

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

November 19, 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 *Praise, Praise the Lord*
Covenant Choir

The Call To Worship (from *Psalm 123*)
To You I lift up my eyes, O You Who are enthroned in the heavens!
**As the eyes of a maid look to the hand of the her mistress,
so our eyes look to You, Giver of every good gift.**
Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us.
**Look with favor upon us, O Lord, and be pleased
with our praise and thanksgiving.**

The Prayer of Adoration

Gracious Creator, Your day draws near with deliberate haste. We prepare ourselves for the providence that You promise to us in Christ. As we gather in this place to give You all praise and glory, fill us so with the Holy Spirit that we may discern Your will. Empower us to worship You in all that we do, with thanksgiving to Jesus who shows us the way. Glory to You, the One Eternal God- Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The Hymn 612 *We Praise You, O God*

*The Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, You have shown us the ways of justice and nurtured us with love. Even so, we have not lived according to Your will. When we are oppressed or unjustly accused, we cling to fear and forget to trust in Your deliverance. When we are giddy with power and abuse the rights of others, we hold tight to our privilege and forget Your laws. . . (time for silent confession). . . Have mercy on us, Lord, for we are weak and prone to disobedience. Hear our confession, and respond to us with kindness, that we might turn to You again, walk in the light, and live in equity and peace. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

Children of light, because we belong to our Lord Jesus Christ, we need not fear –
for he lived for us, he died for us, he was raised for us and prays for us.

Believe the promise of your baptism:

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

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: *Judges 4:1-7*

p. 273 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalm 123*

p. 703 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

Heavenly Light

A Kopylow/Peter J. Wilhousky

Sent from heaven, thy rays were given on great and small to shine, O Light Divine!

May each soul in sorrow's night see the heavenly light!

Thou blessing to all creation, lead us to our salvation!

All those whose feet may falter, lead unto the sacred altar!

Oh, shine from above, Divine Light of love!

Show us the way unto our God, we pray!

Thou our beacon and guide shalt be! Light Divine, we praise Thee!

The Epistle Lesson: *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

p. 250 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

The Sacrament of Baptism (8:30 a.m.)

*The *Apostles' Creed*

p. 35 in the Hymnal

The Baptism

The Welcome

**With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church
to share with us in His ministry, for we are all one in Christ.**

*The Hymn 488

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

*The Hymn 384 (11:00 a.m.)

Soon and Very Soon

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The Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 25:14-30*

p. 34 in the pew Bible

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

The Sermon

Prepping

Allen H. Fisher Jr.

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

*The *Apostles' Creed* (11:00 a.m.)

p. 35 in the Hymnal

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

O God, You endow us with talent beyond what we earn or deserve. You seek from us service to You in all that we think, yearn for, and do. As we bring our gifts and offerings before You, may they reflect a wise investment of Your trust in us. May their yield continue to abound as the work that we do spreads Your will farther. Through Christ Jesus our Lord we pray. Amen.

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

*The Hymn 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

*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 11/19-26

Today (11/19)

Worship Services, *S* 8:30 & 11am
Alternative Gift Fair, *FH* 9:30am
Church School 9:45am
PW Circle of Grace, *Jessica Nix's* 2pm
Sacred Dance, *U* 3:30pm

Monday (11/20)

PW Circle of Prayer, *CF* 12:30pm

Tuesday (11/21)

Men's Breakfast, *Bob Evans* 7:30am
Community Thanksgiving Service, *St. Mary's* 7pm
Dolce Flutes, *CR* 6pm

Thursday (11/23)



Friday (11/24)

Office Closed

Saturday (11/25)

Micah Breakfast, *FH* 6:30am

Sunday (11/26)

Worship Services, *S* 8:30 & 11am
Church School 9:45am
Sacred Dance, *U* 3:30pm
Cantate, *UCR* 5pm
NO Youth Fellowship and Dinner

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

November

19. Alex Lang, Jerry Parsons
20. Will Doherty, Kelsey Laye
21. Michael Atkinson, Stacy Horne, Andrea Kuliasha, Jacob McAllister, Russell Morris, Joe Valasko
22. David Deaderick, Terry Fellingner, Clark Hower, Charles McDaniel, Robert Paul
23. Joan Dunbar, Grace Hynden, Genny Miraglia, Kathryn Rexrode
24. Jayce Wright
25. Charlotte Mims, Liz Ross, Emily Wright
26. Robert Fidler, Anna Mahon, Jenny Major, Mike Porter

Hospital Visitor 11/19-25

Doris Johnson, 218-590-5115

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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 Al and Jan Erkert with grateful, loving Thanksgiving memories of their parents and grandparents, and to the glory of God.

