

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Third Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2017

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING. . .

The Prelude

He Leadeth Me
Jubilate Ringers and Aaron Shirk, cello

McChesney, arr.

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

The Call To Worship

O come, let us sing to the Lord;
Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
In God's hands are the depths of the earth;
even the heights of the mountains belong to God.
O come, let us worship and bow down,
Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

(Psalm 95:1-6)

The Prayer of Praise

*The Hymn 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

The Prayer of Confession

Loving God, Lord of the Church, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed; we have not loved You with all our heart or served You with all our strength; we have been blind to the vision of a renewed world and deaf to Your call to costly discipleship; we have been indifferent to the suffering of others and unwilling to forgive one another. . . .(time for silent confession). . . In Your mercy, Lord, forgive us and restore us, that together in the ministry of Christ we may serve You with joy all the days of our life. Amen.

*The Choral Response

The Assurance of Pardon

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
through Whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand. . .
But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
through Whom we have now received reconciliation.
Sisters and brothers, believe the Good News:
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.)

Moment for Mission

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: *Esther 4:12-17*

p. 553 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalm 95*

p. 676 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

Living Water of Life

David Lantz

*Are you thirsty for the Master, for the God of all creation?
Come through Jesus to the Father, through the life sustaining vine.
Drink deeply from the living water of life; drink, drink deeply.
Drink deeply from the endless water of life; drink, drink deeply.
Like the waters of the Jordan, He will nourish and sustain us.
Come through Jesus to the Father, drink the life of love divine.
Like the woman at the well, we are human and with sin.
Come through Jesus to the Father, feel His quenching deep within.
Drink deeply from the living water of life; drink, drink deeply.
Drink deeply from the endless water of life; drink, drink deeply.
Come through Jesus to the Father. Taste the water of all life.*

The Epistle Lesson: *Romans 5:1-11*

p. 188 in the pew Bible

A Moment with the Children

*The Hymn 707

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

The Gospel Lesson: *Luke 4:16-19*

p. 74 in the pew Bible

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

The Sermon

For Such a Time as This
Rev. Jimmie Ray Hawkins

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

*The Affirmation of Faith *A Brief Statement of Faith* p. 37-38 in the Hymnal
(Paragraphs 1, 3, 5, 6 only)

The Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession
Lord, hear our prayer
and let our cry to come to You.

The Lord's Prayer p. 35 in the Hymnal

The Service of Offering
The Gathering of Our Gifts
The Offertory *Simple Gifts* Lloyd Larsen, arr.

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication Doxology, p. 606 in the Hymnal

O Lord, You are our God; we are the people of Your pasture, the sheep of Your hand. As You have fed us by Your mercy, may it be our daily bread to do Your will. Use these, our gifts, Gracious God, to provide nourishment to those who thirst for justice, strength to those who hunger for hope, and community to those living in loneliness. We ask it in the Name of Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

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

*The Hymn 757 *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

*The Charge & Benediction

*The Postlude

We welcome the Rev. Jimmie Hawkins to our pulpit this morning. He is a native of North Carolina. Jimmie has a BA degree from North Carolina Central University, a MA degree from the former Presbyterian School of Christian Education, and a MDiv degree from the Interdenominational Center/Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary in Atlanta. He has served churches in the Presbytery of the Peaks (Virginia), and the Covenant Presbyterian Church in Durham for the last 20 years. In January he became the Director of the PC (USA) Public Policy Office in Washington, DC. He is currently a trustee with Union Presbyterian Seminary. Jimmie is married and has two children.



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 3/19-26

Today (3/19)

Worship Services, <i>S</i>	8:30 & 11am
Church School	9:45am
Sacred Dance, <i>S</i>	3:30pm
Youth Group Outing, <i>Depart Parking Lot</i>	1:45pm
Cantate Choir, <i>UCR</i>	5pm

Monday (3/20)

PW Coordinating Team, <i>Rm 209</i>	10am
PW Circle of Prayer, <i>CF</i>	12:30pm
Mission Committee, <i>MH</i>	7pm

Tuesday (3/21)

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

Wednesday (3/22)

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

Thursday (3/23)

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

Saturday (3/25)

Micah Breakfast, <i>FH</i>	6:30am
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Sunday (3/26)

