

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 24, 2017

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

**All who are able may stand.*

Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING. . .

The Prelude *Clarion Call* Michael Joy

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

The Call To Worship (from *Psalms 105*)

Give thanks to God Who spread a cloud for a covering
and gave fire to light the night,

**Who opened the rock and water gushed forth
and flowed through the desert sands.**

Seek the Lord and the strength only God can give,
a presence that continually abides.

**We will remember the wonderful works God has done,
the miracles, and the judgments God made.**

The Prayer of Adoration

**O Lord, it would take forever to tell of Your deeds, an eternity of boasting
how great You are. The heavens could not contain our bountiful expressions of
Your grace and mercy. The seas would flood ashore with the expanse of Your
love. Yet we are bold to bring You our praise and thanksgiving. We delight to
remember how You care for us all. Be pleased with our offerings of unbridled
devotion and accept our attempts to give You the worship You are due. All
glory and praise to You, the One Eternal God – Creator, Redeemer, and
Sustainer. Amen.**

*The Hymn 65 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

The Prayer of Confession

The Response 466 *Come and Fill Our Hearts*
(Choir and Congregation)

The Assurance of Pardon

Let us live our lives in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ,
**standing firm in one Spirit, striving side by side
with one mind for the faith of the Gospel.**
As we focus our minds on the goodness of God, we are bold to affirm that
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.)*

The Moment for Mission

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: *Exodus 16:2-15* p. 78 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Hymn 59 *The Steadfast Love of the Lord* Psalm 105

The Anthem *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Mark Hayes, arr.

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation.
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration.*

The Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 20:1-16* p. 26 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

The Dedication of Choristers and Musicians

*The Hymn 641 *When in Our Music God Is Glorified*

The Epistle Lesson: *Philippians 1:21-30* p. 240 in the pew Bible

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

The Sermon *A Better View*
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

*The Affirmation of Faith *A Brief Statement of Faith* p. 37-38 in the Hymnal
(Paragraphs 1, 3, 5, 6 only)

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

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O God, You give us tasks to perform. You equip us with strengths and abilities beyond what we deserve. In Christ You call us to faithfulness, to exercise obedience, to be deliberate in our discipline. We come now offering You the results of our labors. Use them as a means to further Your work in Christ's Name. Amen.

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

*The Hymn 702

Christ Be Beside Me

*The Charge & Benediction

*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 9/24-10/1

Today (9/24)

Worship Services, <i>S</i>	8:30 & 10am
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

Tuesday (9/26)

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

Wednesday (9/27)

Newsletter Assembly, <i>CF</i>	9am
Meditation Group, <i>CP</i>	6:30pm

Thursday (9/28)

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

Saturday (9/30)

Micah Breakfast, <i>FH</i>	6:30am
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Sunday (10/1)

World Communion Sunday	
Worship Services, <i>S</i>	8:30 & 11am
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

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

September

24. Jamie Henshaw, Eleanor Lang, Matt Miller
25. Amy Ciccone, Hannah Fisher, Dana Hilts, Caroline Major, Vickie Neely, David Peterson, Pete Richards, Trey Talmadge
26. Joan Hamb, Judy Hansen, Don Nance, Heidi Ribel, Drew Spinnanger
27. Jedediah Blashford, Tanner Ribel
28. Sally Edwards, Tricia Garner, Mel Gloyd, Bill Hollister, James Luckett, Emma Rexrode, Tracy Sweet
29. Jesse Chewning, George Cralle, Felicia Hibbeler, Maggie Johnson
30. Emma Liska, Susan Raabe, John Spear

October

1. Ed Allison, Becky Franklin, Betsy Mathias

Hospital Visitor 9/24-30

Joan Hamb, 972-1381

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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 Dave and Meg Bohmke in loving memory of their wonderful parents, Warren and Betty Bohmke and Skip and Phyllis Gardner, and to the glory of God.

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

Lectionary readings for next Sunday, October 14:

Exodus 17:1-7;
 Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16;
 Philippians 2:1-13;
 Matthew 21:23-

Service Attendants

Liturgist
Joel Young

8:30 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Tracey Rembisz

Greeters
Kurt & Laura Chewning, Mary Lou Cramer

Ushers
Pete & Jane Kolakowski,
Michele Coffman, Ellie Crane

Elevator Assistant
Porter Blakemore

11:00 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Robert & Tristin Fidler

Greeters
Pete & Sharon Humes, Mike & Jeanne Ramsburg

Ushers
John & Nita Deegan, Barry & Della Hall

Elevator Assistant
Pat Parkinson

Nursery Attendants
8:30 & 11:00 services
Katie Blashford, Rachel Hole,
Shannon Waite, Patricia Langfitt

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, continues on Tuesday, September 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. New participants are welcomed.

The **Women's Thursday Morning Bible Study** continues this Thursday, 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)

The **Children at the Lord's Table** class meets today, in the Fellowship Hall for lunch following the 11:00 a.m. worship service and then moves to the 2nd floor of the Education Building.

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 (tbnmcnatt@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).

At the **2nd Wednesday Fellowship on October 11**, will explore ways to incorporate faith into our daily lives. Stations for all ages will be set up to help create fun ways to incorporate God into our daily activities. Many of the activities we do will be 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 assemble hygiene kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to help with hurricane relief. Chris Fisher will be providing the meal at 6:00 p.m. Activities will begin at 6:45 p.m. and end at 7:30 p.m. Please join us for an evening of food, fellowship, fun, faith development, and mission.

Calling all photographs! 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 tomorrow, 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 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.

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 homeless students in the Spotsylvania school system. There were over 600 children last year. Please be in prayer for this offering.

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).