

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Second Sunday in Lent

February 28, 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

Prelude in D Minor

L. N. Clerambault

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

Standing on the Promises

The Call to Worship (from *Psalms 22*)

Steve Davis, Liturgist

Hear of God's promise.
The promise rests on grace.
God gives life to the dead.
The promise rests on grace
God calls into being things that did not exist.
The promise rests on grace.
God came to us through Jesus.
The promise rests on grace.
Jesus died and rose again to save us.
God's grace comes to us through our faith.

The Prayer of Adoration

The Hymn 49

The God of Abraham Praise

*The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above, the ancient of Eternal Days, The God of love!
The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed, we bow before Your holy name, Forever blest.
Your spirit still flows free, high surging where it will. In prophet's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
Established is Your law, and changeless it shall stand, deep writ upon the human heart, by your strong hand.
You have eternal life implanted in the soul; your love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.
We praise you, living God! We praise your holy name; the first, the last, beyond all thought, and still the same!*

*The Prayer of Confession

Redeeming God, when we catch sight of the totality of your claim on our lives; our believing waivers. When we hear the absurdity of your unbreakable covenant with us; like Sarai and Abram, we laugh. When we face the foolish wisdom of the looming cross; like Peter, we suggest an alternative. Meet us in our disbelieving, loving God, move us gently into the deep waters of faith. Hear our silent professions and know our hearts of repentance through Jesus Christ, our Lord ... (time for silent confession)...

*The Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News: God deems as righteous all who trust that Jesus
has been raised for us and for our salvation.

**In the Name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God! 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.)

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

Holy Spirit, open our hearts to receive Your Word, reveal to us the Good News, and enable us to trust in the promise of salvation in Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 22:23-31*

The Anthem

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

Craig Courtney

Tina Christie, Mary Ann Casey, Roy Jarnecke, Larry Casey

*Jesus, Thy boundless love to me no thought can reach, no tongue declare;
Unite my thankful heart to Thee, And reign without a rival there!
Thine wholly Thine alone, I am, Be Thou alone my constant flame.
Oh, grant that nothing in my soul may dwell but Thy pure love alone;
Oh, may Thy love possess me whole, My joy, my treasure, and my crown!
All coldness from my heart remove; Every act, word, thought, be love
This love unwearied I pursue and dauntlessly to Thee aspire,
Oh, may Thy love my hope renew, Burn in my soul like heavenly fire!
And day and night, be all my care, Guard this sacred treasure there.
In suffering be Thy love my peace; in weakness be Thy love my power;
And when the storms of life shall cease, O Jesus, in that final hour,
Be Thou my rod and staff and guide, And draw me safely to Thy side!*

The Epistle Lesson: *Romans 4:13-25*

The Gospel Lesson: *Mark 8:31-38*

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

The Sermon

Setting Our Mindset
Lindsey Williams

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 718

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

*Take up your cross, the Savior said, if you would My disciple be;
Take up your cross with willing heart, and humbly follow after Me.*

*Take up your cross; let not its weight fill your weak spirit with alarm;
Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up and brace your heart and nerve your arm.*

*Take up your cross; heed not the shame, and let your foolish pride be still;
the Lord for you accepted death upon a cross, on Calvary's hill*

*Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength, and calmly every danger brave:
it guides you to abundant life and leads to victory o'er the grave.*

The Charge & Benediction

The Postlude

Postlude in A Minor

H. Gotze

***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 24 - March 3

Weekly Lenten Midday Service (Virtual)

Another of the list of things we will miss again this year is the Lenten lunches that the downtown Micah Ministries churches have shared annually. Each Wednesday noon throughout Lent we have, for many years, shared a brief midday worship service followed by a luncheon provided by the host church.

It is one of the rare times we are able to preach in pulpits other than our own. And it is also a blessing to join with sisters and brothers in Christ for table fellowship.

That will not be possible this year, but we still invite and encourage you to look for the midday services online at <https://micahfredericksburg.org/4106-2/>

Preachers scheduled include:

Feb 24- Rev. Allen Fisher, The Presbyterian Church of Fredericksburg

March 3 - Rev. Aaron Dobyne, Shiloh Baptist Old Site

March 10 - Rev. Josh Hagstrom, Fredericksburg United Methodist

March 17 - Rev. Will Dickinson, St. George's Episcopal

March 24 - Rev. Chelsea Morse, Street Church

Please join us virtually and look forward to the future meals and worship we can share together!

Blessings,
Allen



Use Realm to 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 Realm. If you have not yet set up your Realm log in, visit <http://onrealm.org/FredericksburgP> and click "Forgot Password."

