

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 17, 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 *Rom 14:8-11*)

Christ Jesus is Lord of the dead and the living.

Whether we live or die, we belong to God.

Here we stand before the Lord of all life.

Let every knee bow, and every tongue sing praise.

The Prayer of Adoration

You are worthy of all praise, O God, more than could ever flow from our mouths. The birds sing of Your glory; the day's sun rises to honor You. The mountains owe their grandeur to Your design for creation; the seas have their depth, as You have decreed. We blend our voices with all of Your creatures, and join with Your people in praising Your Name. Glory to You Almighty God – Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer of all. Amen.

*The Hymn 234

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ.

And Christ was born for us, Christ lived for us.

Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,

Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,
for anyone who is in Christ is of the New Creation.

The old is finished, gone! Behold! New life has begun.

Friends, believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! 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: *Exodus 14:19-31*

p. 76 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 114*

p. 693 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

He Never Failed Me Yet

Robert Ray

Trey Talmadge, tenor

I will sing of God's mercy, every day, every hour, He gives me power.

I will sing and give thanks to Thee.

For all the dangers, toils and snares that He has brought me out.

He is my God and I'll serve Him no matter what the test.

Trust and never doubt Jesus will surely bring you out. He never failed me yet.

Didn't my God deliver Moses from King Pharaoh?

And didn't He cool the fiery furnace for Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?

When I think of what my God can do He delivered Daniel I know He will deliver you.

Trust and never doubt Jesus will surely bring you out He never failed me yet.

The Epistle Lesson: *Romans 14:1-12*

p. 198 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

The Presentation of Bibles to 3rd Graders

*The Hymn 822

When We Are Living

The Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 18:21-35*

p. 24 in the pew Bible

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

The Sermon

Unbalanced

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

Lord, we give thanks for Your many gifts to us. Help us to see Your liberating hand in all our blessings. Teach us Your generosity, that we may share the freedom we know in You with others. Bless these offerings to the upbuilding of Your realm on earth. We thank You and praise You in Jesus' Name. Amen.

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

*The Hymn 445 *God, How Can We Forgive*

*The Charge & Benediction

*The Postlude



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**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 9/3-10

Today (9/17)

Worship Services, <i>S</i>	8:30 & 10am
Church School	9:45am
Sacred Dance, <i>U</i>	3:30pm
Cantate, <i>UCR</i>	5pm
Youth Group and Dinner, <i>FH</i>	6pm

Monday (9/18)

PW Coordinating Team Mtg, <i>Rm. 209</i>	10pm
Mission Committee, <i>CF</i>	7pm

Tuesday (9/19)

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

Wednesday (9/20)

Meditation Group, <i>CP</i>	6:30pm
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Thursday (9/21)

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

Saturday (9/23)

Micah Breakfast, <i>FH</i>	6:30am
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Sunday (9/24)

Worship Services, <i>S</i>	8:30 & 11am
Church School	9:45am
Children at the Lord's Table, <i>EB</i>	12:15pm
Sacred Dance, <i>U</i>	3:30pm
Cantate, <i>UCR</i>	5pm
Youth Group and Dinner, <i>FH</i>	6pm

Location Key:

<i>CP</i> : Church Parlor	<i>MH</i> : Middle House
<i>S</i> : Sanctuary	<i>CH</i> : Church House
<i>EB</i> : Education Building	<i>CF</i> : Conference Room
<i>U</i> : Undercroft	<i>FH</i> : Fellowship Hall
<i>UCR</i> : Choir Room in Ed. Building	<i>CR</i> : Choir Room

Birthdays this Week

September

17. Chris Eckel, Maddy Foreman
18. Steve Davis, John Howe, Jean Mitchell, Jack Yealy
19. Emily Humes, Mary Grace Humes
20. Brad Repp
21. Shirley Eye, Denise Hamlett, Don Newlin
22. Rim Vining
23. Terri Kunkler
24. Jamie Henshaw, Eleanor Lang, Matt Miller

Hospital Visitor 9/17-23

Darak Hollis, 424-8922

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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 Anne and Tim Tarzier in loving memory of Evelyn and Jim Petree and Olga and Robert Tarzier, and to the glory of God.

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

Lectionary readings for next Sunday, September 24:

Exodus 16:2-15;
Psalm 114 or Exodus 105:1-6, 37-45;
Philippians 1:21-30;
Matthew 20:1-16

Service Attendants

Liturgist
Robert Fidler

8:30 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Debe Garrison

Greeters
Harry & Gerry Smart, George Cralle

Ushers
Gay Sullivan, Jean Ravinsky,
Sydney Chichester, Sharon Moser

Elevator Assistant
Steve Eckel

11:00 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Robert & Tristin Fidler

Greeters
Anders & Heidi Pedersen, Bob & Caroline Deaderick

Ushers
Jane Eger, Ann Warner, Barry Jones, Paul Leimer

Elevator Assistant
Gary Vaughn

Nursery Attendants
8:30 & 11:00 services
Sharon Moser, Al & April Stevens, Kathryn Rexrode, Rachel Talmadge

We rejoice with the **third graders who will receive their Bibles** this morning: Adam Brough, Jesse Chewning, Lilian Digges, Sophie Early, Enoch Huffman, Emma Liska, Bera Matakó, Kenley Ribel, Sophie Sweet, Samuel Valasko, Jack Yealy, and Cole Young.

