

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Third Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2020

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING. . .

The Prelude *If You But Trust in God to Guide You* arr. Gerald Peterson
Jubilate Ringers and Aaron Shirk, cello

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

The Call To Worship *(Psalm 95:1-6)*
Come, you who are thirsty—
here is living water.
Come, you who are weary—
here is the fount of eternal life.
Let us drink from the well of grace.
Let us worship the Lord!

The Prayer of Praise

*The Hymn 81 *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

The Prayer of Confession

Do not harden our hearts, O God, to the sound of Your voice. We confess we don't always listen to the word that you send. You give us Jesus, the Word of Life in our midst. We confess our delay in obeying the directions he brings. You promise the Holy Spirit, a source of counsel and power. We confess ignoring such guidance, since we do not respond. Forgive us our sin, and help us through Christ to enter the rest you have promised ...(time for silent confession)... .

*The Choral Response

The Assurance of Pardon

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
through Whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand...
**But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
through Whom we have now received reconciliation.**
Sisters and brothers, believe the Good News:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! 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: *Exodus 17:1-7* p. 79 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 95* p. 676 in the pew Bible

The Anthem *Living Water of Life* David Lantz
Tina Christie, flute

*Are you thirsty for the Master, for the God of all creation?
Come through Jesus to the Father, through the life sustaining vine.
Drink deeply from the living water of life; drink deeply.
Drink deeply from the endless water of life; drink deeply.
Like the waters of the Jordan, He will nourish and sustain us.
Come through Jesus to the Father, Drink the life of love divine.
Like the woman at the well, we are human and with sin.
Come through Jesus to the Father, feel His quenching deep within.
Drink deeply from the living water of life; drink deeply.
Drink deeply from the endless water of life; drink deeply.
Come through Jesus to the Father. Taste the water of all life.*

The Epistle Lesson: *Romans 5:1-11* p. 188 in the pew Bible

The Sacrament of Baptism (8:30 a.m.)

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

The Baptism

The Welcome

**With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church
to share with us in His ministry, for we are all one in Christ.**

*The Hymn 487 *These Treasured Children*

A Moment with the Children

*The Hymn 438 *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

The Gospel Lesson: *John 4:5-42*

p. 115 in the pew Bible

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

The Sermon

Astonished
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

*The *Apostles' Creed* (11:00a.m.)

p. 35 in the Hymnal

The Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Lord, hear our prayer
and let our cry to come to You.

The Lord's Prayer

p. 35 in the Hymnal

The Service of Offering

The Gathering of Our Gifts

The Offertory

Arioso

Henry Kihiken

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Doxology, p. 606 in the Hymnal

Just as our worship of You, O God, is not confined to this place, so also our praise is not limited to certain times or seasons. Accept the offerings that we bring as a witness to Your Spirit, Who dwells in all that we do. May our acts of forbearance and love testify to Christ's Truth pervading our lives. Use what we give so that others may come into Your presence with joyful songs of hope and thanksgiving. In Jesus' Name we ask it. Amen.

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

*The Hymn 547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

*The Charge & Benediction

*The Postlude

Passacaglia

Gordon Young



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

The Rev. Brittany Tamminga, *Associate Pastor*

Lindsey Williams, *Interim Assistant for Education Ministries*

Mary Ann & Larry Casey, *Choirmasters*

Amy L. Shirk, *Organist*

MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES 3/15-22

Today (3/15)

Worship Services, <i>S</i>	8:30 & 11am
Church School	9:45am
Conversations In the Public Square, <i>FH</i>	9:45am
Sacred Dance, <i>U</i>	1:30pm
Cantate, <i>UCR</i>	4pm
Youth Fellowship & Dinner, <i>FH</i>	6pm

Monday (3/16)

PW Circle of Prayer, <i>CP</i>	10am
Mission Committee, <i>CF</i>	7pm

Tuesday (3/17)

Men's Breakfast, <i>Bob Evans</i>	7:30am
PW Coordinating Team Mtg, <i>CF</i>	10am

