

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 13, 2018

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING. . .

The Prelude *Romanze* Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit *For I Am Called by Thy Name* Crawford Gates

The Call To Worship (from *Psalms 1*)

Happy are those who take delight in the law of the Lord.

They are like trees planted by streams of water.

In all that they do they prosper

For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous.

May God number us with the righteous as we worship the Lord.

The Prayer of Praise

To meditate upon Your law, O God, is to learn of Your love and know of Your righteousness. You are a God of tender mercy, Whose benevolent care protects our children and all creation. We gather to worship You, as creatures of righteousness, made whole by the redeeming love of Jesus the Christ. Open our hearts to sing of Your goodness, our minds to explore Your wisdom, and our lips to give You all praise.

The Hymn 612 *We Praise You, O God*

*The Prayer of Confession

God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. You invite us to share in Christ's ministry, but we ignore the calling of our baptism. You allow us to share in Christ's own life, but we fail to believe this good news. Forgive us, God of grace. Protect us, for we belong to You. Sanctify us in Your truth that our hope and joy may be complete; through Jesus Christ our Lord
... (time for silent confession) . . .

*The Choral Response

*The Assurance of Pardon

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

**For since death came through a human being,
the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being;**

for as all die in Adam,

so all will be made alive in Christ.

Believe the Good News of the Gospel:

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.)

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The New Testament Lesson: *Acts 1:15-17,21-26* p. 143 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 1* p. 602 in the pew Bible

The Anthem *Blessed Assurance* Fanny Crosby, Knapp,
Patti Kerns, soprano Keith Hampton, arr.

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine. Oh what a foretaste of glory divine.
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.
Perfect submission, perfect delight! Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my savior all the day long.*

The Epistle Lesson: *1 John 5:9-13* p. 293 in the pew Bible

The Anthem (11:00 a.m.) *Rejoice in the Lord Always*
Carol Choir

A Moment With the Children

Mother's Day Recognition

*The Hymn 321 (8:30 a.m.) *The Church's One Foundation*

Reception of Confirmands (11:00 a.m.)

Presentation and Questions of Membership

*Affirmation of Confirmands: Theological Reflections

*The *Apostles' Creed*

p. 35 in the Hymnal

Prayer

Charge

*The Hymn 761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

The Gospel Lesson: *John 17:6-19*

p. 136 in the pew Bible

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

The Sermon

Who Prays for Us

Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

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

Chorales

Martin Rodriguez Peris

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Doxology, p. 606 in the Hymnal

Armed with the truth of Your Love, O Shield and Defender, You send us into the world to radiate the joy of new life. Accept our efforts, and make them productive in fulfilling Your Will. Enhance our gifts with the empowerment of Your Holy Spirit. In all that we do, challenge us to be obedient to the call of Jesus Christ, to walk in faithfulness, and to respond to the tasks You assign us. Amen.

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

*The Hymn 852

When the Lord Redeems the Very Least

*The Charge & Benediction

*The Postlude

Allegro

Joachim Quantz

the
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



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 5/13-20

Today (5/13)

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|----------------------------|-------------|
| Worship Services, <i>S</i> | 8:30 & 11am |
| Church School | 9:45am |
| Sacred Dance, <i>U</i> | 3:30pm |

Monday (5/14)

Newsletter Items Due
PT/EN Trip to Philadelphia

Tuesday (5/15)

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| PT/EN Trip to Philadelphia | |
| Men's Breakfast, <i>Bob Evans</i> | 7:30am |
| Dolce Flute, <i>CR</i> | 6pm |

Wednesday (5/16)

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| PT/EN Trip to Philadelphia | |
| Meditation, <i>CP</i> | 6:30pm |

Thursday (5/17)

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| PT/EN Trip to Philadelphia | |
| Handbells, <i>S</i> | 6pm |
| Adult Choir, <i>CR</i> | 7:30pm |

Friday (5/18)

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| PW Coordinating Team, <i>Rm 209</i> | 10am |
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Saturday (5/19)

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| Micah Breakfast, <i>FH</i> | 6:30am |
| Cantate Play Rehearsal, <i>FH</i> | 9am |
| Community Dinner, <i>FH</i> | 2pm |

Sunday (5/20)

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| Worship Services, <i>S</i> | 8:30 & 11am |
| Cantate Play, <i>FH</i> | 9:30am |
| Church School | 9:45am |
| Sacred Dance, <i>U</i> | 3:30pm |
| Cantate, <i>UCR</i> | 5pm |
| Youth Fellowship & Dinner, <i>FH</i> | 6pm |

