

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

World Communion

October 1, 2017

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

**All who are able may stand.*

Bold type spoken by congregation

GATHERING. . .

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Call to Worship

(from Exodus 17:7, Psalm 78:4,7)

Praise the Lord Who is our provider.

The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.

God brought us out of bondage and has made us free.

The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.

Glorious are the deeds of our God, and mighty are his acts.

The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.

The Prayer of Adoration

Holy One, Your grandeur towers above the highest peaks; Your strength can make them tremble and fall. Your love is deeper than the valleys of the oceans, and as encompassing as the water that covers the earth. Glorious are Your deeds, O God of our salvation! We proclaim in our own generation and to generations following us how, in Christ Jesus, You call us Your children and through him Your Word is forever made known. Be with us now as in Christ's Name we gather. Accept our praises as we confess him Redeemer and Lord. Amen.

*The Hymn 81

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

The Prayer of Confession

The Choral Response

The Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to Godself.

He is the eternal Son of the Father, Who became human
and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation.

**He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit
to continue and complete his mission.**

People of God, our sins are forgiven.

The Lord is loving, and we are reconciled to God.

*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: *Exodus 17:1-7*

p. 79 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16*

p. 661 in the pew Bible

The Epistle Lesson: *Philippians 2:1-13*

p. 241 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

Craig Courtney, arr.

Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy kingly crown when Thou camest to earth for me.

But in Bethlehem's home there was found no room for Thy holy nativity.

O come to my heart, Lord Jesus: There is room in my heart for Thee!

Thou camest, O Lord, with the living word that should set Thy people free.

But with mocking scorn, and with crown of thorn, They bore Thee to Calvary.

When the heavens shall ring and the angels sing at Thy coming to victory.

Let Thy voice call me home, saying, "Yet there is room at My side for Thee."

And my heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus, my heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus,

And my heart shall rejoice when Thou comest and callest me.

A Moment with the Children

The Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 21:23-32*

p. 28 in the pew Bible

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

The Communion Meditation

Whose Authority?

Brittany Tamminga

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

*The *Nicene Creed*

p. 34 in the Hymnal

The Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and Dedication

The Service of Offering

The Gathering of Our Gifts

The Offertory

TO CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT. . .

The Presbyterian Church welcomes and invites everyone - children and adults - baptized in the name of Jesus Christ to come to The Table of the Lord and participate in The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

*The Communion Hymn 503

Lord, We Have Come at Your Invitation

The Invitation

The Call To Prayer

May the God Who comes in humility be with you! **And also with you!**

Beloved, lift your hardened hearts to God.

**We offer them to the One Who will split them open
so grace can flow into the world.**

Children of God, sing to the One Who turned the world upside down.

We open our mouths, praising God Who shows us the way.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

. . . we lift our voices in wonder to You:

Holy, holy, holy are You, Transforming God.

All creation flows toward Your heart.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who stands with those who have nothing.

Hosanna in the highest!

. . . we tell of that mystery we call faith:

Christ emptied himself on the cross, that we might be filled with life;

Christ was called forth from the tomb,

that we might confess him the Risen One;

Christ will come again, calling us by name,

that God's joy be made complete.

The Lord's Prayer

p. 35 in the Hymnal

The Communion

(As you receive the elements, after a moment of reflection,
you may partake of the sacrament in your own time.)

The Prayer After Communion

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

*The Hymn 265

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

The Charge and Benediction

Go forth to share God's love with all.

We will become a river of love through the world.

Go forth to share Christ's grace.

We will be a fountain flowing in the barren places.

Go forth to share the community of the Holy Spirit.

We will become a pool of peace where all may be refreshed.