Wednesday (3/18)

Community Lenten Service/Lunch*	12pm
Meditation, <i>CP</i>	6:30pm

Thursday (3/19)

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

Saturday (3/21)

High School Retreat, <i>Camp Hanover</i>
Confirmation Class Outing, <i>Ferry Farm*</i>

Sunday (3/22)

Adult Mission Trip, <i>New Bern, NC</i>	
High School Retreat, <i>Camp Hanover</i>	
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Church School	9:45am
Conversations In the Public Square, <i>FH</i>	9:45am
Sacred Dance, <i>U</i>	1:30pm
Know Your Neighbor Event, <i>Islamic Ctr*</i>	3pm
Cantate, <i>UCR</i>	4pm
Youth Fellowship & Dinner, <i>FH</i>	6pm

Location Key:

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

*See announcement for details

Birthdays this Week

March

- Lindsay Dingman, Sophie Sweet
- Jo Anne Kinnamon, Jim Pates
- Suzi Ashby, Janet Dowling, McCray Fidler, Ed Foresman
- Chip Ellis, Ashley Raska, Aaron Shirk
- Jen Rowe, Isla Wainwright, Pam Werner
- Georgia Lee Strentz, Jean Walker

Hospital Visitor 3/15-21

Pat Parkinson, 785-4709

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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 Adam Zimmerman to the glory of God and in honor of Anne and Lily Zimmerman's and Bob Bernie's (Anne's father) birthdays.

Capsule of Concern: Doris Glidden, Joanne Farley, Wayne Hibbeler, Alfred King, Billie Plank, John Walker, Don Wilson

The Sacrament of Baptism at our 8:30 a.m. service is celebrated for Owen Willis Hendricks and Theodore Merriman Hendricks, born November 21, 2019. Shannon and Will Hendricks are the parents of Owen and Theodore.

We celebrate the birth of Malia Blane Hayes was born on March 11, 2020. Malia's parents are Bayli and Pierre Hayes; her sister is Mia. Malia's Grandmother is Lynne Rawlings; her great-grandparents are Dorian and Debra Myers. Jeffery Rawlings is her uncle.

Service Attendants

Liturgist
Della Hall

8:30 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Trina Parsons

Greeters
Carol Campbell, Sharon Moser

Ushers
Gay Sullivan, Jean Ravinsky, Adam Nelen

Elevator Assistant
Tom Theado

11:00 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Trudy McNatt

Greeters
Dick & Mary Szymanski, Chris & Christy Humphreys

Ushers
James & Marsha Lockett, Paul Kukla, Donna Hughes

Elevator Assistant
Stacie Buck

Nursery Attendants
8:30 & 11:00 services
Brittany Harvey, Katie Fidler, Melissa Gloyd, Emma Rexrode

Lectionary readings for next Sunday, March 22:

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23;
Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

The **Library Committee** invites you to help add new titles to our Church library. “Hop” on into the Christian Ed Building Lobby today and on Sunday mornings, March 22, and 29, and hunt for an egg and put it in the basket with your donation. Each egg will have the title of a recommended book or a suggested dollar amount. EVERY donation is appreciated. Thank you for your generous support towards the goal of having a vibrant and well used library.

The **Cradle and Preschool nurseries** need you for April - June. You may sign up online by going to signupgenius.com and searching for the email address paulla.loder@gmail.com, or contact Paulla Loder at 540-379-5296. We encourage you to join in this important ministry to the youngest members of our church family.

The Christian Education Committee is recruiting teachers for fall Church School classes. We strive to have enough teachers for each class so that this is not an every week commitment and you will have the support of the CE Committee and others. Please consider giving your time and talents helping with Church School. If you need more information or have the desire to teach, please contact Lindsey Williams or Brittany Tamminga at the church.

Youth Fellowship TONIGHT: You asked for it... All Alien night. NEXT WEEK: *Middle School youth* will go on a Scavenger Hunt around town. *High School youth* will join other youth from around the Presbytery, for the annual High School Retreat at Camp Hanover, March 22-23.

