

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Second Sunday After Epiphany

January 19, 2020

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*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

(from Isaiah 49:3; John 1:29,39,41)

Here is the servant of God, a light to all nations.

Come and see the Messiah, the Lord.

Here is the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world.

Come and see the Messiah, the Lord.

The Prayer of Praise

O God, source of all beauty and goodness, Your grace comes fresh every morning. In each new day You give us light. We praise You for Your never failing love that satisfies our needs and shows us the way to follow. We rejoice in Your constant care, for You are faithful in love for all people. Come and make Your presence known here among us, we pray, as we offer You our praise and, indeed, our very lives. All honor and glory we give to You, the One Eternal God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.

*The Hymn 3

Womb of Life and Source of Being

*The Prayer of Confession

You are faithful, Patient God, even as we continue to live in the shadows of life. We could delight in Your hopes for us, but choose to do things our way. We could serve the most vulnerable around us, but love to pal around with the powerful. We could share the glad news of deliverance, but prefer to swap stories and gossip. God of mercy, forgive us and free us to follow in Your way ... (time for silent confession) God of grace, there is none like You. Lean over to listen to our prayers, and whisper forgiveness to our souls. Lift us out of the holes we dig for ourselves, and set us on hope's solid ground. Strengthen our weak faith with the life, grace, and love of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

Come, dear friends, and receive God's grace;
sing of all God is doing for you.

We will sing of God's love;

we will sing a new song of hope and wonder.

Let us rejoice in 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

The Old Testament Lesson: *Isaiah 49:1-7*

p. 830 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 40:1-11*

p. 631 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

The Lamb

Gerald Patrick Coleman

The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?

Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!

Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me his own!

The Lamb is reigning on his throne.

The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.

The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heaven his praise to sing.

The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill.

So still, his will on our behalf the Law to fill.

He sighs, he dies, he takes my sin and wretchedness.

He lives, forgives, He gives me his own righteousness.

He rose, he rose, My heart with thanks now overflows His song prolong

'Till every heart to him belong.

Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me his own!

The Lamb is reigning on his throne.

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

p. 201 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

The Gospel Lesson: *John 1:29-42* p. 112 in the pew Bible

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

The Sermon

Come and See
Brittany Tamminga

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

**The Apostles' Creed* p. 35 in the Hymnal

The Prayers of the People and 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 give thanks to You, God of love, for the abundance of life in Your presence. As we offer to You our tithes and gifts, may we also offer the very best of ourselves. Bless and use them and use us for Your purposes in the world, so that Christ may be known and heard and followed by others whose lives we touch. Amen.

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

*The Hymn 688 *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

*The Charge & Benediction

*The Postlude



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

Brittany Tamminga, *Associate Pastor*

Lindsey Williams, *Interim Assistant for Education Ministries*

Mary Ann & Larry Casey, *Choirmasters*

Amy L. Shirk, *Organist*

MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES 1/19-26

Today (1/19)

Worship Services, S	8:30 & 11am
Church School	9:45am
Fellowship Committee, CF	12:15pm
Empty Nesters, 6 Bears & a Goat*	12:30pm
Sacred Dance, U	1:30pm
Cantate, UCR	5pm
Youth Fellowship & Dinner, FH	6pm

Monday (1/20)

OFFICE CLOSED

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

Tuesday (1/21)

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

Wednesday (1/22)

Meditation, CP	6:30pm
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Thursday (1/23)

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

Saturday (1/25)

Micah Breakfast, FH	6:30am
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Sunday (1/26)

Worship Services, S	8:30 & 11am
Church School	9:45am
Congregational Meeting*	
PW Study Overview, CF	12:15pm
Sacred Dance, U	1:30pm
Know Your Neighbor Event, FH	3pm
Cantate, UCR	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

Recordings of previous sermons are available at:

fredericksburgpc.org/podcast/rss.html

or scan this with your QR code reader app.



Birthdays this Week

January

- Missy Dodson, CJ Forsing, David Godshall, Lee Woolf
- Miguel Pineda, Chris Repp, Don Wilson
- Michael Gloyd
- Nellie Kate Dameron
- Sarah Coddington, Madison Early, Nancy Wilson
- Jeff Kunkler
- Fred Betz
- Carol Campbell, Harry Lewis

Lectionary readings for next Sunday, January 26:

Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9;
I Corinthians 1:10-18;
Matthew 4:12-23

Hospital Visitor 1/19-25

Jan Erkert, 412-5360

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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 Barbara Howe in celebration of the January 3rd adoption of McKane Roman Kave by Ashley and Jake Kave. McKane's big brothers are McCully and McCrae, grandparents are John and Barbara Howe and Vickie and Brian Kave, aunt and uncle are Heather and Bryan Eland and cousins are Riley and Rowan Eland.

Capsule of Concern: Hattie Bingham, Billie Plank, John Walker

Welcome to our newest member of the church staff, the **Interim Assistant for Education Ministries, Rev. Lindsey Williams.** Lindsey has connections to Western New York, Washington, DC and Richmond, VA. Session is pleased to have her join staff on a part-time basis. She has most recently served as Part-time Pastor of Kirk O'Cliff Presbyterian Church in Mineral, VA. Please welcome her with her family, husband Roy and daughter Eleanor. They reside in Partlow.

