

# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*The Fifth Sunday After Epiphany*

February 7, 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

*Benedictus Qui Venit*

L.V. Beethoven, arr. Allen James

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

*I Danced in the Morning*

The Call To Worship (*Isaiah 40:21, 31*)

Caroline Deaderick, liturgist

Have we not known? Have we not heard?  
**Has it not been told to us since the beginning?**  
Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;  
**they shall mount up with wings like eagles;**  
they shall run and not be weary;  
**they shall walk and not faint.**

The Prayer of Adoration

**Great God of the universe, You set the stars on course in the heavens; the earth radiates Your glory and honor; the rain never falls without Your knowing it. The fields produce their harvest according to Your design. We admire the strength by which You rule the nations. We bow down in adoration at how You care for Your children. We gather gladly to herald Your encompassing acts of goodwill. Hear us as we respond by giving You praise. Glory be to You, the One Eternal God – Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.**

\*The Hymn 686

*God of Our Life*

*God of our life, through all the circling years, we trust in thee. In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, thy hand we see. With each new day, when morning lifts the veil, we own thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.*

*God of the past, our times are in thy hand. With us abide. Lead us by faith to hope's true promised land. Be thou our guide. With thee to bless, the darkness shines as light, and faith's fair vision changes into sight.*

*God of the coming years, through paths unknown we follow thee. When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone. Our refuge be. Be thou for us in life our daily bread, our heart's true home when all our years have sped.*

\*The Prayer of Confession

**O God You bring healing to our lives and comfort to our hearts. Forgive us, O Lord, when we contribute to the things that break Your heart. You would have us share our gifts with the world, but we keep our resources close and our minds closed. You would have us live in faithful community, but we isolate ourselves and eye our neighbors with mistrust. You would have us see all people as our siblings, but we try to separate ourselves from anyone whose existence challenges our comfort. Forgive us, O God, by Your grace, and free us to be agents of Your healing ...(time for silent confession)...**

\*The Assurance of Pardon

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

The Old Testament Lesson: *Isaiah 40:21-31*

The New Testament Lesson: *1 Corinthians 9:16-23*

The Anthem

*Praise! Praise!*  
Chris Fisher, Mary Ann Casey, Roy Jarnecke, Larry Casey

Handell/Liebergen, arr.

The Gospel Lesson: *Mark 1:29-39*

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

The Sermon

*House Calls*  
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

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 Thanksgiving and Intercession

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 744

*Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

*Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey; show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.*

*Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door; proclaim the captives' liberty, good tidings to the poor.*

*Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born, bind up the broken-hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.*

*Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song! Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.*

\*The Charge and Benediction

\*The Postlude

*Divertissement (Gigue)*

Gordon Young

***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 3-10

## **WAITING OUR TURN**

More than 750 years before Christ, the prophet Amos wrote of the rich that they “*trample the head of the poor into the dust of the earth and push the afflicted out of the way*” (Amos 2:7). While Amos may have heard of plagues, he certainly had no knowledge of our current pandemic or the rush to be vaccinated in these weeks.

Recently, many articles have appeared suggesting that the vaccines are being administered to those who have the best internet access and means of completing online reservations. There are also reports of people traveling great distances to present themselves in line with people who are truly needy and underserved. Somehow this seems wrong as no one I have heard of suggests that the vaccine is for the wealthy, influential or electronically connected.

If you are having difficulty registering for an appointment through our Rappahannock Area Health District, please contact the church office. We will follow-through with you to see what assistance you may need.

In the meantime, thanks for your diligence in using masks, frequently washing your hands, maintaining social distance and avoiding crowds in enclosed indoor spaces. “*Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds.*” (Hebrews 10:24)

Grace, peace, and the blessings of patience be with you and yours!

Warmly  
Allen

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## **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](https://secure.accessacs.com/access/login_guest.aspx?sn=90894).

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## **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.

## Lectionary Readings for Sunday, February 14:

2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6;  
1 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

## **Weekly Meetings & Activities**

- Wed. (2/3) — Meditation Group, 5:30pm (Zoom)  
Contact Marsha Lockett ([marshajluckett@gmail.com](mailto:marshajluckett@gmail.com))
- Thurs. (2/4) — Women’s Bible Study, 9:30am (Zoom)  
Adult Choir, 7:30p.m. (Zoom)
- Sun. (2/7) — Worship, 9am (Sanctuary & Youtube)  
Adult Church School Classes—Schedule on page 2  
Sacred Dance, 3:30pm (Undercroft)  
Youth Fellowship, 5pm (Zoom)
- Tues. (2/9) — Men’s Breakfast Group, 7:30am (FH & Zoom)  
Contact John Howe ([jhowe1969@cox.net](mailto:jhowe1969@cox.net))  
Book Study, 7pm, (Zoom) Details on page 2
- Wed. (2/10) — Meditation Group, 5:30pm (Zoom)

## **Birthdays this week February 7-14**

7. Steve Cunningham, Preston Simms
8. Mason Bako, Kelly Bond, Jeanne Ramsburg
9. Noah Fellingner, Lee Pugh
10. Emma Whitford
11. Keren Pritchett, Beth Valasko
12. Porter Blakemore, Riley Eland
13. Opal Stroup
14. Carl King, Kalah Roche, Gay Sullivan

## **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.

A tremendous **Thank You** to all who helped with the Red Cross Blood Drive. There were 25 pints of blood donated. These life saving donors are truly appreciated as the blood needs were desperate as usual. Of course, volunteers made the day. Again, heart felt thanks.

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**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 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.

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**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](http://www.fredericksburgpc.org).



#### *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.

#### *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.

If you would like to make brownies for the **meal delivery** to motels on February 20, contact Karen Johnson, (540) 621-568 ([ksjohnson422@msn.com](mailto:ksjohnson422@msn.com)).

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#### **Youth Fellowship**

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

#### **Virtual Conversations in the Public Square Series**

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.

#### **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=RVF5VDVqWVZyYXpVTGlySGNLsndFQT09>

##### **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