

# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

## *The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

October 8, 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

The Call to Worship

(from *Psalms 19*)

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

**The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;**

The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

**The commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;

**The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.**

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to  
You, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.**

The Prayer of Adoration

**As we look at the heavens, the stars shine forth to herald Your presence.  
The sun exudes the warmth of Your love. The vastness reminds us we cannot  
escape from Your presence. You are above and beyond us, yet You choose to  
dwell with us. In Christ You promise You'll be with us throughout whatever  
befalls us. You will strengthen us in whatever needs we may have. As Your  
voice goes out through all the earth and Your words to the ends of the world,  
may our voices resound now as we give You all thanks and praise. Glory to  
You, O God – Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of all. Amen.**

\*The Hymn 53

*O God, Who Gives Us Life*

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

Righteousness does not come from our own doing or not doing.

**Righteousness comes from God, by faith.**

Through the faithfulness of Christ, our Lord, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God. 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.)*

Stewardship Moment

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

The Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: *Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20*

p. 82 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: Psalm 19

p. 613 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

*Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

Dale Wood

*Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the Head and Cornerstone;*

*Chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the Church in one;*

*Holy Zion's help forever, And her confidence alone.*

*To this temple where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts today;*

*With thy wonted loving-kindness hear thy servants as they pray,*

*And thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway.*

*Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son .*

*Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one.*

*One in might, and one in glory, while unending ages run.*

The Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 21:33-46*

p. 29 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

\*The Hymn 209

*My Song Is Love Unknown*

The Epistle Lesson: *Philippians 3:4b-14*

p. 242 in the pew Bible

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

The Sermon

*New Valuations*  
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

### TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

\*The Apostles' Creed

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

**We rely on Your promise, O God, that You will not forsake us; our pledge to You is that we will be faithful. As we stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before, give us a vision of what commitment can mean. Accept the gifts that we place here before You, as we in our day make our response. Let what we do be an example for others so that future believers learn of Christ and his way. Amen.**

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

\*The Hymn 450

*Be Thou My Vision*

\*The Charge and 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 10/1-8**

**Today (10/8)**  
 Worship Services, *S* 8:30 & 10am  
 Church School 9:45am  
 Sacred Dance, *U* 3:30pm  
 Cantate, *UCR* 5pm  
 Youth Group and Dinner, *FH* 6pm  
 Session, *MH* 7pm

**Monday (10/9)**  
 Newsletter Items due  
 PW Faith Circle, *CP* 1pm

**Tuesday (10/10)**  
 Men's Breakfast, *Bob Evans* 7:30am  
 PW Friendship Circle, *Chancellor's Village* 10:30am  
 Deacons, *CP* 6pm  
 Gospel of Matthew Study, *FH* 7pm

**Wednesday (10/11)**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Fellowship, *FH* 6pm  
 Meditation Group, *CP* 6:30pm

**Thursday (10/12)**  
 Ladies' Bible Study, *MH* 9:30am  
 Handbells, *S* 6pm  
 Adult Choir, *CR* 7:30pm

**Saturday (10/14)**  
 Micah Breakfast, *FH* 6:30am

**Sunday (10/15)**  
 Worship Services, *S* 8:30 & 11am  
 Church School 9:45am  
 PW Circle of Grace, *R. Joel's* 2pm  
 Sacred Dance, *U* 3:30pm  
 Cantate, *UCR* 5pm  
 Youth Group and Dinner, *FH* 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*

**October**

8. Allen Fisher, Becky Talmadge
9. Bob Deaderick, Samuel Horn, Roy Jarnecke, Abby Mataka, Sophia Pineda
10. John Burke, Kurt Chewning, Ellie Kinnamon, John Statler, Leonard Watson
11. Gordon Keeley, Lucy Lang, Barbara Spangler
12. Sarah Fisher, Lenoir Garnett
13. Oliver Blashford, Louise Earnhardt
14. Baxter Cox, Chandler Cox, Natalie Cox, Will Rowe
15. Daniel Mondak

Hospital Visitor 10/8-14

Steve McCullough, 412-5633

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October 8, 2017

**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 Tricia and Charles McDaniel in loving memory of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. McDaniel, Mr. and Mrs. William D. Richmond, Dr. and Mrs. Edgar Olin Horger, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Troy L. Collins, and to the glory of God.