Location Key:

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| <i>CP</i> : Church Parlor | <i>MH</i> : Middle House |
| <i>S</i> : Sanctuary | <i>CH</i> : Church House |
| <i>EB</i> : Education Building | <i>CF</i> : Conference Room |
| <i>U</i> : Undercroft | <i>FH</i> : Fellowship Hall |
| <i>UCR</i> : Choir Room in Ed. Building | <i>CR</i> : Choir Room |
| <i>L</i> : Library | <i>EBL</i> : Ed. Building Lobby |

Birthdays this Week

May

13. Skip Brandon, David Rice, Anne Tarzier, Morgan Veil, Cole Young
14. Barbara Barrett, Meredith Beattie, Ian Duffy, Thomas Ellis, Connie Gibbons, Rebecca Hamlett, Alexis Loder, Jamie Loder
15. James Campbell, Caeden Ribel
16. Erin Godshall, Peg Langdon, Jessica Nix
17. Carole Green
18. Ken Leimer
19. Mike Blashford, Rachel Horne, Courtney Nix
20. Sarah Goggin, Mary MacNemar, Jay Miller, Phil Miller, Ryan Sweet

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May 13, 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 4-year-olds.

All worshipers are encouraged to sign the Attendance/Friendship pad, greet your friends, and welcome visitors.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mrs. William Dickenson Richmond (Julia Shakleton Richmond), a former member of The Presbyterian Church, by her daughter, Mary Wynn Richmond McDaniel.

Capsule of Concern: Billie Plank, Kay Roscoe

Lectionary readings for next Sunday, May 20:

Acts 2:1-2 or Ezekiel 37:1-14;
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b;
Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21;
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Service Attendants

Liturgist
Bill Nix

8:30 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Karen Johnson

Greeters
Steve & Susie Davis, Mike & Robin Joel

Ushers
Tracey Rembisz, Mike Gibson,
Tom & Karla Lewis

Elevator Assistant
Jeff Spinnanger

11:00 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Patricia Parkinson

Greeters
Will & Vanessa Huffman, Jim & Patty Toler

Ushers
Brian & Kim Liska, Ralph & Betsy Lewis

Elevator Assistant
Pete Humes

Nursery Attendants
8:30 & 11:00 services
Michael & Melissa Gloyd,
Rachel Hole, Bridget Harvey,
Rachel Talmadge

At the 11:00am service today, we recognize the **2018 Confirmation Journey** class as they complete this important step in their faith journey. The Explorers have met since January. They focused on the Apostles' Creed, the sacraments, worship, stewardship & polity, sin & forgiveness, mission, church history, prayer, and much more. With their parents they read the gospel of Mark. They participated in Rise Against Hunger and a mission project at Camp Hanover, put together lunches for Micah, and served as ushers and greeters. They had a day trip to Chatham Manor. We give thanks to their parents and Covenant Partners who have been so supportive of the Explorers along with the leaders – Della Hall, Tricia Garner, Porter Blakemore, Brittany Tamminga, and Bruce Harvey. We thank the congregation for their prayers.

The **Faith & Movie Class** will discuss *Remember the Titans* and *Save the Last Dance*, and the movie next Sunday, May 20, is *Tender Mercies*.

Youth Fellowship TONIGHT: No Youth Fellowship. NEXT WEEK: *Middle School* youth won't want to miss the scavenger hunt, featuring a very special guest youth advisor. *High School* youth will walk to Carl's for a sweet treat.

The Christian Education Committee is looking for some interested people to **work in the church library**. It will involve shelving books, discarding books, keeping an updated list of books, making decisions about donated books, and publicity. If you would like to help, please get in touch with Bruce, 373-7057 (bharvey@fredericksburgpc.org).

Cantate will present the play "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Jericho" by Tom Long on Sunday, May 20, in the Fellowship Hall during the Church School hour.

VBS Shipwrecked - July 15-19 - Sunday 12:00-3:00 and Monday-Thursday 9:00-12:00
Come join us on an awesome island adventure where we are rescued by Jesus! We will have an exciting week of fun games, activities, all while anchoring ourselves in the truth that Jesus carries us through every storm in life. Register online: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/08545b> or look for the VBS table outside of the Sanctuary starting in June. We need volunteers, so if you want to have a great week with the children of our church, sign up to help! Volunteers can also go to the website above to sign up or talk to Robin Joel or Rachel Hole for more information.

