

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Second Sunday After Christmas

January 5, 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

Carol Sing 135
113

*There's a Star in the East
Angels We Have Heard on High*

The Call To Worship

(from Ephesians 1:2-3, 11, 14)

Let us gather our lives to worship God.

**We will bless God who has blessed us in Christ
with every spiritual blessing.**

In Christ we have obtained an inheritance.

We have been redeemed as God's own people. Praise be to God!

The Prayer of Adoration

All glory to You, great God, for the gift of Your Son, Whom You sent to save us. With singing angels, we praise Your name, and tell the earth his story, that all may believe, rejoice, and bow down, acknowledging Your love. We praise You for the amazing and startling good news of our Savior's birth, and we bless You for the gifts of redemption and forgiveness You have sent us through him. All glory, honor, praise and dominion be unto You, O Eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*The Hymn 143

Angels, from the Realms of Glory
(vv 1, 2, 4 only)

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

Friends, our God has poured out grace upon grace,
freely, in great abundance, even on you, even on me,
Although we never earned it and don't deserve it.

In Christ we are made new through his blood;
all your sins and mine crumble away.

**In Christ we are forgiven, signed with the Spirit,
lavished with gift upon gift, released into hope
to live for praise and for glory.**

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.

*The Gloria Patri

p. 579 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 worshippers 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: *Jeremiah 31:7-14*

p.898 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 147:12-20*

p. 716 in the pew Bible

The Gospel Lesson: *John 1:10-18*

p. 111 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

Walk in the Light

Andre Thomas, arr.

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light, come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.

Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the Light of the world.

Hark! the herald angels sing. Jesus, the Light of the world.

"Glory to the newborn King." Jesus, the Light of the world.

Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace! Jesus, the Light of the world.

Christ, the everlasting Lord! Jesus, the Light of the world.

Walk in the light, beautiful light, come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.

Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the Light of the world

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 132

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

The Epistle Lesson: *Ephesians 1:3-14*

p. 234 in the pew Bible

The Sermon

Take a Breath
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

*The *Apostles' Creed*

p. 14 in the Hymnal

The Prayers of the People

The Service of Offering
The Offertory

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Doxology, p. 592 in the Hymnal

How good You have been to us, wondrous God! Our lives are like a watered garden when we are responsive to Your will for us. You turn mourning into joy, and sorrow into gladness. We are radiant with thankfulness when we remember the glory of Your Word made flesh. In response to Your grace, we dedicate this offering to extend Your reign among us. Use us as part of Your plan for the fullness of time in the Name of Christ Jesus. Amen.

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

*The Hymn 147

The First Nowell
(vv 1, 2, 6 only)

*The Charge & Benediction

*The Sending Hymn 136

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

*The Postlude



The Rev. Allen H. Fisher, Jr., *Pastor*
The Rev. Brittany Tamminga, *Associate Pastor*
Mary Ann & Larry Casey, *Choirmasters*
Amy L. Shirk, *Organist*

MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES 1/5-12

Today (1/5)

Worship Services, <i>S</i>	8:30 & 11am
Church School Brunch, <i>FH</i>	9:45am
PW NeverEnding Circle, <i>D. Leimer's</i>	12:30pm
Sacred Dance, <i>U</i>	1:30pm
Confirmation Journey Begins, <i>U</i>	6:30pm

Monday (1/6)

PW Circle of Joy, <i>CP</i>	10am
-----------------------------	------

Tuesday (1/7)

Men's Breakfast, <i>Bob Evans</i>	7:30am
-----------------------------------	--------

Wednesday (1/8)

Prime Timers' Outing, <i>Basilico</i>	11:30am
Meditation, <i>CP</i>	6:30pm

Thursday (1/9)

Women's Bible Study, <i>MH</i>	9:30am
Adult Choir, <i>CR</i>	7:30pm

Saturday (1/11)

Micah Breakfast, <i>FH</i>	6:30am
----------------------------	--------

Sunday (1/12)

Worship Services, <i>S</i>	8:30 & 11am
Sacred Dance, <i>U</i>	1:30pm
Cantate, <i>UCR</i>	5pm
Youth Fellowship (no Dinner), <i>FH</i>	12:15pm
Session, <i>MH</i>	7pm

