

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Transfiguration of the Lord

February 14, 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.

GATHERING. . .

***Masks are to be worn throughout the service.
Please remain seated for the hymns.***

The Prelude

How Dear to Me Is Your Dwelling

by Robert J. Powell

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

The Call To Worship

Meghann Cotter, liturgist

You are with us, God of sunrises:
you awaken us with each bright new day, overflowing with promise.
You are with us, Inviting God:
calling us to respond to all the chances to share the spirit of grace and hope.
You are with us, Glory of God:
**gathering us into the presence of your peace,
listening to the deep sighs of our hearts.**

The Prayer of Adoration

The Hymn 370

This Is My Father's World

*This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.*

*This is my Father's world. O, let me ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world. The battle is not done: Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.*

*The Prayer of Confession

You know, O God, how often we set our mind on human things instead of divine things. You know the ways we try to force your Spirit to fit our agenda, to manipulate your grace for our own ends. You know that we are prone to thinking of our desires long before we ever consider yours. We confess these things to you, praying that saying them out loud might make us aware of our own brokenness, so that we can also be more aware of your ever-present grace ...*(time for silent confession)*... . Startle us with your truth and your love. Set our minds and hearts on you, and lead us on your way. Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

The grace of God is always doing a new thing – whether we are prepared, or worthy, or not. Let yourself live and believe the Good News:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

*The Gloria Patri (spoken)

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

The Moment for Mission

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: *2 Kings 2:1-12*

A Moment With the Children

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 50:1-6*

The Epistle Lesson: *2 Corinthians 4:3-6*

The Anthem

Be Thou My Vision

Mary E. Byrne/David Evans

Alexandra Spaulding, soprano; Leif Johnston, baritone

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
Be thou my wisdom and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.
Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.
High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

The Gospel Lesson: *Mark 9:2-9*

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

The Sermon

Slow Down. Stop. Remember.
Brittany Tamminga

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

**The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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 190

Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

*Swiftly pass the clouds of glory, heaven's voice, the dazzling light; Moses and Elijah vanish;
Christ alone commands the height! Peter, James, and John fall silent, turning from the summit's rise
downward toward the shadowed valley where their Lord has fixed his eyes.*

*Glimpsed and gone the revelation, they shall gain and keep its truth, not by building on the mountain
any shrine or sacred booth, but by following the Savior through the valley to the cross
and by testing faith's resilience through betrayal, pain, and loss.*

*Lord, transfigure our perception with the purest light that shines, and recast our life's intentions
to the shape of your designs, till we seek no other glory than what lies past Calvary's hill
and our living and our dying and our rising by your will.*

The Charge and Benediction

The Postlude

Trumpet Tune

by Gilbert M. Martin

***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 February 10-17

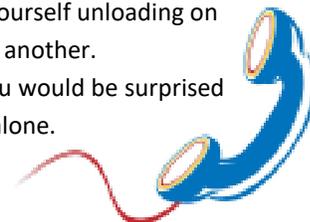
Checking In

This week a friend of mine shared that she had been on the phone with a loan officer and found herself over sharing with the person on the phone. She realized that she just needed someone to talk to since she has been out of in-person contact with her friend circle for almost a year now. Thankfully the loan officer was gracious and listened, but she is not alone.

Friends, it has been a long eleven months of little to no contact with those we usually see and greet and check in with. Are you missing your pew-mate or the families you had a monthly dinner with? Maybe you have also found yourself unloading on unsuspecting callers. As members of the Body of Christ, we have a responsibility to check in with one another. I encourage you this week to reach out to those you previously would have sat next to in worship. You would be surprised what a 15-30 minute phone call can do to lift a person's spirit and remind each of us that we are not alone.

Grace and peace to you,

Lindsey



Reserve Your Seat for Sunday Worship by FRIDAY NOON

If you would like to participate in Worship in the Sanctuary this Sunday, please make a reservation by calling the church office, 540-373-7057, Monday - Friday between 9:00 a.m. and Noon. You may also make your reservation online by using ACSReservations by clicking on this link: https://secure.accessacs.com/access/login_guest.aspx?sn=90894.

Communion

We will celebrate communion in worship on Sunday, February 21, the first Sunday in Lent. If you plan to join us online at 9:00 a.m., or watch the recording at any time, please set aside two things for each member of your household: a morsel of bread and a drink of your choosing. Kindly place them in front of you as you prepare to worship, perhaps on a plate and/or in a special cup or glass.

Church Family News:

Capsule of Concern: Rachel Erb, Doris Glidden, Doris Gulatsi, Donn Langfitt, Karla Lewis, Debra Myers, Billie Plank, Larry Repanshek, Pam Werner, Nancy Wilson.

