

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Christ the King

November 26, 2017

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

**All who are able may stand.*

Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING. . .

The Prelude

Come and Give Thanks Gary Shakley
The Presbyterian Brass Ensemble

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

Rejoice, the Lord is King Charles Wesley/Malcolm Archer

The Call To Worship

The Lord God is our shepherd.

We are the people of God's pasture, the sheep of God's hand.

God will seek the lost, feed the hungry, and strengthen the weak.

But the proud and power-hungry will be fed with justice.

The Prayer of Adoration

Great Shepherd of the sheep, You have given us Christ who shepherds the church. He is the host when the table is spread. We praise Your Name for all the goodness You give us, the mercy that, like oil, anoints all of our lives. As we dwell secure in the sanctuary of Your salvation, open to us the truth of Your word. Lead us to serve You more faithfully as in Christ You have called us to do Your will. All thanks and praise to You, the One Eternal God -- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The Hymn 268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

*The Prayer of Confession

Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for Your holy realm. You guide us toward right paths, but we refuse to follow where You lead. You love and feed and care for us, but we fail to love and serve others. . . (time for silent confession). . . Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to Your fold and rejoice in Your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne. Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

Fear not. God seeks the lost.

**God brings back the strayed, binds up the injured,
strengthens the weak.**

God seeks us so that we may hear the gospel:

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: *Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24* p. 984 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 100*

p. 679 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

He Shall Reign Craig Courtney

*He shall reign and reign forever, Christ our Savior, brother, friend;
Everlasting is his kingdom, his dominion hath no end.
Hallelujah, hallelujah! Glory, glory to his name!
Countless myriads shall adore him, Endless years his work proclaim.
He shall reign and reign forever, all the world his praise shall sing,
And the regions now in darkness shall to him their homage bring.
Soon will dawn a glorious morrow; soon will come the promised day,
When from every tribe and kindred shall be heard the joyful lay.
Hallelujah, hallelujah! Glory, glory to his name!
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The Epistle Lesson: *Ephesians 1:15-23*

p. 234 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 265

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

The Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 25:31-46*

p. 35 in the pew Bible

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

The Sermon

Faith or Fear
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
The Offertory

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication Doxology, p. 606 in the Hymnal

O God, may Your will be done as the least of Your children are led to behold the hope of the Gospel. Take our lives and let them be consecrated to obeying what Christ commands. Take our gifts and use them as a means of hope to those who hunger and thirst after righteousness. Take our time and fill it with a sense of Your abiding Spirit, that others may learn of Your redeeming grace. Glory and honor, praise and thanksgiving be Yours through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

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

*The Hymn 269 *Lead On, O King Eternal!*

*The Charge & Benediction

*Postlude

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 11/26-12/3

Today (11/26)

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

Monday (11/27)

Newsletter Assembly, *CP* 9am

Tuesday (11/28)

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

Wednesday (11/29)

Meditation Group, *CP* 6:30pm
Annual Steward Campaign Committee, *CF* 7pm

Thursday (11/30)

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

Saturday (12/2)

Micah Breakfast, *FH* 6:30am

Sunday (12/3)

Worship Services, *S* 8:30 & 11am
Church School 9:45am
PW Never Ending Circle, *Connie Barnes'* 2pm
Sacred Dance, *U* 3:30pm
Cantate, *UCR* 5pm
Youth Fellowship and Dinner 6pm

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

- 26. Robert Fidler, Anna Mahon, Jenny Major, Mike Porter
- 28. Rachel Ball
- 29. Ashley Dowling, Laura Godshall, John Parkinson, Alicia Veil
- 30. Bill Stewart, Andy Toler

December

- 1. James Avery, Greg Bohmke, Mary Ann Casey, Nancy Henshaw, Charlotte Horne, Maggie John
- 2. Linda Benn, Bill Nix
- 3. Kathryn Hower, Bill Neely, Linda Spratt, Kathy Stephen

Hospital Visitor 11/26-12/2

Mary Szymanski, 703-971-8179

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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 Laura Miller and Paulla, Rob, Jamie, and Lexie Loder in memory of Norman Miller, loving husband, father, and grandfather, and to the glory of God.