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, February 28:

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31;
Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

Weekly Meetings & Activities

- Wed. (2/24) — Meditation Group, 5:30pm (Zoom)
Contact Marsha Luckett (marshajluckett@gmail.com)
- Thurs. (2/25) — Women's Bible Study, 9:30am (Zoom)
Adult Choir, 7:30p.m. (Zoom)
- Sun. (2/28) — Worship, 9am (Sanctuary & Youtube)
Adult Church School Classes—Schedule on page 2
Sacred Dance, 3:30pm (Undercroft)
Youth Fellowship, 5pm (Zoom)
- Tues. (3/2) — Men's Breakfast Group, 7:30am (FH & Zoom)
Contact John Howe (jhowe1969@cox.net)
CE Committee, 6pm (Zoom)
Book Study, 7pm, (Zoom) Details on page 2
- Wed. (3/3) — Meditation Group, 5:30pm (Zoom)

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.

A New Way to Connect

We in the church office want to introduce you to Realm®, an updated church record keeping system. 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, access your contribution statement, receive church news, update your personal information, give online, and more.

You should have received an email from Realm inviting you either join our Realm community. If you didn't receive an invite visit <http://onrealm.org/FredericksburgP> and click "Forgot Password." We hope you help us maximize our new system by registering soon. Contact the Church Office if you have questions.

Church Family News:

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

Condolences to Brett Betsill and family on the death of his mother, Betty, who died on February 8, 2021.

CJ Forsing on the death of her father, Roger Dole, who died on February 9, 2021.

Birthdays this week February 28-March 7

28. Matthew Green, Les Johnson
1. Megan Sullivan, Sarah Wright, Rowan Eland
 2. Wayne Hibbeler
 3. Mitchell Ramer
 4. Diane Peterson, Margaret Roberson, Barbara Nance, Bailey Nance
 5. Helena Sidebotham, Becca Fisher
 6. Laurie Watkins, Mason Theado, Joan Gaston
 7. Johanna Dowling, Cindy Watson, Mary Raye Cox

Share a meal with your neighbors--March 20. It's easy! You would prepare 6 dinners, menu of your choice, and deliver the hot meals to the church parking lot at 4:15 p.m. on the March 20. Teams will deliver the meals to homeless Micah guests who are staying in local motels and to an outdoor pickup site. The takeout boxes will be available beforehand in the foyer of the Fellowship Hall or Karen Johnson will deliver them to you. Bakers are also needed to bake brownies, bagged 2 to a bag. Contact Karen Johnson to sign up or for more information: 540-621-5685 (ksjohnson422@msn.com).

Youth Fellowship

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

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

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.

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89363943223?pwd=QmtmbExwNDZlZ25sK0JOZUJyTE1JZz09>

February 28 – Pastor Tamminga

This session will explore the ways in which God is working through the current human-made catastrophe of global climate change, deforestation, massive extinction, and toxic poisoning to find a way for life to push through once again.

March 7 – Tim Tamminga and Jerry Zekert

This session will offer a brief overview of issues related to city planning and investigate ways we as citizens might engage with civic planning to promote sustainability in our communities.

March 14 – Jason Hayob-Matzke, Professor of Philosophy at University of Mary Washington

This session will examine ways of imaging the human relationship to nature, while exploring the question: how can we move forward in a way that better enables solutions to arise to our current ecological crisis?

March 21 – High School Youth

In this session, some of our high school students will help us to determine our carbon footprint and explore ways to reduce our harm on the environment.

March 28 – James Lockett

This session will confront the question, how do our actions and decisions as a congregation tie us to the global web of life?

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>

Refugee Feeding Ministry Flash Food Drive — During the first week of each month we will have a food drive of non-perishable food items to address the emergent need among Fredericksburg's Refugee community. These families have been identified through the Fredericksburg School System as particularly in need of help. How you can help:

- Prepare a food box/bag for a family (recommended contents are below). Don't worry about the amount of food. More is better; some is better than none.
- Drop off your box in the Education Building lobby 9:00 a.m. and noon.
- To make a financial gift, checks can be made out to *The Presbyterian Church* with the designation "Refugee Feeding Program" in the memo line.
- If you are interested in serving as a volunteer for this ministry, please be in touch with Andrea Iardia: (540) 395-9768.

RECOMMENDED CONTENTS (Non-perishable only, please):

- *Pasta, *Tomato sauce, *Rice, *Sugar, *Oil, *Flour,
- *Canned Fruits and Vegetables, *Cereal, *Beans, *Tea/ Coffee, *Soups, *Peanut Butter, *Jelly/Fruit Preserves,
- *Instant Potatoes.