

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PASSION/PALM SUNDAY

The Sixth Sunday in Lent

March 25, 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 Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem

Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Mark 11:1-11

The Introit

Sing Hosanna!

Kirby Shaw

Covenant Choir and Cantate

Call to Worship

(from Psalm 118)

Open the gates of righteousness; enter and give thanks to the Lord.

We will give thanks, for God has answered us.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the Chief Cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; and it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it!

The Prayer of Adoration

*The Hymn 196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*The Prayer of Confession

On this Sunday, O God, we remember how quickly we change. How fickle we are, how we pledge our devotion one moment and turn our backs the next. We go from shouting "Hosanna! Save us!" to "Crucify Him." We declare that we love our neighbors and then turn our backs on those who are most in need. We speak up for change and justice in one breath, and then continue unjust practices in daily lives by what we consume and the needs we ignore. Forgive us, O God, for we are half-hearted believers. Forgive us, O God, for we tire easily and we forget, and we grow weary. Forgive us, restore us, and renew us for the journey of faith, so that we might become whole people who live wholly into Your vision of new life. . . (time for silent confession). . .

*The Choral Response

*The Assurance of Pardon

. . . Friends in Christ, hear the Good News: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Blessed is the One Who brings us the kingdom of 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 stand to greet one another in the name of Christ and exchange this ancient greeting with worshipers seated near you.)

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

A Moment With the Children

The Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: *Isaiah 50:4-9a*

p. 833 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 31:9-16*

p. 622 in the pew Bible

The Epistle Lesson: *Philippians 2:5-11*

p. 240 in the pew Bible

*The Hymn 198

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

The Gospel Lesson: *Mark 15:1-39*

p. 64 in the pew Bible

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

The Silent Meditation

The Sermon

Which Kingdom?
Brittany Tamminga

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

The Anthem

He Was Wounded

Craig Courtney

He was wounded for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities.

The punishment that brought us peace was upon Him. And with His wounds we are healed.

He was despised, He was rejected, one from whom men hide their faces.

Man of sorrows, with grief acquainted we esteemed Him not.

All we like sheep have gone astray, each of us turned to his own way,

And the Lord has laid on Him all our sin.

Surely He took up all of our suffering. Surely He carried our sorrows,

Yet we considered Him afflicted, smitten, stricken by God.

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**The Affirmation of Faith*

(from *Philippians 2:5-11*)

We believe in Christ Jesus, Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the Name that is above every name, so that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bend in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

The Prayers of the People

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

We cast these gifts before You, O God, as palms were cast before Jesus as he entered Jerusalem. We lay them on Your altar in praise, thanksgiving, and joy. Receive these gifts of labor, life, and love that they may become a greater blessing in Your hands and by Your wisdom. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

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

**The Hymn 618*

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

**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 3/25-4/1

Today (3/25)

Worship Services, *S* 8:30 & 11am
Church School 9:45am
Know Your Neighbor Event, *F'burg Library* 3pm
Sacred Dance, *U* 3:30pm
Cantate, *UCR* 5pm
Youth Fellowship & Dinner, *FH* 6pm

Monday (3/26)

PW Mission Workshop/Lunch, *FH* 10am

Tuesday (3/27)

Men's Breakfast, *Bob Evans* 7:30am
Know Your Neighbor Planning Cmte, *CF* 6:30pm

Wednesday (3/28)

Newsletter Assembly, *CF* 9am
Meditation, *CP* 6:30pm

Thursday (3/29)

Ladies' Bible Study, *MH* 9:30am
Maundy Thursday Service, *S* 7pm

Friday (3/30)

Good Friday Service, *S* 7pm

Saturday (3/31)

Micah Breakfast, *FH* 6:30am

Sunday (4/1)

Easter Dawn Service, *FUMC* 6:30am
Worship Services, *S* 8:30 & 11am
Church School 9:45am

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 3/24-31

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Birthdays this Week

March

25. Evan Foresman, Mike Fritz, Michelle Gibson, Robert Gloyd
26. Joshua Hole, Carole Schwartz, Patty Toler, Nicole Wilder
27. Travis Early, Julie Hamlett, Ann Monroe Jacobs, Delia Rabatin, April Rodgers
28. Walton Mahon
29. Jeb Brough, Doc Godshall, Garrett Green, Amanda Hild, Chris Mallory, Sarah Moser, Gary Vaughn
30. Aaron Story, Jacob Wright
31. Stephenie Fellingner, Darlene Ochsenknecht

