

# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

## *The Sixth Sunday After Epiphany*

February 16, 2020

8:30 and 11:00 am

\*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

Happy are those who walk in God's ways.

**Blessed are those who observe God's commandments.**

Faithful are those whose eyes are fixed on righteousness.

**Joyful are those whose hearts are filled with praise.**

Come, let us love the Lord our God.

**We come to worship the One Who lead us in the ways of life.**

The Prayer of Praise and Adoration

**O God, source of all beauty and goodness, You alone can bring order to the chaos of our existence. You alone can give us grace to love what You desire for us, and to reach toward Your promises, so that, among the many changes and challenges of this world, we can find life in Your presence and true joy in Your fellowship. O Lord, for choosing to dwell among us and calling us to be Your faithful people, we bless You, rejoicing in Your constant care. Honor, glory, and praise be to You, the One Eternal God – Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.**

\*The Hymn 410

*God Is Calling through the Whisper*

The Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, we confess that we have taken Your commandments and turned them into rules. We have criticized those who have fallen short and selfishly proclaimed ourselves righteous. We have failed to understand the spirit of the commandments and the Way that was shown by You to live, loving God and loving our neighbors. Forgive us for turning Your law into burdens for others and ourselves, instead of a Way to love and freedom in You. In the Name of Christ, Who has given us the Way and leads us on, we pray ... (time for silent confession)...**

The Choral Response

The Assurance of Pardon

God is at work,  
**nurturing our growth  
and showing us the ways that lead to life.**

God is at work,  
**reconciling us to one another  
and teaching us the paths of love.**

God is at work,  
**hearing our confessions, forgiving our disobedience,  
and blessing us in love.**

Believe the Good News of the Gospel:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! 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.)

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

The Prayer for Illumination

**Testify to us, O God, by the voice of Your Spirit. Put Your law in our hearts, write Your word in our minds, and show us Your will. Then may we respond to Your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Old Testament Lesson: *Deuteronomy 30:15-20*

p. 233 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 119:1-8*

p. 696 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

*Lord of the Small*

Johanna Anderson/Dan Forrest

*Praise to the Lord of the small, broken things, Who see the poor sparrow that cannot take wing,  
Who loves the lame child, and the wretch in the street,  
who comforts their sorrows and washes their feet.  
Praise to the Lord of the faint and afraid, Who girds them with courage and lends them His aid;  
He pours out His Spirit on vessels so weak that the timid can serve and the silent can speak.  
Praise to the Lord of the frail and the ill, Who heals their afflictions, or carries them till  
They leave this tired frame and to paradise fly, to never be sick and never to die.  
Praise Him, O praise Him, all you who yet live, Who've been given so much and can so little give,  
Our frail, lisping praise God will never despise:  
He sees His dear children through mercy-filled eyes.*

The Epistle Lesson: *I Corinthians 3:1-9*

p. 203 in the pew Bible

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The Anthem (11:00 a.m.)

*I Have a Friend Who Loves Me*  
Carol Choir

Homer Rodeheaver

A Moment With the Children

\*The Hymn 444

*Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive*

The Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 5:21-37*

p. 5 in the pew Bible

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

The Sermon

*Tough Love*  
Brittany Tamminga

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

\*The *Apostles' Creed*

p. 35 in the Hymnal

The Prayers of the People

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

**We offer these gifts, O God of all people, in the hope and trust that You will use them to bring healing and hope where there is need. Where disaster has befallen, may these gifts help build new life. Where people seek safety from violence and fear, may these gifts enable caring and welcoming hearts and hands. Where hatred sullies Your hope for Your human family, may our gifts be a sign and instrument of reconciliation. Thank You, God, for the privilege of this offering. May it indeed do more that we can imagine! In the Name of Jesus Christ and for the sake of this world which he loves. Amen.**

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

\*The Hymn 316

*Where Charity and Love Prevail*

\*The Charge & Benediction

\*The Postlude



The Rev. Allen H. Fisher, Jr., *Pastor*

The Rev. Brittany Tamminga, *Associate Pastor*

Lindsey Williams, *Interim Assistant for Education Ministries*

Mary Ann & Larry Casey, *Choirmasters*

Amy L. Shirk, *Organist*

## MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES 2/16-2/23

### Today (2/16)

Worship Services, S	8:30 & 11am
Church School	9:45am
Sacred Dance, U	1:30pm
Cantate, UCR	5pm
Youth Fellowship Outing*	2pm

