

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
The Resurrection of the Lord
EASTER DAY

April 4, 2021

9:00 a.m.

**All who are able may stand.*

Bold type spoken by the congregation

Self-service assistive listening devices are located on top of the bookcase at the rear of the Sanctuary on the Princess Anne St. side.

***MASKS ARE TO BE WORN THROUGHOUT THE SERVICE.
PLEASE REMAIN SEATED FOR THE HYMNS.***

GATHERING. . .

The Prelude

Music For the Royal Fireworks
The Jubilate Ringers

G.F. Handel

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

The Call to Worship

Jim Toler, liturgist

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!
This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

The Hymn 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!
Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!
Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as God's love, Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

The Responsive Prayer for Easter

O Christ, in Your resurrection, the heavens and the earth rejoice.

Alleluia!

By Your resurrection You broke open the gates of hell, and destroyed sin and death.

Keep us victorious over sin.

By Your resurrection You raised the dead, and brought us from death to life.

Guide us in the way of eternal life.

By Your resurrection You confounded Your guards and executioners, and filled the disciples with joy.

Give us joy in Your service.

By Your resurrection You proclaimed Good News to the women and apostles,
and brought salvation to the whole world.

Direct our lives as Your new creation.

(A brief silence will be kept.)

...through him who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

Alleluia! Amen.

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

The Call to Confession

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

Who is in a position to condemn?
Only Christ! And Christ died for us;
Christ rose for us. Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us.
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

*The Gloria Patri 581 (sung)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: World without end. Amen, amen.

*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. For those worshipping at home, please share Christ's peace with someone outside Your home this week.)

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: *Isaiah 25:6-9*

The Epistle Lesson: *I Corinthians 15:1-11*

A Moment with the Children

The Anthem

Hallelujah Chorus from Mount of Olives

Ludwig van Beethoven

The Gospel Lesson: *Mark 16:1-8*

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

The Sermon

In Danger of Living
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

*The *Affirmation of Faith*

(from *1 Cor. 15:1-6; Mark 16:1-9, 16; Rev. 22:13; John 20:28*)

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand,
and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins
according to the scriptures, that he was buried,
that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women,
then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.
Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end;
he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,

as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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

The Hymn 248

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!

Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.

In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.

Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.

Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.

Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.

Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.

Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.

Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"

God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

The Charge and Benediction

The Choral Response

Hallelujah Chorus from Messiah

G.F. Handel

The Postlude

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

arr. Mary McDonald

***KINDLY REMAIN SEATED DURING THE POSTLUDE. YOU WILL BE DISMISSED
BY OUR SAFETY USHERS FROM THE BACK TO THE FRONT OF THE SANCTUARY.
WE APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING.***

Announcements for March 31-April 6

Suffering, Death, and, Ultimately, Resurrection

“Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.” (John 12:23-26)

Well, there it is. The paschal mystery. The crux of our Christian faith. Just like the seed that must break open and spill its life into the ground so that there may be wheat, Jesus has to die so that he may be resurrected. So do we.

Intellectually we get it; John’s seed analogy is helpful, as are our contemplations of the seasonal cycles and stories of radical transformation. When it comes right down to it, though, we resist. We know our human lives will end someday, though for many of us, that still seems far off. But there are all those other deaths along the way, some we anticipate and some we don’t see coming until we’re right in the midst of them. The death of someone we love; a job that’s gone; families that disintegrate; relationships that end; illness; plans that life demands we let go of... Those deaths are painful and wrenching. For many of us, it can feel impossible to hold onto the hope of resurrection in the midst of that kind of suffering.

This Holy Week asks us to practice, to look this reality square in the eye. Each year Lent invites us to try, once again, to come to terms with what the paschal mystery is so that we can walk with Jesus through his suffering, death, and, ultimately, resurrection. As he is with us in our own.



Brittany

A New Option for Easter Day

Session has approved conducting a brief Easter Day service at 8:00 a.m. on the Church grounds surrounding the Sanctuary. This service is intended to include households and families who are not yet ready to join indoor worship services.

You are invited and encouraged to bring lawn or camp chairs, or blankets if you wish. Please maintain appropriate social distance and wear masks for this service as well.

The traditional Easter Day service will be livecast on YouTube from the Sanctuary with in-person worshipers at 9:00 a.m. Please reserve your space in advance as overflow seating in the Fellowship Hall is subject to space limitations.

Contact the Church Office if you have questions.

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, April 4:

Acts 10:34-43 *or* Isaiah 25:6-9;
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;
1 Corinthians 15:1-11 *or* Acts 10:34-43;
John 20:1-18 *or* Mark 16:1-8

Weekly Meetings & Activities

- Wed. (3/31) — Meditation Group, 5:30pm (Zoom)
Contact Marsha Lockett (marshajlockett@gmail.com)
- Thurs. (4/1) — Women’s Bible Study, 9:30am (Zoom)
Maundy Thursday Service, 7pm (Sanc. & Youtube)
- Fri. (4/2) — Good Friday Service, 7pm (Sanct. & Youtube)
- Easter Day. (4/4) — Outdoor Worship, 8am (Church Lawn)
Worship, 9am (Sanct. & Youtube)
- Mon. (4/5) — Office Closed
- Tues. (4/6) — Men’s Breakfast Group, 7:30am (FH & Zoom)
Contact John Howe (jhowe1969@cox.net)
Book Study, 7pm, (Zoom) Details on page 2
- Wed. (4/7) — Meditation Group, 5:30pm (Zoom)

Church Family News:

Capsule of Concern: John Deegan, Doris Glidden, Doris Gulatsi, Donn Langfitt, Karla Lewis, Debra Myers, Billie Plank, Larry Repanshek, Pam Werner

Condolences to David Wright and family on the death of his mother, Barbara Wright, who died on March 25, 2021.

