

# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

## *The Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost*

October 29 2017

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*\*All who are able may stand.*

***Bold type spoken by the congregation***

### GATHERING. . .

The Prelude *Now Thank We All Our God* J.S. Bach/McFadden, arr.  
Jubilate Ringers and The Presbyterian Brass Ensemble

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit *Promised Land* Natalie Sleeth  
Covenant Choir  
*Brother, sister, lend an ear, I'm heading for the Promised Land!  
Troubles soon will disappear, I'm heading for the Promised Land.*

The Call To Worship (from *Psalms 90*)  
Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.  
**Satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love,  
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**  
Before the mountains were brought forth, or You had formed the earth  
and the world, from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.  
**Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper the work  
of our hands – O prosper the work of our hands!**

The Prayer of Adoration  
**The works of our hands are gifts of Your mercy, O God, and everything we  
have is a sign of Your love. If we have strength, it is because You uplift us;  
when we have joy, it is on account of Your grace. We praise You when You  
comfort us. We are afraid when You judge us in anger. With Christ to  
intercede, accept now our worship. May it be worthy of the care You show us.  
Glory to You the One Eternal God -- Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

\*The Hymn 275 *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

\*The Prayer of Confession  
**Lord, we confess: we do not live as those worthy to be entrusted with the  
Good News of Your grace. Often, we relate to others callously as though we do  
not trust that Gospel ourselves. Frequently, we seek to please and manipulate,  
using flattery to gain praise and distinction. We admit that we use  
condescension as a mask to cover insecurity or a need for power. Our motives  
are mixed, impure. Lord, reassure and cleanse us in Jesus' Name. ... (time for  
silent confession)...**

\*The Choral Response *Lord Have Mercy*  
Cantate and Jubilate Ringers

\*The Assurance of Pardon  
Beloved ones, believe again the Gospel:  
**That in Christ we are accepted as we are.**  
Believe that we are forgiven, loved with the delight of a nursing mother  
cherishing her child.  
**We are the church, the body of Christ, called to love one another  
as gentle children of God. Thanks be to God! 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.)*

Stewardship Moment

### TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: *Deuteronomy 34:1-12* p. 239 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17* p. 673 in the pew Bible

The Anthem *Thou Art God* setting by John Ness Beck  
The congregation will join the choir in singing Verse 1 and Verse 3  
of Hymn #687, *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

The Epistle Lesson: *1 Thessalonians 2:1-8* p. 248 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

The Recognition of Church Anniversaries

\*The Hymn 305 *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

The Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 22:34-46* p. 30 in the pew Bible  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon *Un-phubbing*  
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

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\*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, You call us as stewards to take care of Your creation. As we till its soil, help us also to replenish and nurture the earth. As we sow seeds for tomorrow's crops, teach us the meaning of patience and hope. As we reap the harvest, guide us to see that all Your people are fed. Accept and bless our offerings to the praise and glory of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

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

\*The Hymn 766 *The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound*

\*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 10/29-11/5

### Today (10/29)

Middle School Retreat, *Camp Hanover*  
Worship Services, *S* 8:30 & 11am  
Church School 9:45am  
Heritage Sunday Reception, *Lobby* 12:00pm  
Stewardship Lunch, *FH* 12:30pm  
Sacred Dance, *U* 3:30pm

### Monday (10/30)

Food Pantry Forum, *MH* 10am  
Stewardship Dinner, *FH* 6pm

### Tuesday (10/31)

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

### Wednesday (11/1)

Prime Timers' Outing, *Church Parking Lot* 8:45am  
Meditation Group, *CP* 6:30pm  
Worship Committee, *CF* 7pm

### Thursday (11/2)

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

### Saturday (11/4)

Micah Breakfast, *FH* 6:30am

### Sunday (11/5)

Daylight-Saving Time ends  
Worship Services, *S* 8:30 & 11am  
Church School 9:45am  
PW NeverEnding Circle, *Debe Garrison's* 1pm  
20s/30s Outing 2:30pm  
Sacred Dance, *U* 3:30pm  
Cantate, *UCR* 5pm  
HS Youth Group and Dinner, *FH* 6pm

#### Location Key:

*CP:* Church Parlor  
*S:* Sanctuary  
*EB:* Education Building  
*U:* Undercroft  
*UCR:* Choir Room in Ed. Building

*MH:* Middle House  
*CH:* Church House  
*CF:* Conference Room  
*FH:* Fellowship Hall  
*CR:* Choir Room

## Birthdays this Week

### October

31. Margaret Beattie, Fred Dunbar, Brooke Hawley, Alfred King, Jeffrey Spinnanger

### November

1. Charles Bentley, Jean Snow, Lista Winger-Eger
2. Scott Fischer, Richard Garner, Ann Lewis, Kathy Rocholl, Loretta Shelton, Mackenzie Sullivan, Ann Warner
3. Ben Fidler, Emma Harrison, Adam Nelen, Meghann Rusbarsky
4. Mary Wallace Baker, Jim Christie
5. Robin Joel, Betsy Lewis, Sam Valasko

Hospital Visitor 10/29-11/4

Jan Erkert, 412-5360

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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 Steve and Linda Spratt in loving memory of their parents, (William) Campbell and Patricia (Fitzgerald) Spratt and Aunt Martha Spratt Helman; and in honor of their parents Ruth Capel Spratt and Fayette and Jacquelynn Wiatt; and to the glory of God.