Location Key:

<i>CP</i> : Church Parlor	<i>MH</i> : Middle House
<i>S</i> : Sanctuary	<i>CH</i> : Church House
<i>EB</i> : Education Building	<i>CF</i> : Conference Room
<i>U</i> : Undercroft	<i>FH</i> : Fellowship Hall
<i>UCR</i> : Choir Room in Ed. Building	<i>CR</i> : Choir Room
<i>L</i> : Library	<i>EBL</i> : Ed. Building Lobby

*See announcement for details

Birthdays this Week

January

- Joan Darby, Mark Hughes
- Haley Dameron
- Bud Baker, Sarah Gormley, Anne Thompson
- Thomas Digges, Harry Farley, Bridget Harvey
- Laura Digges, Eric Dowling, Lillian Remsen, Alexandra Spaulding
- Mike Foreman, Ginger Oplinger

Hospital Visitor 1/5-11

Alexandra Spaulding, 226-1276

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

810 Princess Anne Street
Fredericksburg, VA 22401
(540) 373-7057 ~ FAX (540) 370-0210
fredericksburgpc.org

Stewards of God's good Earth.

Printed on 30% post-consumer recycled paper.

Recordings of previous sermons are available at:

fredericksburgpc.org/podcast/rss.html

or scan this with your QR code reader app.



January 5, 2020

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 to the glory of God.

Capsule of Concern: Chauncey Kutz, Billie Plank, John Walker

Lectionary readings for next Sunday,

January 12:

Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29;
Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

Service Attendants

Liturgist
Barry Jones

8:30 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Linda Spratt

Greeters
Tom & Karla Lewis, Jim & Patty Toler

Ushers
Jerry Zekert & Sherman Brown, Suzi Bevan, Steve Spratt

Elevator Assistant
Bryan Eland

11:00 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Doreen Vaughn

Greeters
Shirley Eye, Dick & Mary Szymanski

Ushers
Gina Whitticar, Helen Fortune, Paul Kukla

Elevator Assistant
Dave Bohmke

Nursery Attendants
8:30 & 11:00 services
Carole Nelen, Lynne Rawlings, Barbara Nance, Emma Rexrode

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.

All members and visitors are invited to the **Church School Brunch** today, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will enjoy bagels, donuts, fruit, cold and hot beverages all provided by the Christian Ed. Committee. Following brunch, children and youth will go to their classes. Adults will remain to hear about the classes being offered. Adult Class descriptions are in the January Lamp and on the church website.

No Youth Fellowship tonight. NEXT WEEK: Come, join us for an afternoon of food, fellowship, and the fun of planning Youth Sunday. Middle School students will have a special role in Youth Sunday this year, but the best way to be involved is to be part of the planning process from 12:15-3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. No Youth supper.

The **2020 Confirmation Journey** begins today, at 6:00 p.m. in the Undercroft. Mentors, Explorers, and teachers will meet to play games and get to know one another. The first class will be January 19, during the Church School hour 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*, on Sunday, January 26, at 12:15 p.m. in the Conference Room. All PW leaders and members are welcome to attend.

PrimeTimers will be going to lunch at Basilico (Harrison Crossing) on Wednesday, January 8, at 11:30 a.m. We will order off the menu and sit in their private room.

Empty Nesters, please join us for **lunch at 6 Bears and a Goat Brewing Co.** (1140 International Parkway), on January 19, 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 for those who are interested. Contact Karen Johnson, ksjohnson422@msn.com, (540) 621-5685 by January 8, if you would like to attend. Payment can be given to Karen ahead of time or on January 19.

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.

There is a date change for the **Know Your Neighbor gathering**. We will gather on **Sunday, January 26**, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Friends and neighbors from Islamic Center of Fredericksburg and Beth Sholom 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).

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 **Sanctuary flower schedule** has open slots for January 26, and February 2 & 9. If you would like to **donate flowers** on one of those Sundays, you may sign up online through the church website or by contacting Ginger Oplinger, 540-775-1545 (jgoplinger@verizon.net). To sign up online go to the church website: fredericksburgpc.org and click on "Sanctuary Flower Signup" on the homepage. Thank you for your participation in this ministry.

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.