Condolences to Mike Adams and family on the death of his father, James Adams, Jr. who died on March 15, 2021.

Birthdays this week April 4-11

- Jimi Pugh, Levi Blashford, Kathryn Betz, Floyd Schwartz
- Diana Bentley, Lamoine Knefelkamp
- Joanne Farley, John LeFebre
- Tamie Pratt-Fartro, Jim Pickens
- Jeremy Vaughn
- Tracey Rembisz, Karen Boyles, Alison Harper, Enoch Huffman
- Doris Gulatsi, Lydia Stevick, Bruce Smith, Marla Tischler, Ellie Crane
- Stephanie Yealy



Nominating Committee: Our Church's nominating committee has begun its work of nominating elders and deacons for election by the Congregation. If you sense that you may be called to serve in one of these positions or you know of someone you feel could be considered for service, please inform one of the committee members: Elder Beth Huber, Elder Adam Nelen, Deacon Susie Davis, Steve Eckel, Tristin Fidler, Debe Garrison, Mike Gibson, and Margaret Rowe.

Thank you to all who helped with the meal delivery to Micah guests on March 20, the chefs, the bakers, and the delivery teams! Our church served its first Community Dinner on the 3rd Saturday in March, 2006, and meals have continued monthly on the 3rd Saturday ever since. Thank you to all who have helped through the years! For now, meals will continue to be delivered to our neighbors in motels and those outside, while we look forward to the time that we can again serve a Community Dinner in our Fellowship Hall. For more information contact Karen Johnson, ksjohnson422@msn.com, (540) 621-5685.

Valued Volunteers: Major League Baseball is bringing back **Pitch, Hit & Run and Junior Home Run Derby** youth programs this spring and summer at Sunshine Ballpark on Saturday, May 15, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to host the events. We'll employ COVID safety measures and thankfully the restrictions on outdoor gatherings are easing. All we need now is YOU! Please let Jim Toler know if you're willing to help out and what hours you're available. More information is available by emailing jimtoler4@yahoo.com. Here are the details on the events. Please share the info with area baseball and softball leagues and parents of young players.

We are excited to share that **Children's Church School** will resume in-person classes on Sunday, April 11, for preschool through 5th grade. Classes will convene at 10:00 a.m. utilizing both outdoor spaces and church school classrooms. If you have questions about church school or would like to volunteer to help with a church school class, please be in touch with Lindsey Williams, lwilliams@fredericksburgpc.org.



MLB Pitch, Hit & Run and Junior Home Run Derby to make a comeback After a year off, Major League Baseball's youth baseball skills events are coming back to the Fredericksburg area and ball fields across the nation. Area boys and girls are invited to

participate in the free Pitch, Hit & Run and Junior Home Run Derby on Saturday, May 15, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Sunshine Ballpark, 1200 Wicklow Dr., off Fall Hill Avenue, Fredericksburg. Players may come anytime during the day and take part in one or both competitions. COVID precautions will be taken. These free events are sponsored by Sunshine Ballpark, Germanna Community College and the Presbyterian Church of Fredericksburg. For more information email jimtoler4@yahoo.com.

For Pitch, Hit & Run, players ages 7-14 are divided into four age groups to test their baseball/softball skills. Age group winners may earn the chance to compete at Washington Nationals Park and ultimately at the MLB World Series. For general information, go to PitchHitRun.com. Parents should register their players online at: <https://pitchhitrun2021.leagueapps.com/events/2011198>

The Jr. HR Derby is open to boys and girls 12U and 14U. For more information go to [JrHRD.com](http://jrhrd.com). Parents should register at: <http://jrhrd2021.leagueapps.com/events/2016040>.

Adult Ministry and Education (Youth participation is welcomed and encouraged)

Faith and Movie Class

Sunday, 10:30 am, led by Marty and Vicky Wilder; Kathy and Eric Rocholl

Movie for Sunday February 7 - The Lady In The Van (2015)

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86223901848?pwd=S1MyYVpaK0xtVVZrcHQwSnZ0QUkzd09>

Discovering the Psalms

Sunday, 12:00 pm, led by Brittany Tamminga & Lindsey Williams

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89898477424?pwd=RVF5VDVqWVZyYXpVTGIySGNLSndFQT09>

Book Study: Learning to Speak God from Scratch

Tuesday, 7:00 pm, led by Jen Rowe

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88274047075>

Our Church's **Labyrinth** will be available to walk in the Fellowship Hall, during Church Office hours, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., March 31 through April 2. The labyrinth is an ancient tool for prayer and meditation, consisting of a winding path that begins at the periphery and leads to a central space, and then out again by the same path. Unlike a maze there are no blind alleys or dead ends. Walking the Labyrinth as a spiritual practice can

draw us into a deep experience of prayer--of allowing our hearts to lay open before God.

Additional information about walking the Labyrinth will be in the Fellowship Hall.

Please wear your mask and observe distancing.

