

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Third Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2022

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING. . .

The Prelude

Resounding Alleluias
The Jubilate Ringers

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

How Majestic is Your Name

The Call To Worship

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead!

Alleluia!

Blessing and honor and glory and might be to our God forever and ever!

Alleluia!

Sing praises to the Lord, O you faithful ones, and give thanks to God's holy Name.

God has turned mourning into dancing; we are girded with gladness and will thank God forever.

The Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Girded with gladness, we come rejoicing. You are God of salvation; we give You praise. When we cried for help, You heard us; from out of the pit You rescued us. You have turned our mourning into dancing, loosed our sackcloth, and adorned us with favor. We raise our voices in faithful thanksgiving and give glory and honor to Your wondrous Name. Alleluia! Amen.

*The Hymn 662

Christ Whose Glory Fill the Skies

*Christ, whose glory fills the skies; Christ, the true, the only Light; Sun of Righteousness, arise;
triumph o'er the shades of night; Dayspring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart appear.*

*Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by Thee; Joyless is the day's return till thy mercy's beams I see;
Till they inward light impart, cheer my eyes, and warm my heart.*

*Visit then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief; fill me, radiance divine;
scatter all my unbelief; more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.*

*The Prayer of Confession

Felicia Hibbeler, liturgist

Generous God, in Jesus you have shown us love. – Love that seeks, love that suffers, love that survives all things. Yet we have turned away. In in the light of your glory we see the evil we have done, the suffering we have caused, the good we have refused, and the truth we have denied. Heal us of our sin and wash us in your mercy. . . .(time for silent confession). . . . Claim us with your grace, that we may answer your call and follow you in love and faith. Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

Rise up from the dust!

Cast off the shroud of sorrow and put on the joy of the Lord.

Believe the Good News of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*The Gloria Patri (spoken)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: World without end. Amen.

*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. For those worshipping at home, please share Christ's peace with someone outside Your home this week.)

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The New Testament Lesson: *Acts 9:1-20*

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 30*

The Anthem

Joy in the Morning

Natalie Sleeth

*Joy, there'll be joy, there'll be joy, joy, joy, joy, joy. There'll be joy in the morning on that day,
For the daylight will dawn when the darkness is gone, there'll be joy in the morning on that day.
There'll be peace and contentment evermore, Every heart and voice on that day will rejoice,
And the glory of the Lord will shine upon us and the glory of the Lord will bring the truth divine,
There'll be love and forgiveness everywhere, and the way of the Lord will that day be restored.
Joy, there'll be joy, there'll be joy, joy, joy, joy, joy. There'll be joy in the morning on that day*

The Epistle Lesson: *Revelation 5:11-14*

A Moment with the Children

The Sacrament of Baptism (8:30 a.m.)

**The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by
the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day
he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on
the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come
to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion
of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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 486

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

*Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign,
With this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.*

*Child of love, our love's expression, love's creation, loved indeed!
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits; into joy and laughter lead.*

*Child of joy, our dearest treasure, God's you are, from God you came.
Back to God we humbly give you: live as one who bears Christ's name.*

*Child of God, your loving Parent, learn to listen for God's call.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship; trust and love God more than all.*

**The Hymn 720 (11:00 a.m.)*

Jesus Calls Us

*Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth saying, "Christian, follow me."*

*Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."*

*In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."*

*Jesus calls us: by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thy obedience, serve and love thee best of all.*

The Gospel Lesson: *John 21:1-19*

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

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

*The *Apostles' Creed* (11:00 a.m.)

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE IN GOD'S NAME.

*The Hymn 369

Blessing and Honor

*Blessing and honor and glory and power, wisdom and riches and strength evermore,
Be to the Lamb who our battle has won, whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne.*

*Let all the heavens sound forth Jesus' name; let all the earth sing his glory and fame.
Ocean and mountain, stream, forest, and flower echo these praises and tell of God's power.*

*Ever ascending the song and the joy, ever descending the love from on high;
Blessing and honor and glory and praise: this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.*

*Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb; take we the robe and the harp and the palm:
Sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain, dying in weakness but rising to reign.*

*The Charge and Benediction

*The Postlude

Grand Triumphal Chorus

Alexander Guilmant

The Sacrament of Baptism at our 8:30 a.m. service is celebrated for Nora James Dominick, born July 9, 2021. Tim and Caitlin Dominick are her parents. Her grandparents are Tim and Karen Duffy.

Announcements for April 27 - May 4

Can-Struction Begins -- Supplies Needed

Some of you may have noticed last Sunday, that can-struction has commenced in the education building lobby! During the LIFT hour and Youth Group on Sunday, our students were busy organizing the cans in such a way as to begin looking like our sanctuary building! First off, I want to say thank you to all who have donated canned goods! Beyond the creative forces behind this canned food drive, your donations will go a long way towards serving our community when they are taken across the street to the United Methodist Food Pantry in a few week's time. Secondly, we are still collecting cans! We set a lofty goal of 500 cans and so far, we have received roughly 275. Please help us reach our goal. Bring your donations to church on Sunday or during the week between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, or 9:00 a.m. and Noon on Friday. We love the opportunities we have to partner with others in our community to serve our community and we would love for you to join us in this endeavor!



