

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2017

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING. . .

The Prelude *Adante* Christopher Willibald Gluck
Dolce Flutes

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

The Call To Worship *(1 Sam. 16:7, John 9:5, Eph. 5:8-9)*

God does not see as mortals see.

We look with outward appearance; God looks at the heart.

Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as You see!

Once we lived in darkness, but now – as children of light,
we are called to what is good and right and true.

Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as You see.

The Prayer of Adoration

Your thoughts are not ours, majestic God; Your ways are holy. Our spirits rejoice because You alone are judge of all. We lift our hearts knowing that You judge not by what seems, but righteously according to Your holy purpose. Hear the praise of our hearts and the exultation of our souls. Glory and honor be unto You, O eternal God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The Hymn 749 *Come! Live in the Light!*

*The Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we are people who still love darkness rather than light. We keep shameful deeds secret, but flaunt our occasional acts of virtue. We see ourselves as blameless, but pass judgment on others. We do not stand firmly enough with those who are vulnerable, but step back, protecting ourselves. Forgive us our sins according to Your great mercy . . . (time for silent confession). . . Bring us into Your light that we may see ourselves rightly. Bring us into Your light that we may know ourselves loved. Bring us into Your light that we may live more fruitful lives. Keep raising us, we pray, from the deadness of sin, and shine upon us with Your grace. We pray in the Name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

. . . As God's forgiven people, receive this goodness and mercy,
and live a new life in the grace of Jesus Christ.

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.)

The Moment for Mission

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: *1 Samuel 16:1-13* p. 322 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 23* p. 617 in the pew Bible

The Anthem *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* Mack Wilberg, arr.

Tina Christie and Paul Leimer, flute; Mary Ann Casey, harp

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;

I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth

and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never.

Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

The Epistle Lesson: *Ephesians 5:8-14* p. 237 in the pew Bible

The Anthem *Little David, Play on Your Harp* Lynn Shaw Bailey, arr.

Covenant and Carol Choirs

A Moment With the Children

The Sacrament of Baptism (11:00 a.m.)

*The *Apostles' Creed* p. 35 in the Hymnal

The Baptism

The Welcome

**With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church
to share with us in His ministry, for we are all one in Christ.**

*The Hymn 490 *Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters*

*The Hymn 314 (8:30 a.m.) *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness*

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The Gospel Lesson: *John 9:1-41* p. 125 in the pew Bible
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon *Learning to See*
Brittany Tamminga

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD...

*The *Apostles' Creed* (8:30 a.m.) 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 *How Can I Keep from Singing* arr. Noral Kile
Dolce Flutes; Amy Shirk, piano, Mary Ann Casey, harp

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication Doxology, p. 606 in the Hymnal
As You pray for us in spite of our wayward behavior, O Christ, so also we intercede for others with the assurance of new life for them. Translate now our prayers into acts of charity and peace as we offer these gifts. Let us not be content with our giving while others live a life less than fulfilled. In the Name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

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

*The Hymn 649 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

*The Charge & Benediction

*The Postlude *March from Sonata V* Johann Mattheson
Dolce Flutes



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 3/26-4/2

Today (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	
Monday (3/27)		
Christian Ed. Committee, <i>CF</i>	7pm	
Endowment Committee, <i>MH</i>	7pm	
Tuesday (3/28)		
Men's Breakfast, <i>Bob Evans</i>	7:30am	
Gospel of Matthew Study, <i>FH</i>	7pm	
Wednesday (3/29)		
Bible Study, <i>EB</i>	9:30am	
Lenten Service & Lunch, <i>S & FH</i>	12pm	
Meditation Group, <i>CP</i>	6:30pm	
Worship Committee, <i>CF</i>	7pm	
Thursday (3/30)		
Ladies' Bible Study, <i>MH</i>	9:30am	
Handbells, <i>S</i>	6pm	
Adult Choir, <i>CR</i>	7:30pm	
Saturday (4/1)		
Micah Breakfast, <i>FH</i>	6:30am	
Empty Nesters, <i>Simms'</i>	5:30pm	
Sunday (4/2)		
Worship Services, <i>S</i>	8:30 & 11am	
Church School	9:45am	
Fellowship Committee, <i>CF</i>	12:15pm	
Presbytery Youth Council, <i>MH</i>	2pm	
Sacred Dance, <i>U</i>	3:30pm	
Cantate Choir, <i>UCR</i>	5pm	
Youth Fellowship and Dinner, <i>FH</i>	6pm	

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

March

26. Joshua Hole, Carole Schwartz, Patty Toler, Nicole Wilder
27. Julie Hamlett, Ann Monroe Jacobs, Delia Rabatin, April Rogers
28. Walton Mahon
29. Jeb Brough, Doc Godshall, Garrett Green, Amanda Hild, Chris Mallory, Sarah Moser, Gary Vaughn
30. Jacob Wright
31. Stephenie Fellingner, Emma Kinnamon, Darlene Ochsenknecht

April

1. Johnny Boyles, Genie Cunningham, Bob Piersall, Briget Rabatin, Kenley Ribel
2. David Hancock, Betty Merrill, Michael Mondak, Nancy Pickens

Hospital Visitor 3/26-4/1

Mary Szymanski, 703-971-8179

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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 Kin and Ann Glover to the glory of God and in fond memory of loved ones.

Capsule of Concern: Dee Kindred, Jean Ravinsky, Jacquie Raymond, Richard Roscoe

The Sacrament of Baptism at our 11:00 a.m. service is celebrated for Quinn Kelly Morris, born November 9, 2016. Quinn is the daughter of Brittany Harvey and Russell Morris and the sister of Oliver Morris. Her grandparents are Bridget and Bruce Harvey. Her uncle and aunt are Bryan and Gillian Harvey, and Althea Harvey is her cousin.

Lectionary readings for next Sunday, April 2:

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130;
 Romans 8:6-11;
 John 11:1-45

Service Attendants

Liturgist
 Steve Davis

8:30 AM
Sanctuary Guild
 Tammy & David Hancock

Greeters
 Tom & Karla Lewis, Pete & Jane Kolakowski

Ushers
 Susie Davis, Lexie Loder, Joe & Beth Valasko

Elevator Assistant
 Porter Blakemore

11:00 AM
Sanctuary Guild
 Tracy & Schuyler Sweet

Greeters
 Joan Hamb, Dave & Meg Bohmke

Ushers
 Scott & Kim Fischer, Linda Sweet, Gina Whitticar

Elevator Assistant
 Gary Vaughn

Nursery Attendants
 Rebecca Whitford, Rachel Hole, Amanda Wimberly, Emily Humes

The 2017 **Confirmation** Journey will meet today at 9:45 a.m. on the 1st floor of the Church 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 28, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Christian Education Committee meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room in the Education Building on Monday, March 27.

You are invited to sign-up to assist with the **2nd Wednesday Fellowship** which meets on the first Wednesday, April 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. You may help with setup, serving, cleanup, and/or dessert. Stop by the table outside the sanctuary this morning. The Cantate choir will be doing the program.

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, ljsimms1209@gmail.com, if you plan on coming.

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

The **20s/30s Fellowship** will meet tonight, 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.

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.

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 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.

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.