The 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 10/1-8

Today (10/1)

World Communion Sunday	
Worship Services, <i>S</i>	8:30 & 10am
Church School	9:45am
PW NeverEnding Circle, <i>Debbie Eckel's</i>	1pm
Sacred Dance, <i>U</i>	3:30pm
Cantate, <i>UCR</i>	5pm
Youth Group and Dinner, <i>FH</i>	6pm

Monday (10/2)

CCC Golf Tournament, <i>F'burg CC</i>	11am
PW Circle of Joy, <i>CP</i>	10am

Tuesday (10/3)

Men's Breakfast, <i>Bob Evans</i>	7:30am
Dolce Flutes, <i>CR</i>	6pm
Gospel of Matthew Study, <i>FH</i>	7pm

Wednesday (10/4)

Prime Timers' Outing, <i>Chancellor's Vlge</i>	12pm
Meditation Group, <i>CP</i>	6:30pm

Thursday (10/5)

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

Saturday (10/7)

Micah Breakfast, <i>FH</i>	6:30am
Eleanor Bailey's Memorial Service, <i>S</i>	10am
Fall Festival, <i>Springfield Farm</i>	4pm

Sunday (10/8)

Worship Services, <i>S</i>	8:30 & 11am
Church School	9:45am
Sacred Dance, <i>U</i>	3:30pm
Cantate, <i>UCR</i>	5pm
Youth Group and Dinner, <i>FH</i>	6pm
Session, <i>MH</i>	7pm

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

October

1. Ed Allison, Becky Franklin, Betsy Mathias
2. Sherri Cox
3. Jacob Coffman
4. Mike Ramsburg, Lydia Samson
5. Brian Green, Barbara Howe, Ginny Johnston, Sutton Mahon
6. Chris Ellis, Jim Ford
7. Sean Liverman, Nancy Turnage, Sue Williams
8. Allen Fisher, Becky Talmadge

Hospital Visitor 10/1-7

Lynda Baer, 373-3450

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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 Billie and Jack Plank in memory of Allen H. Fisher "Bud" and in honor of his son Allen H. Fisher, Jr., our pastor and friend and all of his family, and to the glory of God.

Our heartfelt **Christian love and sympathies** are extended to John Bailey and friends on the death of his wife, Eleanor, who died on September 23, 2017. A memorial service is planned for Saturday, October 7, at 10:00 a.m. at The Presbyterian Church.

Capsule of Concern: Carole Fariss, Bob Piersall, Susie Techlin, Frank Turnage, Rim Vining

Lectionary readings for next Sunday, October 8:

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19;
Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

Service Attendants

Liturgist
Steve Eckel

8:30 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Debe Garrison

Greeters
Nancy Raines, Mike & Melissa Gloyd

Ushers
Jeff & Amy Spinnanger,
Lamoine Knefelkamp, Mary Raye Cox

Elevator Assistant
Richard Harrison

11:00 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Ed & Piper Foresman

Greeters
Coy & Becky Franklin, Donn & Patricia Langfitt

Ushers
Marty & Vicky Wilder, Preston & Lynn Simms

Elevator Assistant
Pete Humes

Nursery Attendants
8:30 & 11:00 services
Heidi Pedersen, Robin Joel,
Amy & Steve McCullough,
Chip & Amy Ellis

Last Sunday the following children **participated in the Children at the Lord's Table** class, Lena Joel, Kate Yealy, Jack Yealy, Andrew Thomas, Jesse Cheurning, Sophie Ellis, Gary Wainwright, and Emma Liska. Lena, Andrew, Jesse, and Emma will help bring elements forward during communion at both services this morning.

Youth Fellowship this evening begins with dinner (\$3) at 6:00 p.m. followed by Youth Fellowship from 6:30-7:30 p.m. *Middle School:* Join us for an evening of Punch and Painting with our Artist in Residence, Suzi Bevan! *High School:* Bring a few dollars in cash and your walking shoes – We're going to Carl's! Next Sunday, October 8: NO Youth Fellowship.

The **Gospel of Matthew**, Part 2, continues on Tuesday, October 3, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. New participants are welcomed.

The **Prime Timers** will meet at Chancellor's Village on Wednesday, October 4, at noon for lunch followed by a tour. RSVP to Nancy or Duane Hansen at 373-4654, if you plan to go.

