

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 6, 2018

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING. . .

The Prelude *Jerusalem, My Happy Home* Dave Dunbar
The Jubilate Ringers

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

The Call To Worship (from *Psalm 98*)

Sing to our God a new song.
God has done marvelous things!
Make a joyful noise to the Lord!
Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
Let the sea roar and all that fills it.
Let the world and its people sing together for joy!

The Prayer of Adoration

O God of power and majesty, as the sea roars, Your name is praised. Waves pounding the shore remind us of Your grandeur. By Your creative design birds fly, fish swim, and creatures in the forests and meadows leap and run. All creation chants in praise of Your plan for them. As You make our joy complete in the gift of Your Son, Christ Jesus our Savior, we worship You with hearts, hands, and voices in songs of glad adoration. Alleluia! Amen.

*The Hymn 643 *Now Thank We All Our God*

*The Prayer of Confession

We are people of little faith, faithful God, who treat Your love as a burden. We run away from Your commandments. We have not loved You with all our hearts. Neither do we find it in our hearts to love one another. Because we love little, our strength to face our troubles is small. We are troubled and troublesome people. We prefer our burdens to obeying You and loving one another. Forgive us in the merciful name of Jesus. . . (time for silent confession). . .

*The Choral Response

*The Assurance of Pardon

The victory that overcomes the world is our faith:

Our faith is in Jesus Christ.

Jesus declared God's love for us

That his joy might be in us and our joy might be complete.

We believe the Good News of the Gospel:

In 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 stand to greet one another in the name of Christ and exchange this ancient greeting with worshipers seated near you.)

The Moment for Mission

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The New Testament Lesson: *Acts 10:44-48* p. 158 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalm 98* p. 678 in the pew Bible

The Anthem *Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens* Dave Dunbar

Praise the Lord, heavens above, Praise the Lord, ye shining stars, Praise the Lord!

Praise Him with the trumpet, Praise Him with lute and with lyre.

Praise Him with cymbal, Praise Him with timbrel and dance.

O praise the Lord, all ye nations, O praise the Lord!

The Epistle Lesson: *1 John 5:1-6* p. 293 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 396 *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

The Gospel Lesson: *John 15:9-17* p. 134 in the pew Bible

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

The Sermon *Spirited Disruptions*
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES 5/6-13

Today (5/6)

Worship Services, <i>S</i>	8:30 & 11am
Church School	9:45am
Know Your Neighbor Event, <i>Beth Sholom</i>	3pm
Sacred Dance, <i>U</i>	3:30pm
Cantate, <i>UCR</i>	5pm
PW Neverending Cir., <i>Gail McGhee's</i>	5pm
Youth Fellowship & Dinner, <i>FH</i>	6pm
Session w/ Confirmands, <i>MH</i>	6pm
Session, <i>MH</i>	7pm

Monday (5/7)

PW Circle of Joy, <i>CP</i>	10am
PW Faith Circle, <i>CP</i>	1pm

Tuesday (5/8)

Men's Breakfast, <i>Bob Evans</i>	7:30am
PW Friendship Circle, <i>Chancellor's Village</i>	10:30am

Wednesday (5/9)

2 nd Wednesday Fellowship, <i>FH</i>	6pm
Meditation, <i>CP</i>	6:30pm
Stewardship, <i>CF</i>	7pm

Thursday (5/10)

Ladies' Bible Study, <i>MH</i>	9:30am
Handbells, <i>S</i>	6pm
Adult Choir, <i>CR</i>	7:30pm

Saturday (5/12)

Micah Breakfast, <i>FH</i>	6:30am
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Sunday (5/13)

Worship Services, <i>S</i>	8:30 & 11am
Church School	9:45am
Sacred Dance, <i>U</i>	3:30pm
Cantate, <i>UCR</i>	5pm
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Location Key:

<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

6. Shirley Kutz, Bera Mataka, Amy McCullough, Allison Wimberly
8. Lee Gibbons, Ian Norfleet, Jacob Poudrier
9. Anna Carelock, Mary Lou Cramer
10. Eva Lewis, Samuel Lewis, Frank Miraglia
11. Mary Kate Herndon, Gordon Nash, Willy Werner
12. Garrett John
13. Skip Brandon, David Rice, Anne Tarzier, Morgan Veil, Cole Young

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Apr 29, 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 by Debra Myers to the glory of God and in loving memory of her father, Earl Hollibaugh, Sr.

Capsule of Concern: Billie Plank

Lectionary readings for next Sunday, May 13:

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1;
1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

Service Attendants

Liturgist
Joe Valasko

8:30 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Karen Johnson

Greeters
Harry & Gerry Smart, Jo Anne Kinnamon

Ushers
David & Sarah Wright,
Marjolijn Bijlefeld,
Wayne Hibbeler

Elevator Assistant
Ian Norfleet

11:00 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Patricia Parkinson

Greeters
Johnny & Karen Boyles, Jim & Heather Carelock

Ushers
Preston & Lynn Simms, John & Nita Deegan

Elevator Assistant
Gary Vaughn

Nursery Attendants
8:30 & 11:00 services
Heidi Pedersen, Chip & Amy Ellis, Russ Morris & Brittany Harvey, Patricia Langfitt

Confirmation Journey: Today, Covenant Partners will join Explorers for their last class on the 2nd floor of the Middle House.. At 6:00 p.m., the Explorers will meet with the session in the Middle House. At 6:45 p.m., parents and Covenant Partners are invited to join them for a reception in the Church House. Confirmation Sunday will be May 13, at the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

The **Faith & Movie Class** will discuss *The Shack*, and the movies next Sunday, May 13, are *Remember the Titans* and *Save the Last Dance*.

Youth Fellowship TONIGHT: *Middle School* youth will walk to Carl's. *High School* youth will play games in the park. NEXT WEEK: No Youth Fellowship.

All members and guests are invited to the outdoor party on **Wednesday, May 9**. This is the **2nd Wednesday fellowship event for May** that will feature games for all ages. The meal will be sub sandwiches from Wegmans. You may make a reservation by filling out the bulletin insert or contacting the church at 373-7057 or bharvey@fredericksburgpc.org.

SAVE the DATE! **VBS** will be July 15-19. Four-year olds through rising 5th graders will venture onto an uncharted island where we will be rescued by Jesus! We will anchor ourselves in the truth that Jesus carries us through every storm in life. We'll learn to hold onto God's promises when we are lonely, when we worry, when we struggle, do wrong, and feel powerless. Want to join in on the fun??!! Come be a volunteer! For more information, contact Robin Joel, 540-229-1421 (rjoel515@gmail.com) or Rachel Hole, 540-903-0677 (rjarnecke@yahoo.com).

A **fundraiser for School Dressing Days** will be held at Harry's Ale House, 5737 Plank Rd, Fredericksburg 22407 (Harrison Crossing Shopping Center) **tomorrow**, all day. We will get \$2 from each Charity Steak dinner sold that day. The cost of the dinner is \$7.99 and includes steak, mashed potatoes, and vegetable. Last year we raised \$400 from this fundraiser.

All members are invited to the next **Know Your Neighbor: An Interfaith Gathering** today, at Beth Sholom Temple from 3:00-5:00 p.m. There will be activities for all ages.

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!

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 starts will continue through Labor Day weekend, September 2.