April

1. Johnny Boyles, Genie Cunningham, Bob Piersall, Briget Rabatin, Kenley Ribel

Lectionary reading for *Easter Vigil (Saturday)*

Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26;

Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18, 8:6-18, 9:8-13;

Psalm 46; Genesis 22:1-18;

Psalm 16; Exodus 14:10-31;

Exodus 15: 1b-13, 17-18, 20-21;

Isaiah 55:1-11, 12:2-6;

Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6; Psalm 19;

Ezekiel 36:24-28; Psalm 42;

Psalm 43; Ezekiel 37:1-14;

Psalm 143; Zephaniah 3:14-20;

Psalm 98; Romans 6:3-11;

Psalm 114; Mark 16:1-8

March 25, 2018

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.

Capsule of Concern: Clark Hower, Bob Piersall, Billie Plank

The **rosebud on the pulpit rail** celebrates the birth of, Eliza Dylan Harvey, born March 10, 2018. Eliza is the daughter of Gillian and Bryan Harvey; sister of Althea. Her grandparents are Bridget and Bruce Harvey. Brittany Harvey and Russell Morris are her aunt and uncle and her cousins are Oliver and Quinn.

Lectionary readings for next Sunday, April 1:

Acts 10:34-43 *or* Isaiah 25:6-9;

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15:1-11;

John 20:1-18 *or* Mark 16:1-8

Service Attendants

Liturgist
McCray Fidler

8:30 AM

Sanctuary Guild
David & Tammy Hancock

Greeters

Tom & Karla Lewis, Beth Valasko, Barbara Nance

Ushers

Tom Wimberly, Bill Stewart, Bryan & Heather Eland

Elevator Assistant

Tom Theado

11:00 AM

Sanctuary Guild
Mike Fritz

Greeters

Opal Stroup, Donna Hughes, the Gilbert family

Ushers

Will & Vanessa Huffman, Gina Whitticar, Shirley Eye

Elevator Assistant

Ed Allison

Nursery Attendants

8:30 & 11:00 services
John & Becca Jones, Katie Blashford, Kathryn Rexrode, Patricia Langfitt

The Children's Bibles have arrived. They were on sale when the order was placed, so the cost will be \$17.10, not \$25.

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

The **Confirmation Journey** will meet in the classroom at 9:45 a.m. today, and then move to the kitchen to pack lunches for Micah. They will also discuss the mission ministry of the church. The Explorers, their parents, and their Covenant Partners are encouraged to participate in both the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services this week at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Youth Fellowship - We will meet for regularly scheduled youth fellowship dinner at 6:00 p.m. and fellowship time from 6:30-7:30 p.m. *Next Week:* No Youth Fellowship on Easter.

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.

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.

On Saturday, April 21 at noon, we will **pack 100 meal bags** for the school feeding program. These bags will be delivered to Lafayette and Walker Grant Schools to assist families with meals on the weekends. Ten to 15 volunteers would be wonderful. Please let Bruce know, 373-7057, (bharvey@fredericksburgpc.org) or sign up at the table in the lobby.

The **PW Spring Mission lunch** on Monday, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall 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, 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.

Please be in prayer for **Knowing Your Neighbor: An Interfaith Gathering** that meets today from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. at the Fredericksburg Library. The Fredericksburg Islamic Center, Beth Shalom Temple, and our congregation will have 25 members each at the gathering. More events are planned later in the year.

The **Know Your Neighbor Planning group** will have a meeting on Tuesday, March 27, at 6:30 p.m. 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.

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.

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.

On Friday, March 30, at 1:45 p.m. a **Stations of the Cross** walking meditation will begin at Micah, 1013 Princess Anne Street and wind its way through downtown Fredericksburg.

Shredfest 2018, a **fundraising event for Alzheimer's research**, will be held at Chancellor's Village on Saturday, April 14, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. See the poster in the Lobby for additional details.

Lectionary readings for Holy Week:

Monday:

Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 36:5-11; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11

Tuesday:

Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 71:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 12:20-36

Wednesday:

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 70; Hebrews 12:1-3; John 13:21-32

Maundy Thursday:

Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13—53:12 ; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25 *or* Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9; John 18:1—19:42