Capsule of Concern: Carole Fariss, Nancy Hansen, Charlotte Mims, John Nolan, Bill Stewart, Susie Techlin, Frank Turnage

Lectionary readings for next Sunday, December 3:

Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19;
1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

Service Attendants

Liturgist
Ashley Raska

8:30 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Nancy Raines

Greeters
Russell Morris & Brittany Harvey, James & Doris Miller

Ushers
Tom & Karla Lewis, Tammy & David Hancock

Elevator Assistant
Bob Deaderick

11:00 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Sharon Moser

Greeters
Opal Stroup, Helen Fortune

Ushers
Paul & Holly Horn, Joel & Julie Young

Elevator Assistant
Stacie Buck

Nursery Attendants
8:30 & 11:00 services
Lexie & Jamie Loder, Katie Blashford, Marsha Luckett, Chip & Amy Ellis

Angel Gifts: We have, once again, been working with the city schools to learn of children whose families are struggling to make ends meet this holiday season. Due to the school schedule this year, angels will be available following worship on Sunday, December 3 *only*. So pick up your angel and help share some of your Christmas Joy with local families. Wrapped gifts will be due back to the church office on Sunday, December 10, with your angel's card attached.

Youth Fellowship - *Middle School & High School groups* will meet today in the kitchen at 12:15 p.m., to prepare lunches for Micah. **NO** Youth Fellowship in the evening. Next week: *Middle School group* will look at some of the stories surrounding Jesus' birth through story telling and skits. *High School* is at the retreat at Camp Hanover on Saturday and Sunday.

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.

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.

We thank Chrissy Conway and Steve Davis for their leadership with the Alternative Gift Market. We thank all who brought snacks, helped with setup and/or cleanup, and served as cashiers. We appreciate all who visited the market and give thanks for all who made a donation and/or purchased items to assist the various agencies.

The **Christmas Joy Offering**, one of the four PC (USA) special offerings, provides support to retired and disabled church professionals who need supplemented income. It also assists Presbyterian-related schools and colleges by helping to provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage. The offering started in the 1930s. Offering envelopes will be in the pews during Advent and an envelope is also in your church offering envelope box. Please pray for this offering and we encourage you to give to it.

Order forms for **Equal Exchange/Fair Trade** coffee, tea, chocolate, cocoa, and more are available on the table outside the sanctuary. You may put a check in the offering plate made out to the church with Equal Exchange in the memo. Turn the order form into the church office. Make sure your name is on the form. We will place the order on December 4.

The Great Cookie Give Away! This year for the December 16th Community Dinner, there will be a cookie give away instead of pies. Please consider donating 2 dozen family favorite Christmas cookies. The helpers at the dinner will pack a festive bag of cookies for each dinner guest. Bring your cookies to the Fellowship Hall kitchen before noon on Friday, December 15, or on Saturday between 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Would you like to help with the dinner? Contact Karen Johnson, 540-621-5685, ksjohnson422@msn.com.

Are you looking for the perfect gift for the person who has everything? Check out the **Presbyterian Giving Catalog**. Some ideas: farming tools, \$10; jerry cans, \$25; supplies for displaced students, \$30. Your gift will make a difference to people around the world. Plus, it is easy to wrap! Gift cards will be available. Look for catalogs during the coffee time on Sunday mornings or contact Karen Johnson, 540-621-5685, (ksjohnson422@msn.com). Please return your order to Karen or the church office by December 17.

Our church will serve the **Micah breakfast** on Saturday, December 30, as well as host the breakfast in our fellowship hall. Kaci LeFebre will prepare the food ahead of time. Volunteers will heat the food, serve, and cleanup. We ask you to be here at 6:45 a.m. to be ready to serve food starting at 7:30 a.m. If you would like to assist, please stop at the table outside the Sanctuary or contact Bruce at bharvey@fredericksburgpc.org.

The Worship and Music Committee will **decorate the Sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas** season on Saturday, December 9, at 8:30 a.m. We appreciate any and all volunteers, so please feel free to join us in the sanctuary for this time of fellowship and celebration.