

# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

## *The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

September 3, 2017

8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

\*All who are able may stand.

**Bold type spoken by the congregation**

### GATHERING. . .

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

*God of Our Fathers*

Sjolund & Bock, arr.

Roy Jarnecke, Mark Mayer, John LeFebre, Larry Casey

The Call To Worship

The Lord who keeps covenant with the people of God,  
calls us to worship.

**By the grace of God, we obey.**

We are standing here on holy ground.

**O give thanks to God and call upon God's Name.**

God calls us and promises to be with us in all of life.

**Sing to God and praise God's holy Name.**

Let our hearts rejoice in the wonderful works God has done.

**Praise the Lord!**

The Prayer of Adoration

\*The Hymn 49

*The God of Abraham Praise*

\*The Prayer of Confession

**You know us, Watching God. You know who we are, people who find it easier to hold on to all we do that is wrong, rather than clinging to goodness. You know what we do, when we ignore the poor, or refuse to live at peace with others. You know why we do all these things, for we continue to set our minds on all those temptations which insinuate themselves into our lives. You do indeed know us all too well, O God of Steadfast Love. Yet, You continue to be patient with us and forgiving towards us. Yet, You would embrace us as we turn towards You in repentance, rather than washing Your hands of us. Yet, You would continue to call us to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, so we might find our life with You . . . (time for silent confession). . . .**

\*The Assurance of Pardon

The Lord's love is genuine.

**God hates what is evil.**

In Jesus Christ, God loves us with a love greater than our sin.

**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 exchange this ancient greeting with worshipers seated near you.

Please stand to greet one another in the name of Christ.)

The Moment for Mission

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

The Prayer for Illumination

**Your voice burns within the depths of our being, O God of our ancestors, and draws us into Your presence and service. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak now Your eternal Word that does not change, that we may respond to Your gracious promises with faithful obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c*

p. 683 in the pew Bible

The Epistle Lesson: *Romans 12:9-21*

p. 197 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

*Be Thou My Vision*

Robert Hunter, arr.

The Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 16:21-28*

p. 22 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

\*The Hymn 718

*Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said*

The Old Testament Lesson: *Exodus 3:1-15*

p. 62 in the pew Bible

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

The Sermon

*Holy Interruptions*  
Brittany Tamminga

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

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\*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

**O God, we give back to You in thankfulness what You have given to us in kindness, acknowledging that the world and its resources are not ours but Yours. As we look to Christ to pattern our dealing with one another, and with the rest of creations, help us to exercise responsibly the authority You give us in Your world. Receive and bless these gifts for Your holy work. We ask it in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

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

\*The Hymn 755 *Alleluia! Laud and Blessing*

\*The Charge & Benediction *Like a Lamb Who Needs the Shepherd*

\*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 9/3-10

### Today (9/3)

Worship Services, *S* 8:30 & 10am  
PW Lesson Overview, *CF* 11:15am  
Sacred Dance, *U* 3:30pm

### Monday (9/4)

**Labor Day/Office Closed**

### Tuesday (9/5)

Men's Breakfast, *Bob Evans* 7:30am  
Annual Stewardship Campaign Mtg, *CF* 7pm

### Wednesday (9/6)

Prime Timers' Outing, *Parking Lot* 9:30am  
Meditation Group, *CP* 6:30pm

### Thursday (9/7)

Handbells, *S* 6pm  
Adult Choir, *CR* 7:30pm

### Saturday (9/9)

Micah Breakfast, *FH* 6:30am

### Sunday (9/10)

Worship Services, *S* 8:30 & 11am  
Church School Breakfast, *FH* 9:30am  
Sacred Dance, *U* 3:30pm  
Cantate, *UCR* 5pm  
PW NeverEnding Cir., *Trudy McNatt's* 5pm  
Youth Group and Dinner, *FH* 6pm  
Session, *MH* 7pm

#### 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

### September

- Emily Burke, Nikolas Farley, Beth Rabatin, Eric Rocholl
- Tammy Hancock, Mary Elizabeth McManus, Helena Samson, Jaeger Spratt, Nancy Stubbs
- Kerry Devine, William McCullough, Nils Pedersen
- Karl Karch, Bobbie Kerns, Sammy Merrill, Sharon Moser, Bruce Stephen
- Hattie Bingham, Della Hall
- Branner Johnston, Jake Rehm, Rachel Talmadge
- Bob Hornbuckle, Dick Szymanski
- Debbie Leimer, Ralph Lewis, Bill Mitchell, Jeff Veil

Hospital Visitor 9/3-9

Susie Kuliasha, 370-1710

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## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

8:30 and 10:00 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 Jeff and Elizabeth Rehm to the glory of God.