The **Confirmation Journey** continue meeting during the Church School hour. On March 21, Explorers will go to **Ferry Farm**. We'll meet there at 9:00 a.m. for a tour, and go out for pizza afterwards. Mentors are welcome but not required to attend. Explorers and Mentors will make **Micah lunches** after the 11:00 a.m. service on March 22, in the Fellowship Hall. Please continue to pray for the explorers and the adults partnering with them on this journey.

Videos of each week's **Conversations in the Public Square** class are available on the church's Facebook page.

To all those traveling with the **Prime Timers on their overnight trip** to Annapolis/Baltimore in May, all payments must be made today. If you need to know your balance due, you can contact Linda Benn at 540-370-1646.

Empty Nesters/Prime Timers are invited to an evening of fun on Saturday, March 28. We're planning an evening of conversation, games, appetizers, and desserts. It's a great chance to catch up with friends in a fun and comfortable atmosphere. Please bring your own beverage along with an appetizer or dessert to share. The fun happens between 5:00 and 9:00 p.m. at the Simms' residence, 12092 Mount Rose Drive, King George. Let Lynn know if you plan on coming, 540-775-2763, (ljsimms1209@gmail.com).

Pastor Taminga will lead an overview of the **Presbyterian Women Horizon's Bible Study**, *Love Carved in Stone*, Sunday, March 29, at 12:15 p.m in the Conference Room. All PW leaders and members are welcome to attend.

The **Presbyterian Women Mission Workshop and Lunch** will be on Monday, March 30, at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There will be plenty to do while we work on our ongoing projects and then we'll have a light lunch around noon. RSVP to Debbie Leimer, debra-leimer@gmail.com.

The next **Know Your Neighbor Event** will be on March 22. Please plan to join with others from the 3 faith communities to learn about Muslim Holy Days at the Islamic Center of Fredericksburg, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. The Center is located at 7020 Harrison Road Fredericksburg 22407. You may RSVP at this website: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B4FADAF2EA4FA7-muslim>.

The **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering, the 2nd of the PCUSA special offerings, is divided three ways: 1. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (32%); 2. Presbyterian Hunger Program (36%); and 3. Self-Development of People (32%). Bulletin Inserts with more information and envelopes for the offering will be in the pews in the latter part of the month and you may also find them in your regular offering envelope box. Please be in prayer for this special offering and we invite you to give generously.

The **Adult Mission trip** will be to New Bern, NC, March 22-28. We will be working with Fuller Center Disaster Rebuilders to repair Hurricane Florence damage. There is work for all skill levels. Please contact Marsha Luckett or John Howe for more information.

Pitch, Hit & Run and Jr. Home Run Derby are coming in May! Thanks to the members of our congregation who have made these great, free Major League Baseball youth programs possible for many years. Volunteers are needed this spring on Sunday, May 17 from noon to 5:00 p.m. at Sunshine Ballpark, 1200 Wicklow Drive, Fredericksburg. Volunteer hours are flexible. Please contact Jim Toler, 540-207-1202 (jimtoler4@yahoo.com), if you'd like to help. Also, please encourage softball and baseball players age 7-14 to participate in PH&R and the Jr. HR Derby. Parents may sign up their players online at: PitchHitRun.com prior to the event. Registration for the Home Run Derby should be done at JrHRD.com.

Each Saturday, at 6:30 a.m. two hosts from our church unlock the Education Building for the morning's team of cooks for Micah Breakfast, help turn on lights, welcome guests as they arrive in the lobby, check on how things are going through the breakfast, help with cleanup if needed, and lock doors no later than 9:00 a.m. If you would like to serve as a **co-host for the Micah Breakfast** about once a quarter, please contact the church office.

Community Lenten Service Schedule. Services begin at noon and last approximately 30 minutes, followed by a light luncheon.

Mar. 18: St. Mary's Catholic Church
March 25: Christ Lutheran Church
April 1: The Presbyterian Church