

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 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 31)

In You, O God, we seek refuge.

In Your righteousness, deliver us.

Incline Your ear to us; rescue us speedily.

Be a rock of refuge for us, a strong fortress to save us.

You are indeed our rock and our fortress.

For Your Name's sake, lead us and guide us.

The Prayer of Praise

You are cause for rejoicing, O God, and the source of our gladness. You know what afflicts us; You can sense our distress. You remove whatever net will ensnare us; You give our feet firm places to stand. In Christ, You have brought us deliverance. For all Your mercies we praise Your Name and worship You now as our refuge and strength, almighty and glorious One in Three. Amen.

*The Hymn 643

Now Thank We All Our God

*The Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, Your Word offers freedom from sin, but we confess that we have not obeyed Your Word. We have harbored malice toward our enemies; we have been deceitful in our relationships; we have been insincere in our commitments; through gossip we have slandered our friends. Forgive us our sins and lead us to genuine repentance. In Your great mercy, hear our prayers. ... (time for silent confession)... Help Your children long for Your pure, spiritual milk that we may grow in the joy of salvation through Jesus Christ. Amen.

*The Choral Response

*The Assurance of Pardon

(from 1 Peter 2:10)

Once you were not a people,
but now we are God's people;
Once we had not received mercy,
but now we have received mercy;
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 7:55-60*

p. 153 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16*

p. 622 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

Consider the Lilies

Hoffman/Lyon

*Consider the lilies of the field; How they grow, how they grow.
Consider the birds in the sky; How they fly, how they fly.
He clothes the lilies of the field, He feeds the birds in the sky,
And He will feed those who trust Him and guide them with His eye.
Consider the sheep of His fold; How they follow where He leads.
Though the path may wind across the mountains,
He knows the meadows where they feed.
Consider the sweet tender children who must suffer on this earth;
The pains of all of them He carried from the day of His birth.
He clothes the lilies of the field, He feeds the lambs of his fold.
And He will heal those who trust Him, And make their hearts as gold.*

The Epistle Lesson: *1 Peter 2:2-10*

p. 282 in the pew Bible

The Anthem (11:00 a.m.)

The Butterfly Song
Carol Choir

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 321

The Church's One Foundation

Reception of Confirmands (11:00 a.m.)
Presentation and Questions of Membership

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

Charge

Prayer

Eternal God, the one true Parent of all: we praise You for calling us to be the church, Christ's body on earth. We thank You for charging us to be a servant people and for adding to our number these sisters and brothers in faith. We bless You for their baptisms, and for the nurture and support of their parents, families, teachers and covenant partners. Thank You for their journeys of faith – their talents, gifts and abilities given to glorify You with all Your saints of every time and place. Together, may we live in Your Spirit, and so love one another, that we may have the mind of Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom we give honor and glory forever. Amen.

*The Hymn 691 *Lord, When I Came into This Life*

The Gospel Lesson: *John 14:1-14* p. 132 in the pew Bible
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon *Travel Plans*
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 the People
The Lord's Prayer p. 35 in the Hymnal

The Service of Offering
The Gathering of Our Gifts
The Offertory

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication Doxology p. 606 in the Hymnal

As Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, O God, may we find in Him the source of our strength. As we carry gifts to You, empower our hands to lift others to Christ. Lead us to new wisdom to impart the truth of the Gospel and accept all that we do in the Name of Christ, Who makes all things new. Amen.

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

*The Hymn 246 *Christ Is Alive!*

*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 5/14-21

Today (5/14)

Worship Services, *S* 8:30 & 11am
Church School 9:45am
Cantate Choir, *UCR* 4-6pm

Monday (5/15)

PT/EN Trip to Cape May

Tuesday (5/16)

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Men's Breakfast, *Bob Evans* 7:30am
Dolce Flutes, *CR* 6pm

Wednesday (5/17)

PT/EN Trip to Cape May
Meditation Group, *CP* 6:30pm

Thursday (5/18)

Ladies' Bible Study, *MH* 9:30am
PW Coordinating Team, *CF* 10am
Handbells, *S* 6pm
Adult Choir, *CR* 7:30pm

Saturday (5/20)

Micah Breakfast, *FH* 6:30am
Cantate, *UCR, FH* 10am
Community Dinner, *FH* 2pm
Musical/Pie Social, *FH, L* 7pm

Sunday (5/21)

Worship Services, *S* 8:30 & 11am
Church School 9:45am
Musical, *FH* 9:45am
20s/30s Fellowship, *Spencer Devon* 3pm
Sacred Dance, *U* 3:30pm
Youth Fellowship and Dinner, *FH* 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

May

14. Barbara Barrett, Ian Duffy, Thomas Ellis, Connie Gibbons, Rebecca Hamlett, Alexis Loder, Jamie Loder
15. James Campbell, Caeden Ribel
16. Erin Godshall, Peg Langdon
17. Carole Green
19. Mike Blashford, Rachel Horne, Courtney Nix
20. Mary MacNemar, Jay Miller, Phil Miller, Ryan Sweet

Hospital Visitor 5/14-20
Harry & Joanne Farley, 371-2631

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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 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: Mary Babinsky