Peace,
Eric

Birthdays this week

2. Dee Kindred, Gina Whitticar, Rod Hughes, Chuck Penick
3. Bill Crawley, Samuel Rembisz
4. Sarah Hancock
6. Shirley Kutz, Elizabeth Turner, Bera Matakō
7. Allison Wimberly
8. Lee Gibbons, Ian Norfleet, Jacob Poudrier



Church Family News:

Capsule of Concern: Tom Edwards, Bob Deaderick, Carole Fariss, Doris Glidden, Doris Gulatsi, Donna Hughes, Larry Repanshek, Lou Silvey

We are hosting a **Youth Lock-In** for all middle school and high school youth this Friday and Saturday, in the Christian Education Building! The evening will be full of food, games, fellowship, and Nerf! Bring your favorite beverage and game to share with others as well as a Nerf gun! The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Friday night and run through Saturday morning. Youth are invited to participate for the entirety of the event, but folks are more than welcome to participate on Friday evening as well. If you are interested in attending, please let Eric know so that he can plan for numbers!

A new group **Keep It Moving—Body & Soul group** begins meeting on Monday, May 2, at 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to join us weekly on Monday afternoons. Contact Vicky wilder with questions: vnwilder@icloud.com.

Weekly Meetings & Activities

- Wed. (4/27) — Meditation Group, 5:30pm (Zoom)
Thurs. (4/28) — Women's Bible Study, 9:30am (Zoom)
Jubilate Ringers, 6pm (Sanct. Balcony)
Adult Choir, 7:30pm (Choir Room)
Fri. & Sat. (4/29&30) — Youth Group Lock-in, 6:30pm
Sat. (4/30) — Elliott McGhee Memorial Service, 11am (Sanct.)
Sun. (5/1) — Worship, 8:30 (Sanct./Youtube)
LIFT Hour, 9:45am
Worship, 11am (Sanct.)
Youth Choir, 4pm (CR)
Mon (5/2) — Keep It Moving-Body & Soul, 3:15pm (FH)
Tues. (5/3) — Men's Breakfast Group, 7:30am (Conf. Rm/Zoom) Contact [John Howe](#)
Ent. the Afterlife Class, 7pm (Zoom)
Wed. (5/4) — Meditation Group, 5:30pm (Library)
May the 4th Night of Fun and Food, 6-8pm

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, May 1:

Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]; Psalm 30;
Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

May the Fourth Be With You!

Join us May 4th to celebrate Star Wars and the Force. Mama's Soul Food truck will be in the parking lot from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., and shows from the Star Wars canon will be showing on the big screen. Come out for a night of fun and fellowship, and may the force be with you!



LIVING IN FAITH TOGETHER *For Creation*

This Sunday begins our LIFT unit "For Creation" - the culmination of this semester's focus statement on Creation Care:

"It is Good. We are Called To Care for Creation."

LIFT Hour ~ Sunday, May 1, 9:45 a.m.

All ages are welcome to join us in Fellowship Hall for activities and conversation about how we can live into our call to care for God's good Creation. More details to come in this Friday's LIFT email!

Mark your calendars for **VBS and Grown-Up Camp!**
June 12-16, 11:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Sunday,
and 5:30-7:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday.

The program will begin with a catered meal and fellowship, followed by VBS for children and Grown-Up Camp for adults of all ages.

The theme for children's VBS is Under Construction! They will explore stories in the Bible around a theme of building community, and be led in building projects by Steve Eckel, Steve Spratt and Gary Vaughn.

Adults will have the choice between two classes: a Bible Study that follows the same stories the children will be learning, led by Dorothy Mondak; and a hands-on class that will explore a different interest each night. The leaders for this class will change with the topic.

Registration will open May 15.

A Memorial service for former member Phyllis Muir, will be on Saturday May 7, at 3:00 p.m. at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, 1627 Monument Ave, Richmond, VA. Allen Fisher will be participating in the service

The week of May 15, we will be congratulating and celebrating those who are **graduating from high school and beyond**. Please email the church office with the name of the school from which you or someone you know is graduating (cjforsing@fredericksburgpc.org). Thank you!

Looking Ahead:

May 15: Graduate Recognition Sunday

May 22: Confirmation Sunday
LIFT Hour (final until fall)
End of School Year Picnic

June 1: Pints & Parables

June 5: Begin Summer Schedule
(Worship at 8:30 & 10)

June 12-16: VBS & Adult Camp

June 21-24: Middle School Retreat at Massanetta

June 24: Movie Night



The Youth Group has organized a canned food drive, and are looking for help from you, the congregation. Our goal is to collect 500 cans of food that will eventually be donated to the Fredericksburg United Methodist Food Pantry. Before they are donated though, the youth group will be using the cans to create a construction of the church in the Education Building Lobby. If you would like to donate **cans**-truction supplies, bring your cans to the church this week, because we are still collecting. There are bins in the Education Building Lobby where donations can be dropped off. Help us not only create something fun and unique, but also help us feed the families and individuals who live around us in our community!