Address Update for Donn & Patricia Langfitt: 1201 Willow Ln. Apt. 103, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Birthdays this week February 14-21

14. Carl King, Kalah Roche, Gay Sullivan
15. Corey Chewing, Lynda Starnes
16. Scott Bushman, Marilyn Lloyd,, Susan Ranel
17. Will Jacobs, Walker Steven
18. Carol King
19. Brian Raska
20. Morgan Milstead, Amy Spinnanger
- 21 James Avery, Ryan Hughes

Ash Wednesday Service - February 17 - 7:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, the forty days before Easter. The Ash Wednesday service allows Christians the space to prepare themselves to journey with Christ to the cross. We hope you will plan on participating in this service, either virtually or in person.

Weekly Meetings & Activities

- Wed. (2/10) — Meditation Group, 5:30pm (Zoom)
Contact Marsha Lockett (marshajluckett@gmail.com)
- Thurs. (2/11) — Women's Bible Study, 9:30am (Zoom)
Adult Choir, 7:30p.m. (Zoom)
- Sun. (2/14) — Worship, 9am (Sanctuary & Youtube)
Adult Church School Classes—Schedule on page 2
Sacred Dance, 3:30pm (Undercroft)
Youth Fellowship, 5pm (Zoom)
- Tues. (2/16) — Men's Breakfast Group, 7:30am (FH & Zoom)
Contact John Howe (jhowe1969@cox.net)
Book Study, 7pm, (Zoom) Details on page 2
- Wed. (2/17) — Meditation Group, 5:30pm (Zoom)
Ash Wednesday Service, 7pm (Sanctuary & Youtube)

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, February 21:

Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10;
1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

Cold Weather Clothesline ~ Are you looking for ways to serve neighbors in need? As the months grow colder, consider hanging a scarf, hat, gloves, socks, etc. on our Cold Weather Clothesline we have placed along our church fence (both George and Princess Anne Streets). All donations should be placed in Ziplock bags and then hung (using clothespins we will provide) anytime along the clotheslines. Passersby will be encouraged to take as they have need.

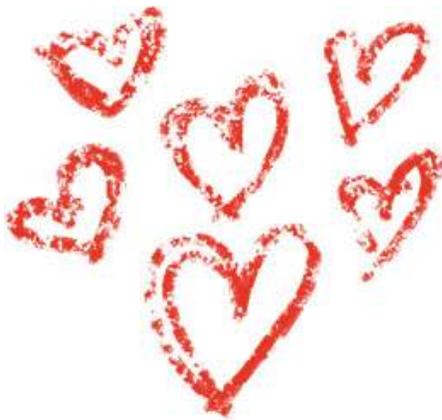
An invitation To Help

We in the church office want to introduce you to Realm®. We are moving to an updated church record keeping system called Realm®, because support for our current system is being phased out. The new system offers more ways for us to communicate and connect as a church family. You will be able to register for events, communicate with your groups, receive church news, update your personal information, give online, and more.

In the coming weeks you will receive an email from Realm inviting you either to create an account or those using our current data base to reset your password. We hope you help us maximize our new system by registering soon.

Thank for your faithful support of our ongoing ministries.

Please send your checks to the church office or give online through our website www.fredericksburgpc.org.



Feeding Neighbors in Need

In addition to our feeding ministry for refugees and other food insecure families identified through the City Schools, we serve neighbors through our **Food Pantry** through combined efforts with the pantry of Fredericksburg United Methodist Church. Deliveries, packing and distributing food 5-days a week takes about 190 volunteer hours per month. If you would like to help, be in touch with Elder Sherman Brown at 540-226-3295 or sign up online: <https://tinyurl.com/PantryHelp>. Another service opportunity has become available. **Love Thy Neighbor Food Pantry** in King George is looking for additional volunteers on Sundays. If you are interested, please be in touch with Wayne Hibbeler.

Youth Fellowship

Sunday, 5:00 pm, Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89710985778?pwd=K3YvQWMzWlc1eUJaUE41bWFrU2FhQT09>

Virtual Conversations in the Public Square Series, Sundays in Lent at 11:00 a.m.

The topic of this year's Conversations in the Public Square Series is *Connecting with Creation: How is the Church called to Engage?* The series will begin Sunday, February 21, at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom. We hope you, along with your neighbors, will join us for these important conversations. All Adult Church School classes will stand in recess during the season of Lent in order to allow for participation in this series. Adult classes will resume after Easter on April 11.

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 14 - *It's Complicated* (2009)

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>

Creation Care and the Congregation

Sunday, 2:00 pm, led by James Lockett

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83637373913?pwd=OE0zM0JkNnVSUIJVQ2k0SEpLNi9aUT09>

Book Study: Learning to Speak God from Scratch

Tuesday, 7:00 pm, led by Jen Rowe

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