Capsule of Concern: Carole Fariss, Charlotte Mims, John Nolan, Bob Piersall, Susie Techlin, Frank Turnage

The Sacrament of Baptism at our 8:30 a.m. service is celebrated for Jack Barton Yealy, born September 18, 2008, Kate Isabelle Yealy, born March 12, 2011, and Alex Thomas Yealy, born November 11, 2013. Stephanie Trant Yealy and Kaden Petrick Yealy are the parents of Jack, Kate and Alex.

Lectionary readings for next Sunday, November 26:

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100 *or* Psalm 95:1-7a;
Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

Service Attendants

Liturgist
Barbara Gary

8:30 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Nancy Raines

Greeters
Paul & Mary Kukla, Mike & Susie Kuliasha

Ushers
David & Karen Johnson, Suzi Bevan, Tom Coen

Elevator Assistant
Mary Lowman

11:00 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Sharon Moser

Greeters
Judy Hansen, Gina Whitticar

Ushers
Ed & Piper Foresman, Shirley Eye, Donna Hughes

Elevator Assistant
Scott Fischer

Nursery Attendants
8:30 & 11:00 services
John & Rebecca Jones, Brian & Ashley Raska, Shannon Waite, Amanda Wimberly

The **2018 Confirmation Journey** will begin 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 begin Sunday mornings in January, with some special activities at other times from January through the beginning of May. Confirmation Sunday will be on Mother's Day, May 13.

Youth Fellowship - *Middle School group* are raking leaves at Humankind. Meet in the church parking lot at 2:30 p.m.; No *High School group* meeting tonight. Next week: *Middle School & High School groups* will meet in the kitchen at 12:15 p.m., to prepare lunches for Micah. NO Youth Fellowship in the evening.

High School Retreat at Camp Hanover, December 2-3, 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 **Prime Timers** will gather at Bravo's Italian Restaurant (1 Towne Center Blvd.) at 11:45 a.m. on Wednesday, December 6. The cost for lunch will be \$16 which includes beverage + tax and tip. Please let Bruce know if you are coming and your menu choice by Sunday, December 3, at 373-7057 or bharvey@fredericksburgpc.org. The menu choices are: Bravo chopped salad or Italian wedding soup and one of the following: Pasta Bravo (grilled chicken, mushrooms, rigatoni, roasted red pepper cream), spaghetti & meatballs, or eggplant Parmesan. Pay Bruce at the restaurant by check (made out to church) or cash.

The **December Wednesday fellowship and dinner** will be on December 13, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Felicia Hibbeler will prepare both meat and veggie lasagna. Activities will focus on Advent & Christmas. We will end the evening by decorating the Chrismon and Jesse Trees in the lobby.

All members and visitors are invited to the **Alternative Gift Market** this morning in the Fellowship Hall between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Representatives and information from a number of mission agencies supported by our church will be present to share about their work. Some will have items for purchase. You may make donations in honor of a friend and/or family member. There will be order forms for Equal Exchange coffee, tea, chocolate, etc. and the PC (USA) Giving Catalog. Come join us for this exciting event.

The **"Great Pie Give-Away"** returns 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. If you are donating a pie, please contact Karen Johnson, (540) 621-5685, (ksjohnson422@msn.com). Also, consider helping at the dinner. Volunteers are always welcome!

How are you going to spend the cold winter and early spring months? The Fellowship Committee invites you to plan for **Suppers for 7**. What is Suppers for 7, you ask? Suppers for 7 (or sometimes 6 or 8) are small groupings of fellow church members looking forward to sharing a meal and enjoying fellowship with new friends and church members they may already know. Contact Pastor Tamminga, 540-373-7057 (btamminga@fredericksburgpc.org) if you would like to be included in the Suppers for 7 groupings in the New Year, and start your year off meeting and spending time getting to know your fellow Presbyterians! If you choose to participate, the groups will be announced the end of January. If you have any questions about Suppers for 7, please contact any member of the Fellowship Committee: Matt Bohmke, Kurt Chewning, Ben Fidler, Patricia Langfitt, Sharon Moser, Adam Nelen, Carole Nelen, Beth Valasko, Sarah Wright, Laura Zeranski, and Pastor Tamminga.

Grief is a long and difficult road, especially during the holidays. On Sunday, December 10, at 3:00 p.m., the Board of Deacons will be hosting a **Service of Remembrance** in the Sanctuary. This will be a time when we acknowledge and face the losses and darkness in our lives. We will read scripture, sing hymns, light candles, and pray for one another. It will be a time to seek the Light of God for hope, comfort, and help. Whatever loss you may have and however long you have borne it, we invite you to join us for this time of worship and prayer.

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 Rembisz (trembisz@outlook.com) with any questions.