**Capsule of Concern:** Carole Fariss, Bill Mitchell, Judy Schulken, Susie Techlin, Frank Turnage, Rim Vining

Our heartfelt **Christian love and sympathies** are extended to John Statler and family on the death of his father, J. Elwood "Woody" Statler, who died on October 25, 2017.

### Lectionary readings for next Sunday, November 5:

Joshua 3:7-17; Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37;  
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12

### Service Attendants

*Liturgist*  
Pete Kolakowski

**8:30 AM**  
*Sanctuary Guild*  
Tracey Rembisz

*Greeters*  
Jane Kolakowski, Clark & Kathryn Hower

*Ushers*  
Ian & Lynn Norfleet, Steve & Debbie Eckel

*Elevator Assistant*  
Wayne Hibbeler

**11:00 AM**  
*Sanctuary Guild*  
Ed & Piper Foresman

*Greeters*  
Will & Vanessa Huffman, Keren Pritchett

*Ushers*  
Erik & Macon Fino, Ann Warner, Jane Eger

*Elevator Assistant*  
Linda Benn

*Nursery Attendants*  
**8:30 & 11:00 services**  
Michael & Melissa Gloyd, Al & April Stevens, Bridget Harvey, Julie Young

The **Gospel of Matthew**, Part 2, will take a break this week and will continue on Tuesday, November 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. New participants are welcome.

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 8<sup>th</sup> graders along with any 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Youth Fellowship Groups-** *Middle School* retreat at Camp Hanover on Saturday and Sunday; the *High School* group is going to Belvedere Plantation. We will leave from the church at 1:00 p.m., and return for Youth Choir. Admission: \$15 Next week: *Middle School* will have a time of reflection and sharing following last weekend's retreat and discuss your ideas for spring outings and activities. *High School* will discuss current events.

**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](mailto: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 ([klefeb1254@gmail.com](mailto:klefeb1254@gmail.com)). This is a rain or shine event.

The **20s/30s Fellowship Group** will meet next Sunday, at Red Dragon Brewery (1419 Princess Anne St.) from 2:30-4:30 p.m. We hope you will join us for a casual and relaxing afternoon of Fellowship. Childcare will be provided in the Church Nursery from 2:15 to 4:45 p.m.

**Heritage Sunday reception:** Every year, Presbyterians celebrate Heritage Sunday, a day to reflect upon the long, rich history of the Presbyterian Church. In Fredericksburg, this is a time when we recognize our membership anniversaries. Our church story is built upon the stories of the men and women who through the years have supported our church as liturgists, ushers, greeters, musicians, Church School teachers, nursery attendants, hospital visitors, trustees, elders, deacons, volunteers in the church office, leaders of Bible studies and church circles, youth advisors, committee members, and volunteers in mission projects too numerous to name. The Presbyterian Women Circles invite everyone to a **church-wide Heritage Sunday reception** in the Education Building Lobby **today** after the 11:00 a.m. service. This is a great opportunity to visit with each other and share our stories before the Stewardship lunch.

**Second Wednesday Fellowship** will continue on November 8, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The menu will be baked potatoes with toppings, salad, and dessert prepared by the Wednesday Fellowship Committee. For the activity we will make Chrismons and other Advent decorations for homes. All ages welcomed.

The **RSVP date for the November 1 Prime Timers** guided tour of Montpelier has been extended to October 29. The cost of the tour is \$22.00/person for a minimum of 20 visitors. Following our visit to Montpelier, we will have lunch at the Silk Mill Grill in Orange. RSVP to Marla Tischler, 847-421-2515.

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. Plan now to attend. You may sign-up today to assist with the market by bringing a snack to share, serving as a cashier, helping with setup on Saturday, November 18, at 6:30 p.m., helping with cleanup, and being a table assistant.

For a number of years, we have provided volunteers from 6:00-7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at the **Cold Weather Shelter** located at 750 King Hwy (Rt 3 east). The shelter will open on November 15, and will remain open until some time in March. We have one slot to be filled for November 29. You may also sign up to be a substitute. Contact Bruce.

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](mailto:hibbelerw@gmail.com)).

Stafford Junction has started Brain Builders at the 8 schools it serves. "Helping a child will not necessarily change the world, but it will change the world for that child." You can be the one who changes the world for that one child by helping elementary kids with homework, listening to them read and cheering them on for their growth. Brain Builders is Monday through Thursday from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. We will set you up for one or two days a week at the school closest to you. Email Lynn Hamilton at [lhamilton@staffordjunction.org](mailto:lhamilton@staffordjunction.org), to get started.

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 peoples' news feeds. Questions? Contact Ed Foresman ([eforesm@gmail.com](mailto:eforesm@gmail.com)) or Tracey Remibisz ([trembisz@outlook.com](mailto:trembisz@outlook.com)).