

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Second Sunday After Epiphany

January 17, 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

Canticle of Faith

by Fenton Groden

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

Will You Come and Follow Me?

The Call To Worship

Bridget Harvey, liturgist

The One Who calls us together this day yearns for each of you
and for all people to hear and be blessed.

Speak, Lord, for Your servants are listening.

Blessed is the One Who comes bringing trustworthy words
for the healing of the world.

Speak, Lord, for Your servants are listening.

The Prayer of Adoration

You are the Rock of our salvation, O God, the source of our strength. You are the fountainhead from which flow living waters. When our souls thirst after righteousness, Your justice sustains us. In need of encouragement, we behold Your power and glory. We raise our voices in the company of believers and call on Your Name. Fill us now with Your Holy Spirit, and nourish us by Your presence. Amen.

The Hymn 634

To God Be the Glory

*To God be the glory; great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.*

REFRAIN: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

*O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory: great things he has done!*

*Great things he has taught us; great things he has done!
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;*

*but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. REFRAIN*

*The Prayer of Confession

Holy God, You see into each of us and know us fully as creatures in need of Your constant care. We confess that we have neither heard Your Word nor followed Your will. We have failed our nation, neighbors, families, friends and ourselves. In Your mercy forgive us ... (time for silent confession)... . Give us ears to hear Your wisdom; lead us to honesty and faith so that we may begin again with renewed strength. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

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: *1 Samuel 3:1-20*

The Anthem

Psalm 139

Allen Pote

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

Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know everything I do.

When I rise up, when I lie down, you are with me through and through.

Before a word is on my tongue, you know what I will say, Your presence follows me day by day.

Where can I flee from your spirit? Where can I go to run away?

If I go to heaven, or live in hell, you are there.

Search me, O God, and know me, try me and know my heart.

See if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

The Epistle Lesson: *1 Corinthians 6:12-20*

A Moment With the Children

The Gospel Lesson: *John 1:43-51*

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

The Sermon

Revealed

Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

*The Affirmation of Faith

(from "A Brief Statement of Faith")

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,

sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,

and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles

rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the water of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage

to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,

even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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 722

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

*Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone.
As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children lost and lone.*

*O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wandering and the wavering feet.
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed your hungering ones with manna sweet.*

*O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'er flow in kindling thought
and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.*

*O use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will, and when, and where until
your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.*

*The Charge and Benediction

*The Postlude

Postludium

by 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 January 13-20

Remember Your Baptism

Your pastors have heard your anguish, sorrow, disappointment and utter disbelief at the events at the US Capitol on the 6th of January. In worship on Sunday the 10th we would have gladly joined in the following hymn had copyright restrictions allowed.

Based upon the oldest blessing in scripture (see Numbers 6:22-27) American hymn writer Jaroslav Vajda set these words in 1983.

*Go, My children, with My blessing, Never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are my own.
In My love's baptismal river, I have made you Mine forever.
Go, My children, with My blessing - You are My own.*

*Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.
Here you heard My dear Son's story; Here you touched Him, saw His glory,
Go My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.*

*Go, My children, fed and nourished, Closer to Me;
Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.
Here My Spirit's power filled you; Here His tender comfort stilled you.
Go, My children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.*

It is our Baptismal identity that we share as Christians, disciples of Jesus. The division and confusion we feel just now is not God's last word.

Jesus was baptized for us and for our sake, every one.

Peace,

Allen & Brittany



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.

Church Family News:

Capsule of Concern: Rachel Erb, Doris Glidden, Doris Gulatsi, Donna Hughes, Barry Jones, Donn Langfitt, Karla Lewis, Debra Myers, Billie Plank, Larry Repanshek, Tim Tarzier, Pam Werner.

Session has called a **virtual meeting of the congregation** for Sunday, January 31, at 10:00 a.m. Details of how to participate and an invite will be coming soon. The purpose of the meeting is to elect members of the Congregational Nominating Committee for 2021, and to vote on proposed changes in pastors' terms of call.

Birthdays this week January 17-24

- 17. Erica Foreman, Drew Rexrode, Jane Williams
- 19. Missy Dodson, CJ Forsing, Lee Woolf
- 20. Chris Repp
- 21. Michael Gloyd
- 22. Nellie Kate Dameron
- 23. Sarah Coddington, Madison Early, Nancy Wilson
- 24. Jeff Kunkler

Weekly Meetings & Activities

- Wed. (1/13) — Meditation Group, 5:30pm (Zoom)
Contact Marsha Luckett (marshajluckett@gmail.com)
- Thurs. (1/14) — Women's Bible Study, 9:30am (Zoom)
Contact Marsha Luckett (marshajluckett@gmail.com).
Adult Choir, 7:30p.m. (Zoom)
- Sun. (1/17) — Worship, 9am (Sanctuary & Youtube)
Adult Church School Classes—Schedule on page 2
Sacred Dance, 3:30pm (Undercroft)
Youth Fellowship, 5pm (Zoom)
- Mon. (1/18) - Mission Committee (Zoom)
- Tues. (1/19) — Men's Breakfast Group, 7:30am (FH & Zoom)
Contact John Howe (jhowe1969@cox.net)
Book Study, 7pm, (Zoom) Details on page 2
Christian Ed. Committee, 6:30pm (Zoom)
- Wed. (1/20) — Meditation Group, 5:30pm (Zoom)

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, January 24:

Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12;
I Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

Service of Healing and Wholeness, January 24, at 4:00 p.m. (virtual and in-person)

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

So come, you who are burdened by regrets and anxieties,
you who are broken in body or in spirit,
you who are torn by relationships and by doubt,
you who feel deeply within yourselves the divisions and injustices of our world.

Come, for Jesus invites us to bring him our brokenness.

If you would like to participate in this service in-person, please make a reservation by emailing (cjforsing@fredericksburgpc.org) or by calling the church office, 540-373-7057, Monday – Friday between 9:00 a.m. and noon.



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).

Copies of **These Days devotionals** are available in the Education Building Lobby and Sanctuary.

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.

Mark your calendar for our annual January **Red Cross Blood Drive**: Tuesday, January 26, 2021, from 1:30-7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Donors and perspective donors:

Masks and appointments are required. Registration is online, Redcross.com or call 1-800-733-2767, and mention The Presbyterian Church, Fredericksburg, Va. and the date. Temperatures will be taken and other Covid-19 procedures will be adhered to.

Thank you in advance for participating in this life saving event.

Sharon Moser

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.

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)

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=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>