### Monday (2/17)

PW Circle of Prayer, CP	10am
Mission Committee, CF	7pm

### Tuesday (2/18)

Men's Breakfast, Bob Evans	7:30am
PW Coordinating Team, CF	10am

### Wednesday (2/19)

Meditation, CP	6:30pm
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### Thursday (2/20)

Women's Bible Study, MH	9:30am
Handbells, S	6pm
Adult Choir, CR	7:30pm

### Saturday (2/22)

Micah Breakfast, FH	6:30am
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### Sunday (2/23)

Worship Services, S	8:30 & 11am
Church School	9:45am
Sacred Dance, U	1:30pm
Cantate, UCR	5pm
Youth Advisors Meeting, FH	5pm
Youth Fellowship & Dinner, FH	6pm

#### 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
L: Library	EBL: Ed. Building Lobby

\*See announcement for details

## Birthdays this Week

### February

16. Scott Bushman
18. Carol King
19. Brian Raska, Stanley Rembisz
20. Kylie Keffer, Morgan Milstead, Amy Spinnanger
21. Ryan Hughes
22. Erin Bushman, Lisa Kuiper
23. Theo Blashford

Hospital Visitor 2/16-2/22

Christine Bothel, 625-2980

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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 Telecoil neckloops), and **large-print bulletins** are available from the ushers.

**Child care** is provided in the Education Building for infants through 4-year-olds.

**All worshipers** are encouraged to sign the Attendance/Friendship pad, greet your friends, and welcome visitors.

**The flowers today** are given by John and Rachel Statler to the glory of God and in honor of our church family.

**Capsule of Concern:** Hattie Bingham, Joanne Farley, Bob Hornbuckle, Jane Johnson, Billie Plank, John Walker, Cliff Werner, Don Wilson

### Lectionary readings for next Sunday, February 23:

Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2 or 99;  
2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

### Service Attendants

*Liturgist*  
Caroline Deaderick

**8:30 AM**  
*Sanctuary Guild*  
Terrie Crawley

*Greeters*  
Mary Lou Cramer, Bruce & Elizabeth Smith

*Ushers*  
Karen & David Johnson,  
Jerry & Trina Parsons

*Elevator Assistant*  
Adam Zimmerman

**11:00 AM**  
*Sanctuary Guild*  
Eric & Kathy Rocholl

*Greeters*  
Steve & Linda Spratt, Gary & Doreen Vaughn

*Ushers*  
Paul & Mary Kukla, Helen Fortune, Gina Whitticar

*Elevator Assistant*  
Linda Benn

*Nursery Attendants*  
**8:30 & 11:00 services**  
Linda Benn, Grace Fino,  
Claire Fritz, Amanda Wimberly

You are invited to mark the beginning of Lent at an **Ash Wednesday service** on February 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**Youth Fellowship TONIGHT:** We will have an afternoon of bowling. We'll depart from the church at 2:00 p.m., with plans to return in time for Cantate at 5:00 p.m. No Youth Fellowship/Supper. **NEXT WEEK:** Middle School youth will craft a budget, plan the meal, and come up with a grocery list for the supper they will be preparing for their families on March 1. High School youth are going to play Underground Church! Please Note: February 23 is the deadline to register for the Annual Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference, the Montreat Youth Conference, and the High School Mission Trip to Fayetteville, NC.

Have you met Lindsey Williams, our new Interim Assistant for Education Ministries? Are you curious about what is coming in Youth Fellowship? Would you like to learn more about this summer's conference or mission opportunities? Or would you like more information about how to get involved? If so, we would like YOU – *students and parents* – to join Lindsey on Sunday, March 1, in the Fellowship hall for a **Meet and Greet** over a light luncheon following the second service of worship.

