

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Day of Pentecost

May 20, 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 Introit *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

The Call To Worship

The day of Pentecost has come, and we are together.

Will the works of God be known among us today?

We live in the valley of dry bones.

Around and within us is emptiness.

God comes to us as a gentle breath or violent wind.

Catch your breath, God's breath, and live.

There are stirrings deep within that give us hope.

There is a Spirit linking us to one another.

The fires of love dispel life's shadows.

God's Spirit comes to give us new life.

Surely God is in this place!

May the glory of God be known among us today!

The Prayer of Adoration

*The Hymn 280 *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*

*The Prayer of Confession

When Your face is hidden from us, Mighty God, we forget that there is more to life than the daily pursuits that occupy our attention. We are weak because we have not tapped the resources You place within us. We are engaged only by what we can see and touch and hear. Our frantic self-centeredness dries our bones and we lose hope. Call us out of the graves in which we have chosen to live, the deep ruts that keep us from knowing the fullness of life You reveal when we welcome Your Spirit. . . (time for silent confession). . .

*The Choral Response

*The Assurance of Pardon

The God who causes dry bones to live,

The God who opens the graves of the dead,

The God who has put the Holy Spirit within us, this God says:

In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and, you shall live. 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 Old Testament Lesson: *Ezekiel 37:1-14*

p. 987 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 104:24-34,35b*

p. 683 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

Surely the Presence

Lanny Wolfe/Rainey, arr.

Rejoice, O church of God, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Rejoice in the glory of God; in the cross of Christ, our King.

*Rejoice in the power of God; rejoice in the majesty of God,
rejoice in the love of God, rejoice in the holy presence of the Lord.*

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;

I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace.

I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Take this church and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take our hands and let them move at the impulse of your love.

Surely the love of Christ is in this place;

we can sense the Holy Spirit, and the wonder of God's grace.

*And our hearts are overflowing with the fullness of God's joy,
and we feel the holy presence of the Lord.*

The Gospel Lesson: *John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15*

p. 134 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 286

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

The New Testament Lesson: *Acts 2:1-21* p. 144 in the pew Bible
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon *Co-conspirators*
Brittany Tamminga

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

*The Affirmation of Faith *A Brief Statement of Faith* p. 37-38 in the Hymnal
(Paragraphs 1, 4, 5, 6 only)

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

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication Doxology, p. 606 in the Hymnal
God of mercy, we give You thanks for all that Your bounty creates. The gifts we bring today acknowledge our debt to You and our intent to relieve others of their burdens. Bless what we offer and bless those who will be shown deeds of power through them. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

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

*The Hymn 289 *On Pentecost They Gathered*

*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 5/20-27

Today (5/20)		
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	
Monday (5/21)		
PW Circle of Prayer, <i>CF</i>	12:30pm	
Mission Committee, <i>CF</i>	7pm	
Tuesday (5/22)		
Men's Breakfast, <i>Bob Evans</i>	7:30am	
PW Birthday Lunch, <i>FH</i>	11:30am	
Worship Committee, <i>CF</i>	7pm	
Wednesday (5/23)		
Meditation, <i>CP</i>	6:30pm	
Thursday (5/24)		
Handbells, <i>S</i>	6pm	
Adult Choir, <i>CR</i>	7:30pm	
Saturday (5/26)		
Micah Breakfast, <i>FH</i>	6:30am	
Sunday (5/27)		
Worship Services, <i>S</i>	8:30 & 11am	
Church School	9:45am	
Sacred Dance, <i>U</i>	3:30pm	

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
L: Library *EBL:* Ed. Building Lobby

Birthdays this Week

- May**
- 20. Sarah Goggin, Mary MacNemar, Jay Miller, Phil Miller, Ryan Sweet
 - 22. Roberta Karch, Joyce Nichols, Pat Parkinson, Benjamin Smith, Katie Werner
 - 23. Diane Makovsky, Tim Sullivan
 - 24. John Fartro, Jane Johnson, Becca Mahon
 - 25. Gale Kehoe
 - 26. Allison Brooks, Lindsey Campbell, David Johnson, Jerry Zekert
 - 27. Alex Fino, Grace Fino

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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 4-year-olds.

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

The flowers today are given by John & Gaye Copley to the glory of God and in memory of their parents, Albert and Kathleen Copley and William and Thelma Mason..

Capsule of Concern: Jacqui Nix, Billie Plank

Lectionary readings for next Sunday, May 27:

Isaiah 6:1-8;
Psalm 29;
Romans 8:12-17;
John 3:1-17

Service Attendants

Liturgist
David Deaderick

8:30 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Karen Johnson

Greeters
Al & Jan Erkert, Steve & Debbie Eckel

Ushers
Karen & David Johnson, Kaden Yealy, George Cralle

Elevator Assistant
Jim Toler

11:00 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Patricia Parkinson

Greeters
Dick & Mary Szymanski, Ann Warner

Ushers
Will & Vanessa Huffman, Joel & Julie Young

Elevator Assistant
James Lockett

Nursery Attendants
8:30 & 11:00 services
Carole Nelen, Amy Ellis, Beth Valasko, Amanda Wimberly

Next Sunday, May 27, will end our 2017-18 **Church School** year. We thank all the superintendents, nursery workers, teachers, and participants for helping to make this a very rich year of nurture and growing in our Christian faith. Church School will resume on September 9, with breakfast in the Fellowship Hall.

The **Faith & Movie Class** will discuss *Tender Mercies* today.

Youth Fellowship TONIGHT: *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. NEXT WEEK: No Youth Fellowship.

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

All members and guests are invited to the **church picnic on Sunday, June 3**. We ask singles & couples to bring one dish and families of 3 or more to bring two dishes – vegetable, salad, or dessert. The Christian Education Committee will provide chicken tenders, beverages, and eatery. We will set up tables and chairs on the lawn after the 8:30 a.m. service and would appreciate help from those who are able. Food will be ready for the 8:30 service worshippers beginning at 11:30 a.m.

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).

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).

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!

The **Mission Committee** will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room on Monday, May 21.

We will receive the **Pentecost Offering**, the second of the PC (USA) special offerings, this morning at both services. 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.

Our church is sponsoring **SOKS Camp** for the children of Heritage Park apartments, June 25-28. We will offer baseball activities and field games at Sunshine Ballpark. Volunteers need to arrive at the apartment complex at 12:30 p.m. and take the children to the ballpark until 3:30 p.m. You may volunteer on one or all of the afternoons. Baseball skills are not necessary, just a willingness to help the kids and have fun! Please contact Jim Toler (jimtoler4@yahoo.com) or Bruce Harvey (bharvey@fredericksburgpc.org) for details or to sign up.

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.

Be a Nursery volunteer! We need you to help minister to the children of this church. Please sign up today at the table outside the Sanctuary. If you have any questions, please call the church office, 373-7057, or email cjforsing@fredericksburgpc.org.