All are invited to the **Fall Festival**, at 4:00 p.m. on October 7, at the Copley Farm, 63 Springfield Lane, 22405. Hot dogs and S'mores will be provided. Guests are invited to bring a dessert (A-M) or side (N-Z) to share. This is a wonderful opportunity to fellowship together. Children as well as adults of all ages can enjoy hay rides, horse rides, pumpkin painting, and face painting. Please wear close-toed shoes and remember to bring along a lawn chair, flashlights and a jacket for when it cools off after dark. Please direct any questions you have to Pastor Tamminga, 373-7057 (btamminga@fredericksburgpc.org).

Empty Nesters will visit Potomac Point Winery (275 Decatur Rd, Stafford, 22554) on Sunday, November 12, for a picnic, wine tasting and tour. Meet at the picnic area at 12:30 p.m. Last names beginning with A-K bring a salad to share; last names L-Z bring a dessert. Wine will be available for purchase. Cost: \$20 per person to be paid at the winery. R.S.V.P. to Kaci LeFebre by November 1, (klefebrel254@gmail.com). This is a rain or shine event.

The next **2nd Wednesday fellowship is on October 11**, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Chris Fisher will prepare teriyaki chicken for dinner. After dinner everyone will have the opportunity to visit several stations to help you create fun ways to incorporate God into your daily activities. The stations will be for all ages. Many of the activities we will do are drawn from the book *Faithful Families* by The Rev Traci Smith. Don't worry, no reading is required to join in the fun. At one station we will put together hygiene kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to help with hurricane relief. Please bring items for the hygiene kits by October 8. The stations are: Prepare for the Day to Come, Picture Prayers, Mini Sabbath, Making Finger Labyrinths, Marking the Days God Has Given Us: A Daily Examen, Smartphone Prayers, and Putting Together Hygiene Kits.

Our church will participate in the **Peace & Global Witness Offering** on World Communion Sunday, October 1, at both services. Seventy-five percent of the offering goes to support peace-making efforts at the presbytery, synod and General Assembly levels of the PC (USA). Twenty-five percent will remain local, and this year it will go to help purchase school supplies for homeless students in the Spotsylvania school system. There were over 600 children last year. Please be in prayer for this offering.

You may support the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance hurricane recovery efforts by writing a check to the church putting "PDA" on the memo line.

Another way to respond to the storms and help out is by bringing items for **hygiene kits**. These kits may not go directly to these hurricane victims but will certainly replenish supplies for the next disaster that comes. **The specific items are: one hand towel - 16 x 28", one washcloth, one comb - removed from package, nail clipper with metal file or emery board attached, one bath size bar of soap in wrapper, one toothbrush in original packaging, six band aids.** Toothpaste will be added later. We will package these at the 2nd Wednesday Fellowship on October 11. You may bring all the items to make up a kit, one item on the list, multiples of items, or any combination of items on the list.

The **Alternative Gift Market** is coming on Sunday, November 19, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. 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. Make plans now to attend. You may also sign-up today to assist with the market by bringing a snack to share, serving as a cashier, helping with setup (Saturday, November 18, at 6:30 p.m.), helping with cleanup, and being a table assistant

For a number of years, our church has provided volunteers at the **Cold Weather Shelter** on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:30 p.m. The shelter will open in November when the temperature gets to 32 degrees or below and will remain open until sometime in March. If you would like to volunteer, please stop by the table outside the Sanctuary to sign up. The shelter is located at 750 King Hwy (Rt 3 east).

"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 (NIV)

As scripture tells us, we are all blessed with gifts through God's grace. This verse embodies our theme for the 2018 Stewardship Campaign beginning today, with Pledge Dedication occurring on Sunday, November 12. Your Stewardship Campaign Committee is working to provide information for your prayerful consideration of your pledge for next year. Stay tuned for more stewardship information and events throughout the month of October. Each Sunday, the Moment for Mission will share what gifts abound and how our members serve through the use of our pledges. Your comments and questions are welcome during the stewardship campaign.

2017-18 Deacons

Last name:	Your Deacon:				
A-Bo	Beth Huber	Br-C	Doreen Vaughn	D-Fi	Paul Rabatin
Fl-G	Della Hall	Ha-Ho	Gina Whitticar	Hu-Ki	Kim Fischer
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