

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

November 12, 2017

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

**All who are able may stand.*

Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING. . .

The Prelude *I Sing the Almighty Power of God* Linda McKechnie
Jubilate Ringers and Tina Christie, flute

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit *Keep Your Lamps!* Andre Thomas, arr.

The Call To Worship (from *Psalms* 78)

Let us speak of the glorious deeds of God and God's might.

**We will not hide them from our children;
we will tell them to the coming generation.**

Let us rise up and tell the children, so that they should set their hope in God,
**that they should not forget the words of God
but keep God's commandments.**

The Prayer of Praise

We incline our ears to the words of Your mouth and will tell of Your glorious deeds, O Lord. Your righteousness is like streams of goodness washing our soul. You purify the thoughts of our minds by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit and sanctify our actions by the gift of Your Son Jesus Christ. We appear now before You as children renewed by Your mercy, to give You all praise in response to Your grace. Glory to You, the One Eternal God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

*The Hymn 104 *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You*

*The Prayer of Confession

Holy and gracious God, You are all light and wonder and glory. You are our strength and our delight; You give us all we need to live. Yet we are distracted by all that glitters, continually grasping for more. Rather than trust in Your provision, we chase after our own happiness. Forgive us, Lord, and turn us back to You. Overwhelm us with Your goodness and cover us with grace, for we know that You are the source of life, the fount of all that is good. . .(time for silent confession).

*The Choral Response

*The Assurance of Pardon

May the God of peace sanctify you entirely, and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God who calls us is faithful, and in Christ we hear again the words of assurance: 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 Old Testament Lesson: *Joshua 24:1-3a,14-25* p. 267 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms* 78:1-7 p. 661 in the pew Bible

The Anthem *Don't Look Back* Joseph M. Martin

*We'll work till Jesus comes. We'll work till Jesus comes and we'll be carried home.
O put your hand to the plow, don't look back and be strong in the work of the Lord.
Servant, be faithful in the calling. Trust God and He will lead the way.
Surrender all in faith, the harvest will be great. Let service be your song of praise!*

The Epistle Lesson: *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18* p. 250 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 840 *When Peace Like a River*

The Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 25:1-13* p. 34 in the pew Bible

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

The Sermon

Code-Switching
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

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 and Pledges

The Hymn of Dedication 711 *Lord of All Good*

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Doxology, p. 606 in the Hymnal

Wherever we look we see your grandeur about us. All that we have is a gift of Your grace. You fill each day with bountiful blessings and keep us mindful of how You care for our needs. We return to You now what You have already provided; may it be a symbol of our thanksgiving and love. Enhance their effectiveness and multiply our efforts, so that Christ's mission may spread to wherever there is a need. Bless these pledges and our promises of faithfulness that we may serve your kingdom now and forever through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

*The Hymn 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

*The Charge & Benediction

*The National Hymn 338

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies



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 11/12-19**Today (11/12)**

Worship Services, <i>S</i>	8:30 & 11am
Church School	9:45am
Fellowship Committee, <i>CF</i>	12:15pm
Empty Nesters' Fellowship	12:30pm
Sacred Dance, <i>U</i>	3:30pm
Youth Fellowship and Dinner, <i>FH</i>	6pm
Session, <i>MH</i>	7pm

Monday (11/13)

Newsletter Items Due	
PW Faith Circle, <i>CP</i>	1pm

Tuesday (11/14)

Men's Breakfast, <i>Bob Evans</i>	7:30am
PW Friendship Circle, <i>Chancellor's Village</i>	10:30am
CE Committee, <i>Bravo's</i>	6:30pm
Worship Committee, <i>CF</i>	7pm

Wednesday (11/15)

Meditation Group, <i>CP</i>	6:30pm
Wed. Fellowship Planning Committee, <i>CF</i>	7pm

Thursday (11/16)

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

Saturday (11/18)

Micah Breakfast, <i>FH</i>	6:30am
Community Dinner, <i>FH</i>	2pm
Set Up for Alternative Gift Fair, <i>FH</i>	6:30pm

Sunday (11/19)

Worship Services, <i>S</i>	8:30 & 11am
Alternative Gift Fair, <i>FH</i>	9:30am
Church School	9:45am
PW Circle of Grace, <i>Jessica Nix's</i>	2pm
Sacred Dance, <i>U</i>	3:30pm
Cantate, <i>UCR</i>	5pm
Youth Fellowship and Dinner, <i>FH</i>	6pm

Location Key:

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

*Birthdays this Week***November**

- Clark Henshaw, Billie Plank
- Vanessa Huffman, Gyles Norwood
- Caroline Deaderick, Dave Techlin
- Tim Duffy, Debra Myers
- Gerry Zimmermann
- Sylvia Allen, Katie Brandon, Janice Cleland, Nancy Hansen, Gillian Harvey
- John Deegan, Karen Dodson
- Griffin Hamilton, Jerry Parsons

Hospital Visitors 11/12-18

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 by Debra Myers and family in loving memory of Ruth Larkin Hollibaugh, wonderful mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and to the glory of God.