The **PW Birthday Luncheon** is our annual birthday celebration of Presbyterian Women of PC(USA). Join us for a catered lunch in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 22. Our guest speaker, Peggy Jones, will speak on her mission work with World Gospel Outreach (WGO). WGO has a three-fold purpose to serve and reach the poor for Christ in Honduras and Belize, to provide care for displaced or abandoned children, and to provide opportunities for the North American Church to experience the joy that comes through serving. To RSVP, contact your circle leader, Debe Garrison, 540-898-0253, (garrison.debe@gmail.com) or Debbie Leimer, 540-845-0185, (debraleimer@gmail.com).

Some of the **Empty Nesters & Prime Timers** will travel to Longwood Gardens, Philadelphia, and Winterthur this week, May 14-17.

The Fellowship Committee has organized a church-wide outing on Saturday, June 23. Come and enjoy a day at the ballpark as the **Washington Nationals take on the Philadelphia Phillies**. The first pitch is scheduled for 4:05 p.m. and tickets are limited. Tickets go on sale today; the cost of each ticket is \$30. Please contact Scott Fischer, 540-899-6064, (VaNavigator@msn.com/540-899-6064) to reserve yours today!

We will receive the **Pentecost Offering**, the second of the PC (USA) special offerings, on Pentecost, May 20. Forty percent of this offering stays local. This year it will go to support Stafford Food Security which provides bag meals to 43 schools in Stafford County, several schools in Spotsylvania County, one school in King George, and both Lafayette and Walker Grant Schools in the city. The bags are given to students in need whom teachers and administrators have identified. The other sixty percent of the offering goes to support youth ministry, young adult volunteers, and children's ministries in the PC (USA). You will find envelopes in the pews and in your offering envelope boxes. Please be in prayer for this offering.

Is someone you know **graduating from high school, college, or completing a postgraduate degree** this year? Are you? CJ (cjforsing@fredericksburgpc.org) will be gathering information in the next few weeks so that we can acknowledge those achievements. For high school students, please share the high school from which they are graduating, plans for the fall and a photo. For college and postgraduate students, please share the school and their degree. Please have this information to CJ no later than May 20. Thank you!

The beginning of our 10:00 a.m. summer worship schedule on June 10, marks the start of **Lemonade on the Lawn** fellowship time between the two services. If you and your family would like to help serve lemonade to thirsty visitors and members of the congregation, you may sign up at the table outside the Sanctuary, or contact Scott Fischer, 540-899-6064, (VaNavigator@msn.com.) Lemonade on the Lawn will continue through Labor Day weekend, September 2.

2018 Confirmation Journey



| Explorers | Covenant Partners | Parents |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Nellie Kate Dameron | Amy Talmadge | Haley & Len |
| Kate Doherty | Patty Toler | Christie & Don |
| Katie Fidler | Michelle Porter | Tristin & Robert |
| Alex Fino | Brian Raska | Macon & Eric |
| Grace Fino | Mel Gloyd | Macon & Eric |
| Evan Foresman | Pete Kolakowski | Piper & Ed |
| Stephen Gloyd | Jim Toler | Michael & Melissa |
| Eva Lewis | Brittany Harvey | Betsy & Ralph |
| Sam Lewis | Tom Wimberly | Betsy & Ralph |
| Bailey Nance | Beth Huber | Roxanne & Don |
| Barbara Nance | Beth Valasko | Roxanne & Don |



2018 Confirmation Class Statement of Faith

We believe God...

Showed his love for us through his son Jesus
Forgives our sins
Is more than we can describe with words

We believe Jesus...

Is our Savior and loves us
Died for our sins and was the ultimate sacrifice
Will come again

We believe the Holy Spirit...

Is always with us and helps us remember we are loved
and must also love
Surrounds us with assurance of protection
Is how God talks to us and hears us

We believe sin...

Creates separation between us and God; it is like a wall
Is disobedience
Is forgiven

We believe the Bible...

Is the physical form of God's lessons
Is our guide
Is good news that serves as a reminder of how
we should live our lives

We believe that through baptism and communion...

We are renewed
We are reminded of God's promises
We are accepted into God's kingdom

We believe the church...

Is a place of worship and fellowship, where everyone is loved
Is our big loving family, who accepts us no matter what
Is the embodiment of Jesus
Is our home