8:30 AM
Sanctuary Guild
 David & Tammy Hancock

Greeters
 John Howe, Al & April Stevens
 and family

Ushers
 Harry & Joanne Farley, Paul &
 Mary Kukla

Elevator Assistant
 Bob Deaderick

11:00 AM
Sanctuary Guild
 Mike Fritz

Greeters
 Katya Zabloutney,
 Keren Pritchett

Ushers
 Dave & Meg Bohmke, Rod &
 Judi Hughes

Elevator Assistant
 Preston Simms

Nursery Attendants
8:30 & 11:00 services
 Carole Nelen, Brian & Ashley
 Raska, Beth Valasko, Rachel
 Talmadge

Lenten Concert: The Adult Choir will present Telemann's "Laudate Jehovam omnes gentes" and Haydn's "Missa Sancti Nicolai" with chamber orchestra in a **Lenten Concert** today, at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

If you would like to order one of the new children's Bibles, [Growing in God's Love](#), please let Bruce know today or put your name on the list located in the Lobby. Today is the deadline.

The **Labyrinth** will be available for walking March 25 through the morning of March 29, in the Fellowship Hall.

The **Confirmation Journey class** will meet this week in the classroom at 9:45 a.m. and will focus on the Lord's Supper. On Saturday, March 24, the Explorers will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the church parking lot to go to Ferry Farm for a tour. They will have lunch at Primavera.

Youth Fellowship - We're going bowling. No youth choir. We will meet for an early Youth Fellowship Supper at church at 5:00 p.m., depart at 5:30 p.m., bowl from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at AMF of Fredericksburg, and return to the Church by 8:30 p.m. All students can be picked up at the church at 8:30 p.m. Cost of this event is \$10 (includes 2 hours unlimited bowling and shoe rental - don't forget your socks!) *Next Week:* Join us for an Ice Cream Sunday Social and some good ol' fashioned competition: Middle School vs. High School.

There is still space available to **register for the Montreat Youth Conference**. If you or someone you know would like to join other young people from all over the country for a week of study, worship, and recreation, contact Pastor Tamminga, 373-7057 (btamminga@fredericksburgpc.org).

The **20s/30s Fellowship Group** will meet for lunch at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 24, at Spencer Devon Brewing. Childcare will be provided for this event.

The **Prime Timers' April outing** is to Meadow Event Park, the birthplace of Secretariat, on April 4. We will meet at church at 9:45 a.m. to drive to the Meadow for the museum and tram tour. The cost is \$15 per person. Lunch will be at Trackside Restaurant, 3015 Railroad Ave., Ashland. Please give your payment of \$15 to either Patti Myers or Bruce. We will carpool. Please call Patti Myers at 540-656-2705 for a reservation by March 18.

Church-Wide Fellowship - Join us on Saturday, April 21, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. as we *strike* up some fun with an afternoon of bowling at AMF of Fredericksburg. This will be a terrific fellowship event for all ages! Cost is \$10 per person and includes two hours unlimited bowling and shoe rental. Look for the sign-up sheet on Sunday mornings or email Pastor Tamminga your RSVP.

Camp Hanover summer camp information is available on the table outside the Sanctuary.

The **Mission Committee** will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 19, in the conference room.

The middle school youth will continue to **collect diapers and diaper wipes** through the month of March. Thank you to all who have already made donations. (Lidl grocery store has a 50% off sale on diapers this week.)

Mark your calendar for Monday morning (10:00 to 12:30), March 26, for the next **Presbyterian Women Mission Lunch**. The PW Spring Mission lunch is a wonderful opportunity to gather for mission and fellowship. After a morning of cutting and sewing, we join together for lunch and dessert. The PW Mission Lunch is open to all women of the church.

The **adult mission trip** will be to Hampden, West Virginia is June 17-23. The Freedom Full Gospel Assembly House of Prayer will host our group. We will work on houses in this depressed area of Appalachia doing anything from decks, drywall, siding, roofing, flooring, to insulation, etc. We will leave on Sunday morning and arrive back Saturday afternoon, although you may come later in the week or leave earlier. The cost of the trip is \$150. If you are interested, please contact Bruce at 373-7057 or bharvey@fredericksburgpc.org.

Volunteers are needed to need to host **Pitch, Hit & Run** and the **Junior Home Run Derby** at Sunshine Ballpark in Fredericksburg, on Saturday, April 7, and Sunday afternoon, May 6. This is a free MLB program for boys and girls ages 7-14. No baseball skills are necessary to help, and times are flexible. Contact Jim Toler, 540-207-1202, (jimtoler4@yahoo.com) to sign up.

Our Church's **nominating committee** is work on 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: Marjolijn Biljefeld, John Conway, Connie Barnes, Macon Fino, Wayne Hibbeler, Libby Humes, Ed Foresman, Jim Toler, Doreen Vaughn, or Stacy Whalen.

During Lent, you will hear a couple of moments for mission about the **One Great Hour of Sharing** Offering, and there is also an article in the March newsletter. The OGHs offering is one of the four special offerings of the PC (USA). OGHs goes to Presbytery and General Assembly to support the Presbyterian Hunger Program - 36%, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance - 32%, and the Self-Development of People - 32%. The offering assists in natural and man-made disasters, feeding the hungry, and helping people learn skills that will help them to be independent. You are invited to pray for and support the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. You may use the envelopes in the pew or in your offering envelope box.

Each Wednesday during Lent, the downtown area churches host a **Community Lenten Worship Service**. Services begin at noon and last approximately 30 minutes, followed by a light luncheon. Wednesday, Mar. 21: Fredericksburg United Methodist Church

Hello! My name is Barbara Nance and I am hosting a book drive for my Girl Scout Silver Award. I am a member of the church and belong to Girl Scout Troop 5208. I plan on donating the collected books to the Treasure House in Spotsylvania County and other charities nearby. I am accepting books for all ages. If you have any books that you are willing to donate, please drop them in the bin located in the Lobby of the Education Building. If you are unable to drop the books off, please call at (540)-735-7319 or (540)-786-3086.