Our five **Church School classes** are underway. We encourage you to join one. You may find a more detailed description of the classes on the table located outside of the Sanctuary on the porch. The classes are:

Parenting - Room 215 in the Education Building, Beth Valasko, coordinator;

Wired Soul - a look at technology and our faith journey - Room 215, Education Building, Amy Talmadge and Trina Parsons, leaders;

Book of Acts - a theme approach to the Acts of the Apostles - Undercroft, Bill Nix, teacher;

Faith & Movie Class - watch a movie during the week and come discuss it on Sunday - Middle House, 1st floor, Marty and Vicky Wilder; Susan Worrell and John Iacunato, coordinators;

Book Discussion on Race - reading two books, *Waking Up White & Between the World & Me* - 1st floor, Church House, Pastor Tamminga and Alexandra Spaulding, teachers.

Classes for children 2-year-olds through 5th grade are in the Education Building located behind the Sanctuary, and the 6th -8th and 9th -12th grade classes are in the Row Houses that face George Street. There is a nursery for infants and toddlers on the 1st floor of the Education building.

The **Gospel of Matthew**, Part 2, begins on Tuesday, September 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. New participants are welcomed.

The **Women's Thursday Morning Bible Study** will begin on September 21, at 9:30 a.m. with *Living Beyond Yourself: Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit*, a Beth Moore study. Participants may order study guides online or buy them at the local Life Way store. Contact Jane Kolakowski (jskola9@verizon.net) or Doreen Vaughn (doreenv8@gmail.com)

First through third graders, along with their parents, are invited to the **Children at the Lord's Table** class on Sunday, September 24, following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. We will begin with lunch in the Fellowship Hall before moving to the 2nd floor for activities centered around the Lord's Supper. We will finish in the Sanctuary around 2:00 p.m. This class will assist children and parents for communion on World Communion Sunday, October 1. Let Bruce know today, if you plan to participate.

The **annual Campus Christian Community Golf Tournament** will be held at Fredericksburg Country Club on Monday, October 2, with tee-off at 11:00 a.m. The format is captain's choice, and the cost is \$80 per person. The CCC is our campus ministry presence at the University of Mary Washington with the Rev. Shannon Waite as the campus pastor. The tournament is the major program fundraiser for the year. You may sign-up outside the Sanctuary or contact Bruce at bharvey@fredericksburgpc.org. If you are interested in sponsoring a hole, please contact Brittany Harvey at harveybg@gmail.com.

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 373-6413 by September 27.

Empty Nesters' Fellowship: Join us for an evening of fun and theater on Saturday, September 30. Beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Trudy and Milton McNatt, 1315 Sunken Road. Bring your favorite hors d'oeuvre or dessert and a beverage of your choice. We will see *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike* at UMW at 7:30 p.m. Contact Karen Johnson for tickets (\$15/pp) by today, 371-2719 (ksjohnson422@msn.com). To attend only the pre-theater event, contact Trudy, 373-2852 (tmcnatt@gmail.com). **Save the Date** for a picnic and wine tasting on Sunday November 12, at 1:00 p.m. at Potomac Point Winery, 275 Decatur Rd, Stafford, 22554. Cost: \$20 per person. Contact Kaci LeFebre (klefebrel254@gmail.com).

Calling all photographers! If you have pictures of our amazing church activities and family, the Stewardship Campaign Committee would love to share them in our annual brochure, church website, and Facebook page as we celebrate the joy of doing God's work in this place! Digital photos may be sent to the church office (cjforsing@fredericksburgpc.org).

Foode patrons and others are invited to eat at the restaurant on Monday, September 25, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Part of the proceeds for the meal will go to **support our food pantry**.

You may support the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance recovery efforts from **hurricanes Harvey and Irma** 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 bar of soap bath size 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.

Mission Committee will meet on Monday, September 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Our church will participate in the **Peace & Global Witness Offering** on World Communion Sunday, October 2, 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 the homeless students in the Spotsylvania School system. There were over 600 children last year. Please be in prayer for this offering.

Dolce flutes will rehearse on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. The first rehearsal will be Tuesday, September 19. Please contact Tina Christie, christie.tina.l@gmail.com, if you are new to Dolce flutes - otherwise, see you on the 19th.