Service Attendants

Liturgist
Don Newlin

8:30 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Linda Spratt

Greeters
Bill & Lynda Baer, Mike & Mel Gloyd

Ushers
George Cralle, Bill Stewart,
Mary Lowman, Paul Leimer

Elevator Assistant
Ian Norfleet

11:00 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Doreen Vaughn

Greeters
Mary Lou Cramer, Keren Pritchett

Ushers
Dick & Mary Szymanski,
Shirley Eye, Carol Johnson

Elevator Assistant
Pete Humes

Nursery Attendants
8:30 & 11:00 services
Linda Benn, Bailey Nance,
Denise Hamilton, Patricia Langfitt

A new semester of **Church School** has begun! It is never too late to join a Church School class, and this semester a number of our classes, including *Seeking to Understand the Parables* and *Women in the Biblical World*, lend themselves well to drop-in participation. Please don't let missing a few classes keep you away – see you in Church School.

Youth Fellowship TONIGHT: A special guest will lead us in making scarves for our sisters and brothers who frequent the Cold Night Shelter. Come, lend a hand! **NEXT WEEK:** Come in your favorite, most cozy PJs. We're having a movie night! **Note:** Youth Fellowship will extend to 8:00 p.m. this evening.

The **2020 Confirmation Journey** first class will be today, during Church School in the Middle House, 2nd floor. On February 2, Explorers and Mentors will join the congregation for the Rise Against Hunger event. Our *Explorers* and Mentors pairs are as follows: *Kaileen Coffman* - Amy Ellis; *Avery Foresman* - Brian Raska; *Cameron Sidebotham* - Steve Davis; *Andrew Spinnanger* - Don Nance; *Charlotte Young* - Amy Talmadge. Please pray for these young people and the adults and families who have partnered with them on this journey.

Pastor Taminga will lead an overview of the **Presbyterian Women Horizon's Bible Study**, *Love Carved in Stone*, next Sunday, January 26, at 12:15 p.m in the Conference Room. All PW leaders and members are welcome to attend.

Empty Nesters will have **lunch today at 6 Bears and a Goat Brewing Co.** (1140 International Parkway), at 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person which includes a buffet meal, a pint of beer or a glass of wine plus tax and gratuity. A tour of the brewery will be available after lunch.

On Wednesday, February 12, **Prime Timers** will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. at Ristorante Renato, 422 William St., order from the lunch menu and have separate checks. Parking is available in the lot adjacent to the restaurant. Please call Mary Lowman, 540-710-4941, or Sue Moorefield, 540-899-7772, by February 9 for reservations.

We need brownies for the **February 15 Community Dinner**. If you would like to help out, please contact Katie Fidler katie@fidlnet.com by February 10, with the quantity you'll bring. The brownies may be brought to the Fellowship Hall Kitchen on Friday morning before noon or from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. on that Saturday.

The **Know Your Neighbor gathering** will be next **Sunday, January 26**, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Friends and neighbors from Islamic Center of Fredericksburg and Beth Shalom Temple will join us for indoor games, fellowship, fun, and FOOD! Please bring a favorite snack to share, keeping in mind the dietary practices of our Muslim and Jewish guests (ie – no bacon). This is an all-ages event and all are welcome – whether this is your first KYN gathering or your fifth. For questions or for more information, please contact Jen Rowe (jenrowe@cox.net).

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 Lobby. Please pray for the shelter and the guests.

Mark your calendar for our annual **Rise Against Hunger meal packing event** on Sunday, February 2. Following worship, led by our youth, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall to pack 20,000 meals. Come join the fun and look for the sign-up table outside the Sanctuary.

On Sunday, February 2, we will have the **Souper Bowl offering**. The offering will assist in the cost of the Rise Against Hunger meals, which are 29-cents per meal. The Souper Bowl offering was started by a Presbyterian youth director in South Carolina over 25 years ago on Super Bowl Sunday.

The Presbyterian Church is proud to sponsor our next **blood drive** with the American Red Cross on Tuesday, January 28, from 1:00-7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All you need to do to be a part of this lifesaving mission is book your appointment and roll up your sleeve. You can register by filling out the signup sheet that will be located on the table the Fellowship Hall every Sunday in January or online at redcrossblood.org. Search for the event by using the sponsor code: "FredericksburgPresbyterian." Don't forget to encourage your family members, friends, and co-workers to join you.

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.

The **Campus Christian Community** is conducting a search for an Operations Assistant. This part-time position will require 15 hours a week and will have a focus on business and facility management. Interested parties should submit cover letter, resume, and names of three references by January 20, to Susie Kuliasha (Chair, Personnel Committee, CCC) at kuliashajs@outlook.com. For more information about this position contact Susie.

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.

Please pick your **annual giving envelopes** in the Lobby of the Education Building. If you haven't used envelopes in previous years, there may not be a set prepared for you. Please know that we encourage people to use them. Envelopes help the counting teams with efficiency and accuracy each week. We have extra envelopes, so if you would like to begin using them, email Casey at cnaatjes@fredericksburgpc.org.

Session has called a **meeting of the congregation** for Sunday, January 26, beginning with the 11:00 a.m. service of worship. The purpose of the meeting is to elect members of the Congregational Nominating Committee for 2020, and to vote on proposed changes in pastors' terms of call.