Lectionary readings for next Sunday, May 21:

Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20;
1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

Service Attendants

Liturgist
Patty Toler

8:30 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Karen Johnson

Greeters
Will & Vanessa Huffman, Mike & Susie Kuliasha

Ushers
John Howe, Mike Gibson,
Wayne & Felicia Hibbeler

Elevator Assistant
Joe Valasko

11:00 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Foresman family

Greeters
Carol Johnson, Paul & Holly Horn

Ushers
Dick & Mary Szymanski, Preston & Lynn Simms

Elevator Assistant
Dave Bohmke

Nursery Attendants
8:30 & 11:00 services
Mike & Melissa Gloyd, Laura Chewning, Kathryn Rexrode, Julie Young

We are grateful for the commitment of the Confirmation Class teachers, Tricia Garner, Porter Blakemore and Della Hall. We also thank Ann Zimmerman for the lovely lettering of names in the Bible each confirmand will receive.

The **75 Prime Timers & Empty Nesters** along with guests will meet at BJs Wholesale in the lower right parking lot on Monday, May 15, at 6:45 a.m., to board the buses to depart on their two night journey to **Cape May**. They will return on Wednesday, May 17.

The Fellowship Committee will be hosting a **dessert social** following the Cantate Choir's presentation of "*The Rock Slinger's Greatest Hit*" on May 20. Please bring a pie or dessert to share.

Everyone is invited to the **Church Picnic** on Sunday, June 4, following the 11:00 a.m. service. We will plan to have the picnic outside, but if we have inclement weather, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall. The CE Committee will provide chicken tenders and beverages. Singles and couples are asked to bring one dish and families of 3 or more are asked to bring two dishes: vegetable, salad or dessert. Since it is Pentecost Sunday, you are asked to wear red and feel free to wear your picnic clothes to worship. Volunteers are requested to help at 10:00 a.m. with setup of tables and chairs.

Presbyterian Women invite all women in the church to the **annual Birthday Luncheon** on Monday, May 22, at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The cost of the catered buffet luncheon is \$12/pp. Reservations can be made through circle leaders or by contacting Debe Garrison (garrison.debe@gmail.com) or Debbie Leimer (debraleimer@gmail.com) by 15 May. Our guest speaker, CJ Forsing, will share about her new life coaching practice, Comfort and Joy Coaching, and the interactive journal she wrote titled *Empowered*. An offering will be taken in support of the PW 2017 Birthday Offering projects: the First Hand Aid Rural Clinic Development Initiative in Cuba, The Family Justice Center Safe Haven for Domestic Violence in South Carolina, and Navajo Water Project in New Mexico. We will also have a special preview of the PW 2017-2018 mission project.

The **Middle School and High School Youth Fellowship** groups will gather on May 28, in the Fellowship Hall at 12:15 p.m. to assemble Micah Lunches.

Empty Nester's Evening at the River - Come join us at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 10, at the home of Karen and Johnny Boyles for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship. Please bring lawn chairs, a beverage of your choice, and an hors d'oeuvre to share. RSVP to John and Gaye Copley 540-371-1630 or Johnny and Karen Boyles 540-469-4524

Two drivers are needed to take our youth to the Montreat Youth Conference on Sunday, July 23, and return the rented van back in Fredericksburg on the same day. Two drivers are also needed to drive a van back down on the Friday, July 28, and bring youth back to Fredericksburg on Saturday, July 29. If you are able to help, please talk with Pastor Tamminga or Bruce Harvey.

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.

We are looking for one person to partner with another member to serve as a **host for the Micah breakfast on Saturday mornings** at our church. The hosts arrive at 6:30 a.m. to open the doors and welcome the group who will prepare the food. Later the hosts welcome the guests as they arrive for breakfast. The hosts lock the doors at the end of the breakfast at 9:00 a.m. If you have questions or are interested, please let Bruce know, 373-7057, (bharvey@fredericksburgpc.org).

There is a great opportunity for adults who would like to spend a week doing **mission in West Virginia, June 25-July 1**. We will return to Gilbert and Hampden, West Virginia, to work on houses in this region of Appalachia. We stay in a church where we also prepare our meals and shower. You are invited to stop by the table outside the Sanctuary to sign up or see Bruce for more information.

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.

The annual **Marine Corps Historic Half Marathon** will return to the streets of Fredericksburg on May 21. There will be rolling road closures in the City that morning. You may view the route at <http://www.halfmarathons.net/course-map-marine-corps-historic-half-marathon/>. Several copies of the map are at the back of the Sanctuary.

What will our Presbytery look like in 2020? This is the question the VISION 2020 TEAM, working on behalf of the Presbytery of the James, has already begun to explore with other churches in the area. Their work has been fueled by the idea that each church has the opportunity to help shape the future our Presbytery. All are invited and encouraged to become a part of this exciting process. On May 24, at 6:30 p.m., we will gather in the Fellowship Hall to share an evening of fellowship and conversation regarding the positive ways we have experienced ministry together as a congregation of the Presbytery of the James. We will be joined by members of Summit Presbyterian Church. Please fill out the sign-up form inserted in today's bulletin, if you plan to attend.