

# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

## *The Baptism of the Lord*

January 10, 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

*Litany*

by David Paxton

The Welcome and Announcements

The Call To Worship

(from *Psalm 29*)

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly being, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's Name:  
worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

**May the Lord give strength to God's people!  
May the Lord bless God's people with peace!**

The Prayer of Praise

**You speak, O God, and the oceans tremble; their waters crest in waves that dash upon the shore. You speak, and the heavens open; thunder signals the rain that freshens the earth. You breathe and the leaves shudder; the trees of the forest bow to Your majesty. You speak and the Spirit descends on Your people; we ascribe to You all glory as we worship Your Name. All praise and thanks to You O God – Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. Amen.**

The Hymn 611

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love! Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
Opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.*

*All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays; stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.*

*Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began. Love divine is reigning o'er us,  
joining all in heaven's plan. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.  
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.*

*\*The Prayer of Confession*

**God Whose Spirit moved over the waters, You have washed us in Your mercy, claimed us as Your own, bound us in community, and called us to lives of baptismal grace. Forgive us, O God, for too often we have not lived as if we were You baptized people. We stumble over opportunities for forgiveness. We prioritize our selfish interests. We are slow to disrupt the status quo, even when it means ignoring our neighbors suffering. Christ calls us to follow; yet we disobey his commandment. Evidence of Your goodness surrounds us, yet we ignore Your gracious ways. Forgive us, O God, and by Your forgiveness, lead us back to Your waters of transformation ... (time for silent confession)...**

*\*The Assurance of Pardon*

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

**The old life has gone; a new life has begun.**

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

**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.)

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: *Genesis 1:1-5*

The New Testament Lesson: *Acts 19:1-7*

The Anthem

*The River*

Greg Gilpin, arr.

Chris Fisher, Mary Ann Casey, Roy Jarnecke, Larry Casey

The Gospel Lesson: *Mark 1:4-11*

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

The Sermon

*Beloved*

Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

\**The Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,**

**eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,**

**Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,**

**of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again**

**in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,**

**who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sin s.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of Thanksgiving, and Intercession

TO CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT. . .

The Invitation

The Call to Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

. . .Who forever sing to the glory of Your name:  
**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Power and Might,  
Heaven and Earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the Highest.**  
. . .Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

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.**

The Communion

The Prayer After Communion

**God of Grace, Whose love is our light, we thank You that the world is in Your care and we are the creatures of Your hand. Let our praise resound the glory of Your saving power revealed in Jesus Christ confirmed at this table. We rejoice that You have made us partners in serving Christ through our baptism into Christ's body. Grant us peace that only Your Holy Spirit can give. Guide us in Your service, on account of Jesus Christ, Your Beloved One and our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

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

\*The Hymn 543

*God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*  
*God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to move my voice;*  
*God, be the strength to now uphold me:*  
*O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*  
*Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight, flashing of lightning,*  
*strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of planet:*  
*O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*  
*Walking behind to hem my journey, going ahead to light my way,*  
*and from beneath, above, and all ways:*  
*O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*  
*Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that hear my voice,*  
*Christ in the hearts of all who know me:*  
*O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

\*The Charge & Benediction

\*The Postlude

*O God, Our Faithful God*

arr. David Paxton

***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 January 6-13

## **Thankfulness in the New Year**

“For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.” (Psalm 90:4)

Are you welcoming the close of 2020? Or are you now worried about the prospects for 2021? Or both? Can you believe we have endured so many months of social isolation, quarantine, and completely restructured daily habits and public life?

The potential promise of vaccinations is currently lagging the outbreak of new virus cases, yet still we expect there is brightness, health and recovery ahead.

At the edge of a New Year, many people try to set goals, ambitions, revisions and improvements to their personal and relational lives. The rich mix of issues surrounding us this January while dramatic, may not be any more widely-varied than in other years. Our mortal state as humans continues - people will be born and others will die in the year ahead. This does not change because of the way we mark days and years, moments or lifetimes.

We give thanks for God’s enduring love and care for all generations expressed supremely in the life death and resurrection of Christ Jesus who redeems us from sin, (including unfounded worries and fear), by the power of transforming love.

Please join us online for worship each Sunday. This week we will again celebrate communion virtually not because of who we are, but because of who God is as embodied in Jesus.

Grace and peace to you in the name of Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

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, Donna Hughes, Donn Langfitt, Kaci LeFebre, Karla Lewis, Debra Myers, Billie Plank, Larry Repanshek, Gerry Smart, Pam Werner

**Congratulations** to Kalli Elizabeth Hild, who graduated from Germanna Community College on December 15, 2020 with an Associate of Applied Science/Nursing and Career Studies Certificate/Allied Health.

A **private memorial Service** for Jim Miller will be held this Friday at 2:00 p.m. A live-stream will be available through Covenant Funeral Services at: [Tribute for James I. Miller | Covenant Funeral Service](#)

## **Birthdays this week January 10-17**

10. Harry Farley, Bridget Harvey
11. Lillian Remsen, Alexandra Spaulding
12. Mike Foreman, Ginger Oplinger
13. Mia Rawlings
14. Maxine Gloyd, Gary Scheibel
15. Anne Betz, Kristina Brough, Lou Cralle, Duane Hansen, Oliver Morris, Linda Spangler, Neil Sullivan
16. John Baer, Susan Harrison
17. Erica Foreman, Drew Rexrode, Jane Williams

## **Weekly Meetings & Activities**

- Wed. (1/6) — Meditation Group, 5:30pm (Zoom)  
Contact Marsha Luckett ([marshajluckett@gmail.com](mailto:marshajluckett@gmail.com))
- Thurs. (1/7) — Women’s Bible Study, 9:30am (Zoom)  
Contact Marsha Luckett ([marshajluckett@gmail.com](mailto:marshajluckett@gmail.com)).  
Adult Choir, 7:30p.m. (Zoom)
- Sun. (1/10) — Worship, 9am (Sanctuary & Youtube)  
Adult Church School Classes—Schedule on page 2  
Sacred Dance, 3:30pm (Undercroft)  
Youth Fellowship, 5pm (Zoom)  
Session, 7pm (Zoom)
- Tues. (1/12) — 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. (1/13) — Meditation Group, 5:30pm (Zoom)

## Lectionary Readings for Sunday, January 17:

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20); Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18;  
1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51



We will celebrate communion in worship this Sunday, January 10, the first Sunday after Epiphany. 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 are sufficient. Kindly place them in front of you as you prepare to worship, perhaps on a plate and/or in a special cup or glass.

Brownies are needed for the **meal delivery to Micah guests** on January 16. Contact Karen Johnson if you would like to help, 540-621-5685 ([ksjohnson422@msn.com](mailto:ksjohnson422@msn.com)).

Mark your calendar for our annual January **Red Cross Blood Drive**: January 26, 2021, from 1:30-7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. More detail will be coming in future weekly announcements.

**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.

**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).

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## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

This semester's course offerings kick off via Zoom this week beginning Sunday, January 10.

### ***Children and Family***

This semester, we will give children and families opportunities to grow in Christ's love, learn the stories of Jesus, and be supported by a strong community of faith with at-home resources.

### ***Youth Fellowship***

This semester, we will have discussion-based education via Zoom. All in-person youth activities are suspended through January.

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

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

**Faith and Movie Class**—Movie for Sunday, January 10: *The Insider* (199)

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

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86223901848?pwd=S1MyYVpaK0xtVVZrcHQwSnZOQUkzd09>

### ***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>