**Prime Timers** will meet at the Robin's Nest Café at the Shannon Airport for lunch on Wednesday March 11, at 11:30 a.m. Tours of the airport museum will be available for the group. There will be different exhibits to see since our last visit. The cost for a museum tour is \$7/pp for 10 or more and \$9 for less than 10. Please call either Gina Whitticar, 540-373-7271, or Jo Anne Kinnamon, 540-898-2500, by March 4, to reserve your spot, and to let them know if you will be taking a tour. (Shannon Airport: 3380 Shannon Airport Cir., 22408)

The 2020 **Congregational Retreat** at Camp Hanover is March 7-8. This is a great weekend to make new friends and renew old friendships in God's creation as you enjoy activities for all ages, worship, campfire, singing, free time, and great fellowship. The theme is *Awakened by the Spirit: Finding Joy in God's Nature*. The food is great and the accommodations are suitable for almost everyone. Register at the table after worship services. Registration forms are also on the Church website.

The **Presbyterian Women Mission Workshop and Lunch** will be on Monday, March 29, at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be working on our ongoing projects. There will be plenty to do. **NO SEWING EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED.** Come for soup and fellowship. RSVP to Debbie Leimer, [debraleimer@gmail.com](mailto:debraleimer@gmail.com).

The **congregation** may help support the **Cold Night Shelter** by donating socks, long underwear, gloves, t-shirts, and new/gently used pillow cases. Bring items to the church and place them in the bins outside the Sanctuary or in the Education Building Lobby.

The **Adult Mission trip** will be to New Bern, NC the week of March 22. We will be working with Fuller Center Disaster Rebuilders to repair damage caused by Hurricane Florence. We worked with the Fuller Center last year, and there is work for all skill levels. Marsha Lockett and John Howe are the organizers of this mission trip and please contact one of them for more information.

**School Dressing Days** - Our church has been asked to donate new and gently used hoodies, tennis shoes of all sizes for boys and girls, flats for teenage girls, and 3-ring binder notebooks. You may bring items to the church and place them in the bins outside the Sanctuary or in the Education Building Lobby. Monetary donations are also welcomed.

A position of **regular paid nursery worker** is available for our Sunday morning nursery. We are looking for someone available Sunday mornings from 8:15-12:15. If you or someone you know would like more information about the position, please contact Michelle Porter [porters\\_porters@yahoo.com](mailto:porters_porters@yahoo.com).

**Pitch, Hit & Run and Jr. Home Run Derby** is coming in May. Thanks to the members of our congregation who have made these great, free MLB youth programs possible for more than a decade. Volunteers are needed on Sunday, May 17, from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Sunshine Ballpark in Fredericksburg. Volunteer hours are flexible. Please contact Jim Toler, 540-207-1202, ([jimtoler4@yahoo.com](mailto:jimtoler4@yahoo.com)), if you're available. Also, please encourage softball and baseball players age 7-14 to participate in PH&R and the Jr. HR Derby. Parents may sign up their players online at: [Sunshine Ballpark, Presbyterian Church of Fredericksburg, and Germanna Community College : Pitch Hit & Run \(2020\)](#)

The **Sacred Dance Ensemble** began in 1996 as an interdenominational ministry following the call to glorify God through the art of dance. We offer visual interpretations of the spoken Word, hymns and sacred music, hoping to open the eyes of the beholder with new insight and understanding of God's love for us all. We welcome anyone who is curious to explore this form of worship today, from 1:30-3:00 p.m. in the Undercroft. We will use our whole selves to speak the Lord's Prayer. Questions? contact Vicky Wilder, 540-786-7227.

**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: Connie Barnes, Suzi Bevan, Matt Bohmke, Sherman Brown, Melissa Gloyd, Carol Mayer, Bill Nix, Aaron Shirk, Adam Zimmerman.

The **Sanctuary flower schedule** has open slots for each Sunday in March (1, 8, 15, 22, & 29). If you would like to **donate flowers**, you may sign up online through the church website or by contacting Ginger Oplinger, 540-775-1545, ([jgoplinger@verizon.net](mailto:jgoplinger@verizon.net)). To sign up online go to the church website: [fredericksburgpc.org](http://fredericksburgpc.org) and click on "Sanctuary Flower Signup" on the homepage. Thank you for your participation in this ministry.