

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 28, 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 *Psalms* 68)

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

We will listen for God's mighty voice.

Ascribe power to God, Whose majesty is over Israel,
and Whose power is in the skies.

Awesome is God in God's sanctuary.

The God of Israel gives power and strength to God's people.

The Prayer of Adoration

God of light and truth, You are beyond our grasp. Your glory is beyond our conceiving. Before the brightness of Your presence, the angels veil their faces. With lowly reverence and adoring love, we acclaim Your glory and sing Your praise, for You have shown us Your truth and love in Jesus Christ our Savior, Who suffered for us and ascended to Your right hand to live and reign eternally with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*The Hymn 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*The Call to Confession

*The Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess that we do not always bring honor and glory to Your Name. We are rebellious and weak; we flee before your goodness. We insist on our own way, and often make assumptions and judgments that harm some and exclude others. Forgive us for our selfish ways and call us to question our assumptions, to reserve judgment and to err on the side of inclusion. Restore and strengthen us by the grace and mercy of Christ, that we may rise up again in peace to love and serve Your world. ... (time for silent confession) ...

*The Choral Response

*The Assurance of Pardon

. . . rise up and give God thanks.

In Christ, we are forgiven! 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.)

The Moment for Mission

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The New Testament Lesson: *Acts 1:6-14*

(p. 143 in the pew Bible)

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 68:1-10, 32-35*

(p. 651 in the pew Bible)

The Epistle Lesson: *1 Peter 4:12-14*

(p. 285 in the pew Bible)

The Anthem

Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise!

Dan Forrest, arr.

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*Hail the day that sees Him rise, Alleluia! To His throne beyond the skies, Alleluia!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia! Enters now the highest heaven, Alleluia.
Circled round the angel powers, Alleluia! Their triumphant Lord and ours, Alleluia!
Christ has conquered death and sin, Alleluia! Take the King of Glory in, Alleluia!*

If God is for us, who can be against us?

He who did not spare His only Son, but gave Him up all?

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 816

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

The Gospel Lesson: *John 17:1-11*

(p. 136 in the pew Bible)

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

The Sermon

The Hour Has Come
Brittany Tamminga

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

*The *Apostles' Creed*

(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

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

(Doxology, p. 606 in the Hymnal)

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

*The Hymn 265

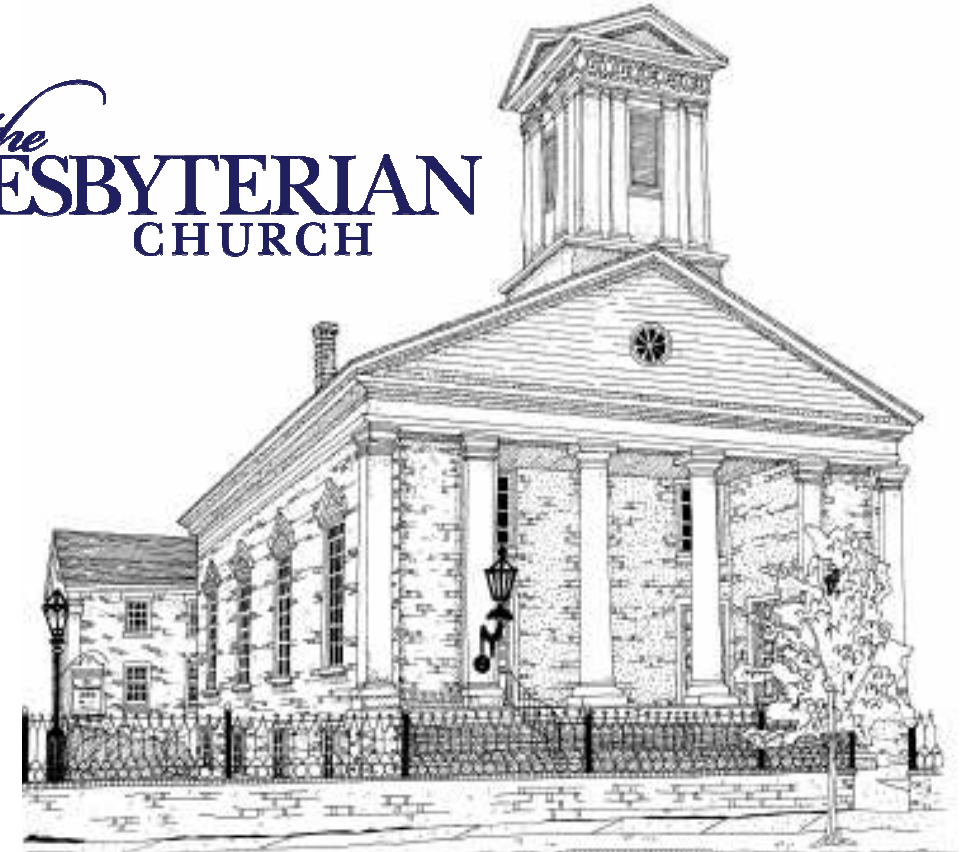
Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

*The Charge & Benediction

*The National Hymn 346

For the Healing of the Nations

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 5/28-6/4

Today (5/28)

Worship Services, *S* 8:30 & 11am
Church School 9:45am
Cantate, *U* 4pm

Monday (5/29)

Office Closed

Tuesday (5/30)

Men's Breakfast, *Bob Evans* 7:30am

Wednesday (5/31)

Meditation Group, *CP* 6:30pm

Thursday (6/1)

Ladies' Bible Study, *MH* 9:30am
Handbells, *S* 6pm
Adult Choir, *CR* 7:30pm

Saturday (6/3)

