

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

January 31, 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 *Andante, from Sonata No. 6 for Violin* George F. Handel

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit *Great Are You, Lord*

The Call To Worship (from *Psalm 111*) John Statler, liturgist

Praise the Lord! In the company of the saints above and beside us,
let us give thank to the Lord our God!

**Great are the works of the Lord; full of honor and majesty,
God's righteousness endures forever.**

The Lord is gracious and merciful; the works of God's hands are faithful and just.

God's covenant is established forever in truth and justice.

Our redemption is in the Name of our Lord.

Holy and awesome is God's Name in all the earth!

God's praise endures forever.

The Prayer of Adoration

Indeed, Your praise endures forever, O Lord. We bow before You in adoration and with our whole hearts we praise You. We lift up our alleluias as people who gather to sing and proclaim, as people who gather to confess and to remember Your redeeming work, as people who gather to read and to tell of Your faithfulness and of Your grace. All glory belongs to You, gracious and compassionate provider, and so we offer our prayers and our lives in the Name of Christ, Who lives and reigns with Your and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

*The Hymn 755 *Alleluia! Laud and Blessing*

Alleluia! Laud and blessing to our God, whose Word is sure; by whose grace we find redemption, in whose love we live secure. Righteousness and rich compassion shall attend us all our days; may God's promise to be faithful echo through our songs of praise!

Alleluia! God sustains us; matchless are the gifts we share; light in darkness, hope in conflict, answers to our deepest prayer. Ours to give as we are given: arms to lift when others fall; images of God's great goodness, faithful servants to God's call.

Alleluia! Holy Parent, all your children now reclaim; may our lives reflect your justice, heirs to your most sacred name. Fill our hearts with understanding, brace our weakness by your might; awesome honor, born in wisdom; your great glory, our delight!

*The Prayer of Confession

...Cast out our demons, Lord, make us new again. Forgive us when we contribute to the brokenness of the world and the lives of people around us. Forgive us when we trust darkness more than we trust Your light. Through the healing touch of Christ, set us free to live and love, that we may be the people You have created us to be. Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

...Hear then Christ's word of grace to us: "Your sins are forgiven."

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. 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

Holy and awesome God, Your Son's authority is found in integrity and living truth, not the assertion of power over others. By Your Word, open our imaginations to new dimensions of Your love, that we may grow into the vision You unfold before us. Amen.

The Old Testament Lesson: *Deuteronomy 18:15-20*

A Moment With the Children

The New Testament Lesson: *I Corinthians 8:1-13*

The Gospel Lesson: *Mark 1:21-28*

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

The Anthem

O God of Each Beginning
Chris Fisher, Mary Ann Casey, Roy Jarnecke, Larry Casey

Kenneth Stewart/Robert Lau

The Sermon

To Love or Be Right
Brittany Taminga

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 316

Where Charity and Love Prevail

Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found; brought here together by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.

Let us recall that in our midst dwells Christ, God's holy Son. As members of each body joined, in him we are made one.

Let us forgive each other's faults as we our own confess, that we may love each other well in Christian gentleness.

*The Charge and Benediction

*The Postlude

"Prince Rupert" March

George Blake

***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 27– February 3

Untethered

For almost a year now, most of us have been worshiping and living our Christian discipleship beyond the walls of our church. It is a strange new reality to worship, fellowship, and learn through screens, telephone conversations, and the written page. It is a strange feeling for us, but not new for the church to exist untethered to its meeting place or separated physically from one another. As important and meaningful as our church building is for us, the church was never our building. The church is the Body of Christ worshiping, growing, and serving wherever we are planted. So, take courage! God is faithful! May we seek to be faithful in the living of these days by embracing our current reality and the life-giving promise of the Holy Spirit as the church moves beyond walls.

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.

Session has called a **virtual meeting of the congregation** for this Sunday, January 31, at 11:00 a.m. 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. Members will receive an email with the invitation link tomorrow.



Church Family News:

Capsule of Concern: Rachel Erb, Doris Glidden, Doris Gulatsi, Donn Langfitt, Karla Lewis, Debra Myers, Billie Plank, Larry Repanshek, Pam Werner.

Heartfelt Christian love and sympathies are extended to Les Johnson on the death of his wife, Jane, who died on January 19, 2021.

Birthdays this week January 31 - February 7

31. Robert King, Lynn Norfleet
1. Elizabeth Adams, Karen Chichester, David Scott
4. Madison Herndon, Paula Kallay, Judy Lowman, Marty Wilder
5. Laura Van Hulzen, Julie Young
6. Mary Bailey, Anders Bothel, Lincoln Milstead
7. Steve Cunningham, Preston Simms

Weekly Meetings & Activities

- Wed. (1/27) — Meditation Group, 5:30pm (Zoom)
Contact Marsha Luckett (marshajluckett@gmail.com)
Thurs. (1/28) — Adult Choir, 7:30p.m. (Zoom)
Sun. (1/31) — Worship, 9am (Sanctuary & Youtube)
Congregational Meeting, 11am (zoom)
Adult Church School Classes—Schedule on page 2
Sacred Dance, 3:30pm (Undercroft)
Youth Fellowship, 5pm (Zoom)
Tues. (2/2) — Men's Breakfast Group, 7:30am (FH & Zoom)
Contact John Howe (jhowe1969@cox.net)
Book Study, 7pm, (Zoom) Details on page 2
Wed. (2/3) — Meditation Group, 5:30pm (Zoom)

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, February 7:

Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20c;
1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

Refugee Feeding Ministry — During the first week in November, we will have our monthly **Flash 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. You may decorate the box and you may include a note if you feel moved to do so.
- Drop off your box in the Education Building lobby on the first Monday of each month between 9:00 a.m. and noon.
- If you would like 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 Ilardia: (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.

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.



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. Between deliveries, packing and actually distributing food 5-days a week, it takes about 190 volunteer hours per month. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please 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.

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.

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—No Class this week

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=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