

# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

## *The First Sunday in Lent*

March 5, 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

(from *Psalm 32*)

Let all who are faithful offer prayer to You; at a time of distress,  
the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

**You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble;**

**You surround me with glad cries of deliverance.**

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go.

I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

**Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,  
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

The Prayer of Praise

\*The Hymn 41

*O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!*

\*The Prayer of Confession

(*Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7*)

**Lord God, You know the ways of good and evil. You know the things that tempt us and the things that give us life. You know our nakedness, and you know our sin. We confess that we have disobeyed Your Word, denying Your providence and care and relying on our own cleverness. . . (time for silent confession). . . Have mercy on us, we pray: cover us with Your grace, feed us with the bread of life, and re-create us in Your image; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

\*The Assurance of Pardon

Happy are those whose sin is forgiven!

**Be glad in the Lord and shout for joy; in Christ we are forgiven.**

**Thanks be to God! 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 2:15-17; 3:1-7*

p. 2 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalm 32*

p. 623 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

*O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days*

Dana Mengel

*O Lord, throughout these forty days You prayed and kept the fast;  
Inspire repentance for our sins, and free us from our past.*

*Kyrie, eleison, Christe eleison.*

*You strove with Satan and you won. Your faithfulness endured:*

*Lend us your nerve, your skill and trust in God's eternal Word.*

*Kyrie, eleison, Christe eleison.*

*Be with us through this season, Lord, and all our earthly days.*

*That when the final Easter dawns, we join in heaven's praise.*

*Kyrie, eleison, Christe eleison.*

The Epistle Lesson: *Romans 5:12-19*

p. 189 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

\*The Hymn

*Tree of Life*  
(See Insert)

*K. Lee Scott*

The Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 4:1-11*

p. 3 in the pew Bible

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

The Communion Meditation

*When Jesus Refuses*  
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

### TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

\*The *Nicene Creed*

p. 34 in the Hymnal

The Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession and Dedication

The Service of Offering

The Gathering of Our Gifts

The Offertory

### TO CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT. . .

All baptized persons, children and adults, are invited to participate in *The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*. *The Presbyterian Church* welcomes everyone baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ to come to *The Table of the Lord*.

\*The Hymn of Preparation 440

*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

The Invitation

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The Call To Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

... who forever sing to the glory of Your Name,  
**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of Power and Might,**  
**Heaven and Earth are full of Your glory.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**  
**Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
**Hosanna in the highest ...**  
... Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

The Lord's Prayer

p. 35 in the Hymnal

The Communion

(Worshippers may take the bread and the cup as they are offered,  
following their own quiet moments of preparation.)

The Prayer After Communion

**Almighty God, You provide the true bread from heaven, Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen.**

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

\*The Hymn 165

*The Glory of These Forty Days*

\*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 3/5-12

### Today (3/5)

High School Retreat, *Massanetta*  
Worship Services, *S* 8:30 & 11am  
Church School 9:45am  
PW Never Ending Circle, *Mary Szymanski* 12:30pm  
Church-wide Outing, *Riverside Theater* 1pm  
Sacred Dance, *S* 3:30pm  
Cantate Choir, *UCR* 5pm  
MS Only Youth Group and Dinner, *FH* 6pm

### Monday (3/6)

PW Circle of Joy, *CP* 10am

### Tuesday (3/7)

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

### Wednesday (3/8)

Bible Study, *EB* 9:30am  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Fellowship, *FH* 6m  
Meditation Group, *CP* 6:30pm

### Thursday (3/9)

Ladies' Bible Study, *MH* 9:30am  
Handbells, *S* 6pm  
Adult Choir, *CR* 7:30pm

### Saturday (3/11)

Congregational Retreat, *Camp Hanover*  
Micah Breakfast, *FH* 6:30am

### Sunday (3/12)

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

### 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

Hospital Visitor 3/5-11

Donna Hughes, 785-6409

## Birthdays this Week

### March

5. Becca Fisher, Helena Sidebotham
6. Joan Gaston, Mason Theado
7. Donna Brehm, Mary Raye Cox, Johanna Dowling, Cindy Watson
8. Sean Garrison
9. Emma Manuel, Anne Zimmerman
10. Bill Baer, Cindy King, Steven Kuiper, Jacquie Raymond, Lincoln Stevens
11. Daniel Kunkler, McAlister Leimbach, Lillian Zimmerman
12. Roxanne Nance, Nancy Seale, Lou Silvey, Kate Yealy

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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 Courtney & Herb Pelley to the glory of God and in loving memory of Anne Brooke Gibson.

**Capsule of Concern:** Charlotte Mims, Wayne Hibbeler

### Lectionary readings for next Sunday, March 12:

Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121;  
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17;  
John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-91

### Service Attendants

*Liturgist*  
Michele Coffman

**8:30 AM**  
*Sanctuary Guild*  
Tammy & David Hancock

*Greeters*  
Harry & Gerry Smart, David & Karen Johnson

### Ushers

*Elevator Assistant*  
Mary Lowman

**11:00 AM**  
*Sanctuary Guild*  
Trudy McNatt

*Greeters*  
Coy & Becky Franklin, Ralph & Betsy Lewis

*Ushers*  
Barry & Peggy Jones, Helen Fortune, Gina Whitticar

*Elevator Assistant*  
Bob Snow

*Nursery Attendants*  
Michael & Melissa Gloyd,  
Marie Soma, Kathryn Rexrode,  
Patricia Langfitt

The **2017 Confirmation Journey Seekers** meet at 9:45 a.m. today on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Middle House. They will discuss part 3 of the Apostles' Creed. Seekers and Covenant Partners are reminded to **begin reading the Gospel of Mark**.

The **Bible study on the Gospel of Matthew** will begin this Tuesday, March 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. You may still sign up to participate in the study. All participants are asked to read through chapter 1 before class and bring a picture of a place he/she would like to visit. For more details and to sign-up stop at the table outside the sanctuary after worship.

You are invited to the next **2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Fellowship** dinner and activity on Wednesday, March 8, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Kaci LeFebre will prepare jambalaya and cornbread. There are veggie and children's options. Our Meditation Group will lead the program. Make plans now to attend.

You are invited to **Register** for the **Congregational Retreat** "Ground of All Being: Exploring Our Celtic Heritage" at Camp Hanover, March 11-12. **TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER.** All ages are invited to come participate in a variety of activities including games, crafts, campfire, worship, dancing and much more. Stop by the table outside the Sanctuary or go to the church website, [www.fredericksburgpc.org](http://www.fredericksburgpc.org) to register.

**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 still spaces available. If you are interested in going, contact Bruce at 373-7057 or [bharvey@fredericksburgpc.org](mailto: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](mailto:ljsimms1209@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.

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.

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](mailto:jimtoler4@yahoo.com)) or Bruce Harvey ([bharvey@fredericksburgpc.org](mailto: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 7, 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](mailto: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. Mar. 8, Christ Lutheran; Mar. 15, St. George's Episcopal; Mar. 22, Fredericksburg Baptist; Mar. 29, The Presbyterian Church; April 5, Fredericksburg United Methodist.