**Capsule of Concern:** Jeanne Carelock, Charlotte Mims, Bob Morecock, Susie Techlin, Frank Turnage, Rim Vining

### Lectionary readings for next Sunday, September 10:

Exodus 12:1-14;  
Psalm 105:149;  
Romans 13:8-14;  
Matthew 18:15-20

### Service Attendants

*Liturgist*  
Tim Tarzier

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

*Greeters*  
Pete & Jane Kolakowski, Brett & Kristen Betsill

*Ushers*  
Mike & Michelle Gibson, Bill Stewart, Paul Leimer

*Elevator Assistant*  
Mary Lowman

**10:00 AM**  
*Sanctuary Guild*  
Trudy McNatt

*Greeters*  
Beth Huber, Dee Kindred, Suzi Ashby

*Ushers*  
Gina Whitticar, Helen Fortune, Linda Sweet, Donna Hughes

*Elevator Assistant*  
Bridget Harvey

*Lemonade on the Lawn*  
Wayne & Felicia Hibbeler

*Nursery Attendants*  
**8:30 & 10:00 services**  
Brian & Ashley Raska, Laura Chewing, Bridget Harvey, Brian & Kim Liska

**Church School** will begin next Sunday, September 10, at 9:30 a.m. with breakfast in the Fellowship Hall for all children, youth, and adults. Make plans now to join a class this fall. Singles and couples are asked to bring one dish, and families of three or more bring two dishes. Children and youth will go to their classes beginning around 10:00 a.m., while adults remain in the Fellowship Hall to hear about the upcoming classes for the fall.

The second part of the **Study of Matthew** will begin on Tuesday, September 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you want to join the study, please let Bruce know.

**Second Wednesday Fellowship** will begin on September 13, with a BBQ dinner prepared by Terrie Crawley at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Activities for all ages will begin at 6:45 p.m. ending by 7:30 p.m. We invite all to come.

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)

**Bibles** will be given to our **third graders** on Sunday, September 17, at both services.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

A new year of **Youth Fellowship** begins on September 10. Come kick-off fall with us! Youth dinner (\$3) at 6:00 p.m., followed by Youth Fellowship from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**The Prime Timers** will begin a new year of activities this Wednesday, September 6, when they meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. and go to George Washington's birthplace for a movie and tour. There is no fee at the park. After our visit, we will have lunch at High Tides on the Potomac in Colonial Beach. Contact Jean Ravinsky, 710-5350, or Gay Sullivan, 219-7255.

**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 September 17, 371-2719 ([ksjohnson422@msn.com](mailto:ksjohnson422@msn.com)). If you would prefer to attend only the pre-theater event, contact Trudy, 373-2852 ([tmcnatt@gmail.com](mailto: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 ([klefeb1254@gmail.com](mailto:klefeb1254@gmail.com))

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 efforts of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in the **recovery efforts in Texas** from Hurricane Harvey by writing a check to the church putting "PDA" on the memo line.

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 on the University of Mary Washington campus 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](mailto:bharvey@fredericksburgpc.org). If you are interested in sponsoring a hole, please contact Brittany Harvey at [harveybg@gmail.com](mailto:harveybg@gmail.com).

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.

Join church staff and session members on Wednesday, in the Sanctuary between 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. or 6:00-8:00 p.m. for a time of coming together as **community in prayer**, comfort, and conversation in response to the violence and hatred unleashed upon our sisters and brothers in Charlottesville. Please drop in with friends, neighbors, and co-workers for as little or as long as you can stay to pray together for wisdom, grace, and God's steadfast promise to make all things new in this challenging time of difficult emotions, confusion, sorrow and pain.

**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](mailto:cjforsing@fredericksburgpc.org)).

**The Jubilate Ringers and Adult Choir** will resume rehearsals on Thursday, September 7. Both adult ensembles welcome new members who are interested in using their talents and enjoying the fellowship. Even if you are reluctant to make a firm commitment, come visit and see if this is an opportunity that you would like to explore. Jubilate Ringers meet in the Sanctuary balcony on Thursdays from 6:00-7:00 p.m. The Adult Choir rehearses in the Choir Room under the Sanctuary on Thursdays from 7:30-8:45 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Larry and Mary Ann Casey at: [lmacasey@fredericksburgpc.org](mailto:lmacasey@fredericksburgpc.org)

**Cantate**, the teen youth choir for grades 6-12, will have its first rehearsal on Sunday, September 10, from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the Upper Choir Room on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Education Building. Any teens who would enjoy the fellowship whether as instrumentalists or vocalists are encouraged to come visit and enjoy the fun.

**Covenant Choir** for children in Grades 2-5 will begin Sunday, September 17, in the Upper Choir Room at 9:35 a.m.

**Carol Choir** (Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade) will begin Sunday, September 17, during Church School.