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

**Lectionary readings for next Sunday, October 15:**

Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99;  
 I Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

**Service Attendants**

*Liturgist*  
 Della Hall

**8:30 AM**  
*Sanctuary Guild*  
 Debe Garrison

*Greeters*  
 Adam & Carole Nelen; Tracey, Matthew & Sam Rembisz

*Ushers*  
 Joe & Beth Valasko, Steve & Linda Spratt

*Elevator Assistant*  
 Bob Deaderick

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

*Greeters*  
 Lydia Stevick, Lynn & Preston Simms

*Ushers*  
 Ralph & Betsy Lewis, Shirley Eye, Suzi Ashby

*Elevator Assistant*  
 James Lockett

*Nursery Attendants*  
**8:30 & 11:00 services**  
 Linda Benn, Heather Eland, Rachel Talbot, Patty Toler

**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
Kn-Ma	Trina Parsons	Mc-N	Kathryn Hower	O-Ra	Mary Szymanski
Re-Si	Suzi Bevan	Sm-T	Debbie Eckel	U-Z	Rachel Talmadge

**Youth Fellowship** - NO Youth Fellowship tonight. Wednesday, October 11: Service Opportunity for the entire Youth Fellowship Group - Supper Cleanup at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Fellowship. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. All are encouraged to stay after to clean-up. Next week: the *Middle School Fellowship Group* will be planning the Fall Carnival for children up through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. *Senior High Fellowship Group* will have an evening of lively discussion about all that is going on in the world.

The **Gospel of Matthew**, Part 2, continues on Tuesday, October 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. New participants are welcomed.

On Sunday, October 22, the Middle School Youth Fellowship Group will host a **Fall Carnival** for children through the fifth grade at 3:00 p.m. Outside weather permitting. There will be a variety of games and activities offered. We hope you will join in this afternoon of fun and fellowship.

On Wednesday, November 1, **Prime Timers** will meet at the church at 8:45 a.m. to go to Montpelier, for an hour-long guided tour at 10:00 a.m. After the main tour, you may do a self-guided tour of "The Mere Distinction of Color," a new exhibit on slavery. The cost of the tour is \$18.00/person with a minimum of 20 visitors, due by October 23. Following our visit to Montpelier, we will have lunch at the Silk Mille Grille in Orange. RSVP to Marla Tischler, 847-421-2515.

**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, (klefebre1254@gmail.com). This is a rain or shine event.

The next **2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday fellowship is on October 11**, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Chris Fisher will prepare chicken teriyaki, rice and rolls 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, Smart-phone Prayers, and Putting Together Hygiene Kits.

Please plan on joining us for a **PW Mission Lunch** on Monday, October 23, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The mission lunch is a great time for fellowship and service. We will be doing some light hand sewing to finish several prayer quilts plus assemble hygiene panties. PW supports our church's prayer quilt ministry by designing and constructing prayer quilts to be given as a gift of comfort and love by the church. Please contact the PW Mission Committee Co-Chairs, Jeanne Ramsburg, 540-710-5891, or Dana Hiltz, 540-286-0553, for additional information about the mission lunch.

Presbyterian Women Circles are hosting a **church-wide reception on Heritage Sunday**, October 29, in the Education Building Lobby immediately after the 11:00 a.m. service. This a great fellowship opportunity to visit with each other as we celebrate membership anniversaries. You are also invited to attend the Stewardship lunch at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Stewardship and why pledge.** As the stewardship campaign continues, in addition to the Moment for Mission, information for your prayerful consideration will be coming to you through the mail and other sources. You are invited to a Congregational lunch on October 29, at 12:30 p.m. or dinner on October 30, at 6:00 p.m. where you will enjoy good food, hear how our faith serves, hear answers to your stewardship questions and receive pledge cards. Please sign up to attend one of these meals.

*"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)*

You may support the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance hurricane recovery efforts by writing a check to the church putting "PDA" on the memo line or 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, or being a table assistant.

For several years our church has provided volunteers on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the **Cold Weather Shelter** located at 750 King Hwy (Rt 3 east). The shelter will open in November when the temperature gets to 32 degrees or below and will remain open until some time in March. Currently we have 1 slot open for the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday team, 1 slot open for the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday team, and 2 slots open for November 29. We encourage you to join a team.

Copies of **2018 Church Directories** are available in the back of the Sanctuary.

**Bluegrass Music Festival at Camp Hanover** on Sunday, October 15, 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. (Doors open 1:30 pm) The Common Chords Jamboree is an annual event to raise funds in support of summer camp ministry at Camp Hanover. Enjoy live music from some of the best Bluegrass bands around. Suggested donation \$15 per person. Donations will be collected at the door. Brunswick Stew, our world-famous yeast rolls, and other refreshments for sale throughout the Jamboree. Camp Hanover ([www.CampHanover.org](http://www.CampHanover.org)) is located at 3163 Parsleys Mill Road in Mechanicsville. Call (804) 779-2811 for more information.