Worship Services, <i>S</i>	8:30 & 11am
Church School	9:45am
Vespers, <i>S</i>	3pm
Youth Fellowship and Dinner, <i>FH</i>	6pm
20/30 Outing, <i>Colonial Tavern</i>	6:30pm

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

19. Suzan Ashby, McCray Fidler, Ed Foresman, Will Harrison
20. Chip Ellis, Ashley Raska, Aaron Shirk
21. Jen Rowe, Pam Werner
22. Georgia Lee Strentz, Jean Walker
23. Debbie Eckel, Andrew Horne
24. Larry Casey, Richard Harrison, Christopher Werner
25. Evan Foresman, Mike Fritz, Michelle Gibson, Robert Gloyd
26. Joshua Hole, Carole Schwartz, Patty Toler, Nicole Wilder

Hospital Visitor 3/19-25

Elizabeth McAfoose, 972-1671

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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 loved ones.

Capsule of Concern: Susan Ashby, Nita Deegan, Guy Gormley, Barry Jones, Jean Ravinsky, Jacquie Raymond, Lillian Remsen, Kathy Rocholl, Richard Roscoe

Lectionary readings for next Sunday, March 26:

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23;
Ephesians 5:8-14;
John 9:1-41

Service Attendants

Liturgist
Kim Fischer

8:30 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Tammy & David Hancock

Greeters
Tracey, Matthew & Samuel
Rembisz, Mary Katherine
Greenlaw

Ushers
Michele & Sydney Coffman,
Lamoine Knefelkamp, Mary
Raye Cox

Elevator Assistant
Scott Bushman

11:00 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Tracy & Schuyler Sweet

Greeters
Mike & Jeanne Ramsburg, Dick
& Mary Szymanski

Ushers
Gary & Doreen Vaughn, Steve
Davis, Aidan Conway

Elevator Assistant
Ralph Lewis

Nursery Attendants
Brian & Ashley Raska, Al &
April Stevens, Amy & Steve
McCullough, Brian & Kim
Liska

The **2017 Confirmation Journey** will meet today at 9:45 a.m. with Covenant Partners focusing on the Lord's Supper. Next week the Seekers will meet on the 1st floor of the Middle House to put together the Micah lunches.

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

The **Bible study on the Gospel of Matthew** continues on Tuesday, March 21, 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*** next 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** today. 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.

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.

The **Cold Weather Shelter** has closed for the season. We thank all our volunteers who have gone each Wednesday evening since the middle of November. We thank members of the congregation who have brought supplies and offered their prayers.

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.

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.

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 22, Fredericksburg Baptist; March 29, The Presbyterian Church; April 5, Fredericksburg United Methodist.

The **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** envelopes are in the pews and in your offering boxes. This special offering we observe during Lent and Easter goes to support the Presbyterian Hunger Program, the Self-Development of People, and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. The offering is a way for us to reach around the world to touch the lives of people in need due to violence, natural disasters, hunger, and poverty. Please be in prayer for this offering.

The **Mission Committee** meets at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room in the Education Building on Monday, April 20.

About 80 members participated in the **Congregational Retreat** at Camp Hanover last weekend. It was a wonderful weekend of fellowship, games, crafts, sitting around the fireplaces, enjoying the cold, worshiping and relaxing as we explored the theme *Ground of All Being*. We especially thank our seven explorers - Lexie & Jamie Loder, Morgan Mallory, Abe Rowe, Ryan Sweet, Aidan Conway, and Caeden Ribel who cleared a trail as part of a service project. We thank the planning committee: Debe Garrison, Diane Peterson, Jim Christie, Macon Fino, Ed Foresman, Pastor Tamminga, Jamie Loder, Katie Fidler, Drew Porter, and Bruce Harvey. Ask Katie & Jamie about the Celtic dance.

Holy Week opportunities: a) the Labyrinth will be available for walking and meditation Monday through Wednesday and Good Friday in the Fellowship Hall; b) there will be a church-wide fast beginning after the evening meal on Wednesday, April 12, through the evening meal on Maundy Thursday; and c) a prayer vigil will begin after the Maundy Thursday service through the Good Friday service. More information and a sign up sheet for the fast and prayer vigil are at a table outside the Sanctuary or the lobby of the Education Building. You do not have to come to church for the prayer vigil.