Micah Breakfast, *FH* 6:30am

Sunday (6/4)

Worship Services, *S* 8:30 & 11am
Church School Picnic 12pm
Sacred Dance, *U* 3:30pm

Location Key:

CP: Church Parlor

S: Sanctuary

EB: Education Building

U: Undercroft

UCR: Choir Room in Ed. Building

MH: Middle House

CH: Church House

CF: Conference Room

FH: Fellowship Hall

CR: Choir Room

Birthdays this Week

May

28. Lynn Hamb, Charlie McDaniel, Lynne Rawlings, Will Toler
29. Sheila Baker, Mary Szymanski, Jacob Veil
30. Nancy Nash, William Robertson, Abe Rowe
31. Matt Bohmke, Jim Gaines

June

1. Betty Ellett, Marsha Lockett, Paul Ludwig
2. Scott Allison, Elle Carr, Becca Sidebotham
3. Sophie Early, Alanna John, Tom Theado, Clifford Werner
4. Cameron John, Sophie Jones, Doreen Vaughn, Charlotte Webb

Hospital Visitor 5/28-6/3

Patricia Langfitt, 370-4489

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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 by Linda Sweet to the glory of God, with thanksgiving, and in memory of Jauncey.

Capsule of Concern: Mary Babinsky, Gail McGhee, Charlotte Mims, Mary Szymanski, Susie Techlin

Lectionary readings for next Sunday, June 4:

Acts 2:1-21 *or* Numbers 11:24-30;
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b;
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23 *or*
John 7:37-39

Service Attendants

Liturgist
Mike Gibson

8:30 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Karen Johnson

Greeters
Porter & Linda Blakemore,
Wayne & Felicia Hibbeler

Ushers
Sharon Moser, Gay Sullivan,
Sydney Chichester and Jean
Ravinsky

Elevator Assistant
Bob Deaderick

11:00 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Maryann Piersall

Greeters
Shirley Eye, Paul & Debbie
Leimer

Ushers
James & Marsha Lockett, John
& Nita Deegan

Elevator Assistant
Stacie Buck

Nursery Attendants
8:30 & 11:00 services
Brian & Ashley Raska, Al &
April Stevens, Steve & Amy
McCullough, Brian & Kim
Liska

Church School ends the 2016-17 year today, and will resume on Sunday, September 10, with breakfast at 9:30 a.m.

Coming in August is a **special summer class for youth and adults** - Christianity, Islam, and Judaism - Common Roots, Beliefs, Struggles. Plan to attend August 6, 13, 20, and 27 at 11:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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

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. We ask singles and couples to bring one dish and families of 3 or more are asked to bring two dishes: vegetable, salad and/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.

The **June Prime Timers'** outing will be to El Charro's Mexican Restaurant, 4611 Southpoint Parkway, at 11:45 a.m. on Wednesday, June 7. We will make plans for the 2017-18 year. Please make a reservation with Bruce by June 4, 373-7057, (bharvey@fredericksburgpc.org). You may leave a message with CJ Forsing.

Empty Nesters' 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. Three drivers are also needed to drive a van and a mini van/suv back down on 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.

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 from teens to adults 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. 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.

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.

The Pentecost Offering will be received on Sunday, June 4. Sixty percent of this PC (USA) offering supports Volunteers in Mission - young adults who spend 3 months to a year overseas or in the United States lending a hand; child advocacy; and seed money for the 2019 Youth Triennium at Purdue University. Our church sent 7 youth along with Rachel Erb to last year's Triennium, and we have had 4 of our young adults serve as VIMs in the last 20 years. The remaining 40 percent will stay local to support School Dressing Days with the purchase of clothes, shoes, and supplies.

The annual **School Dressing Days** will be held August 11 and 12, at the LDS church on Bragg Road. New clothing, school supplies, backpacks and toiletries are provided to children grades K-12 to get ready for back to school. Ways to be involved: help families "shop," keep items replenished, clean up, etc., help set up on August 9 and 10, and help with pre-registration in June and July. We have a great need for those who speak Spanish or other languages to assist our refugee population. To volunteer, you can choose your time slot and sign up with Signup Genius (signupgenius.com and search schooldressingdays@gmail.com) or watch for a signup sheet on Sunday mornings. Additional ways to help include: monetary donations (make check to Interfaith Community Council with "School Dressing Days" on the memo line); donations of girls' underwear, sizes 10, 12, 14 (no hi-rise briefs please), or boys and men's socks (all sizes and styles *except* small). Toiletry items are always needed (bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and deodorant). We are also collecting new and/or gently used tennis shoes (all sizes), flats for teenage girls, backpacks, and gently used or new hoodies. Please do not bring worn out shoes. Donations may be put in the bin in the Education Building Lobby or outside the sanctuary on Sundays. Questions? Contact Becky Paul, 373-2294, (bcmrpaul@cox.net).

Help at Stafford Junction - On Wednesdays, July 12 and 19, our church will put together 60 bag lunches for the summer day camp program at Stafford Junction. Volunteers will meet in the kitchen at 10:00 a.m. to assemble the lunches. If you are able to help, please contact Bruce or sign up at the table outside the Sanctuary beginning next week. You may also volunteer to help at the Stafford Junction summer day program in the afternoons Monday-Thursdays, July 3 - August 3, skipping July 4. Mondays and Wednesdays are for 4-6 year olds and Tuesdays and Thursdays are for 7-11 year olds. If you want to volunteer, please contact Lynn Hamilton at Stafford Junction, 540-368-0081 or info@staffordjunciton.org.