Capsule of Concern: Carole Fariss, Harry Farley, Dee Kindred, Bill Mitchell, John Nolan, Susie Techlin, Frank Turnage, Rim Vining

Lectionary readings for next Sunday, November 19:

Joshua 4:1-7; Psalm 123;
 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

Service Attendants

Liturgist
 Kathy Rocholl

8:30 AM
Sanctuary Guild
 Nancy Raines

Greeters
 Mary Lowman,
 Harry & Joanne Farley

Ushers
 Steve & Susie Davis, Marjolijn Bijlefeld, Jerry Zekert

Elevator Assistant
 Joe Valasko

11:00 AM
Sanctuary Guild
 Sharon Moser

Greeters
 Ann Warner, Jane Eger

Ushers
 Helen Fortune, Gina Whitticar,
 James & Marsha Lockett

Elevator Assistant
 Ralph Lewis

Nursery Attendants
8:30 & 11:00 services
 Rachel Ball, Amy McCullough,
 Brian & Kim Liska

The **Christian Education Committee** will meet at Bravo's at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

The **2018 Confirmation Journey** will begin in January, with an orientation on December 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle House. We ask current 8th graders along with any 9th or 10th graders who have not been confirmed to let us know by November 12, if you plan to participate. Regular class time will be Sunday mornings with some special activities at other times from January through the beginning of May. Confirmation Sunday will be on Mother's Day, May 13.

The **December Prime Timers** will meet for lunch at Bravo's on Wednesday, December 6, at 11:45 a.m. Please make a reservation with Bruce or the church office by December 3.

Youth Fellowship Groups- *Middle School group* will have a game night; the *High School group* will assemble care packages for college students. Next week: *Middle School group* are raking leaves at Humankind. Meet in the Church Parking lot at 2:30 p.m.; *High School group* will help with the Community Dinner. Meet in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday at 2:00 p.m.

High School Retreat at Camp Hanover, December 2-3: This retreat is for youth in grades 9 through 12 and the adult youth group leaders. It begins at 4:00 p.m. Saturday evening and concludes by 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. The cost of \$55 per person includes Saturday night lodging, 3 meals and all program materials. If you are interested in attending, please contact Rev. Tamminga, btamminga@fredericksburgpc.org.

The **Wednesday Fellowship Planning Committee** will meet on Wednesday, November 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Empty Nesters will visit Potomac Point Winery (275 Decatur Rd, Stafford, 22554) today, for a picnic, wine tasting and tour.

Plan now to attend the **Alternative Gift Market** on Sunday, November 19, in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Many of the ministries and agencies that we support in our mission budget will be here to share information and offer ways for you to make gift donations in honor of family and friends. We would also like to have 3 or 4 volunteers to help with set up for the market on Saturday evening, November 18, around 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and 3 or 4 volunteers to assist with clean up at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday morning, November 19. Please stop at the sign-up table outside the Sanctuary this morning.

The **"Great Pie Give-Away"** return for the Community Dinner on Saturday, November 18! Having pie for dessert and giving a whole pie to our guests has become a tradition at the November Community Dinner. This small act of love means a lot to the dinner guests. Please consider donating a pie or two to the "Great Pie Give-Away." Pumpkin, apple, sweet potato, pecan, and berry pies are all big hits. Pies may be dropped off in the kitchen during the morning before noon on Friday, November 17, or from 2:00-4:00 p.m. on Saturday. It is helpful to know if you are donating a pie, so please contact Karen Johnson, (540) 621-5685, (ksjohnson422@msn.com). Also, consider helping at the dinner. Volunteers are always welcome!

It is time to sign up for **bell-ringing** at Southpoint Walmart to support the **Salvation Army**. Our church is responsible for bell-ringing between 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on December 2 and 9. Volunteers serve only one hour shifts. We need a minimum of 4 for each hour. Sign up in the Lobby before and after church or contact Wayne Hibbeler, 220-7542, (hibbelerw@gmail.com).

The **Cold Weather Shelter** will open this week on Wednesday, November 15, at 750 Kings Hwy. Our 3rd Wednesday team will be there to help open the shelter for the season. It will remain open through sometime in March. You may bring underwear for women and men, socks, and t-shirts for the guests who come to the shelter and place them in the bins located outside the sanctuary or in the lobby. We will have a team at the shelter each Wednesday. Please be in prayer for the shelter - the guests, the volunteers, the paid workers.

Did you know you can get the most up-to-date member directory right on your phone? You can access all member information from the **ACS Church Life** app including pictures! This app is available through your app store TODAY. If you need help or have questions, you may talk to Ed Foresman, Tracey Rembisz, Jeremy Vaughn or call the church office.

The church has a **PUBLIC Facebook page**. To be part of the public page, all you have to do is "like" it. The link is: <https://www.facebook.com/fredericksburgpc/>. All posts to this page will be approved by the administrators before they go public. Please like and share what you see on the public page as a way of getting our name into lots of people's news feeds. Contact Ed Foresman (eforesm@gmail.com) or Tracey Remibisz (trembisz@outlook.com) with any questions.

Pledge Sunday is today. We ask you to prayerfully consider stepping up your current pledge, or if you have not done so, to consider pledging. Everyone is important and no amount is too small or unappreciated. We all give according to our abilities and much of our giving is in time, not money. If you havenot returned your pledge card yet, you may bring or mail it to the church office or place in the offering plate as soon as you are able. *"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."* 1 Peter 4:10