

# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

## *The Third Sunday In Lent*

March 7, 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 *Meditation on "Pleading Savior"* arr. David Hegarty

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

The Call to Worship (from *Psalm 19*)

The Heavens are telling the glory of God. The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

**We celebrate the steadfast love of God, our Creator.**

**Surely God is faithful to all who live in covenant.**

From the sun's rising to its setting, the creation speaks.

Day and night, earth's creatures announce God's works.

**The commandments of God are clear, enlightening the eyes.**

**God's law is perfect, calling forth our best.**

God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom. God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

**The ordinances of God are true and righteous. In following them, we gain wisdom and strength.**

The Prayer of Praise

**O Holy One of Israel, in Christ You call us to dwell in Your favor; we gather to praise You and worship Your Name. You are the rock that keeps us from falling, the Redeemer Who can save us from sin. You set us upon the sure foundation of Your commandments; you cleanse us from all unrighteousness through the gift of Your Son. Accept our words as we honor Your judgment and be pleased with our worship as we respond to Christ's call. Praise be to You Almighty God – Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. Amen.**

The Hymn 394

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

*Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,  
Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;  
Holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.*

*To this temple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of Hosts, and stay;  
come with all your loving-kindness; hear your people as we pray,  
and your fullest benediction shed within its walls today.*

*Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,  
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one:  
one in might and one in glory while unending ages run!*

\*The Prayer of Confession

**O Christ Who chased the money changers from the temple, chase the greed from our lives and our hearts. As You overturned the tables, O Lord, overturn the systems in our world that contribute to cycles of poverty and oppression. Forgive us, O God, of the ways we contribute to the world's brokenness. Forgive us, O God, and wash us in Your mercy ...(time for silent confession)...**

The Assurance of Pardon

God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom.

**God's weakness is stronger than human strength.**

Believe the Good News of the Gospel:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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.)

The Mission Moment

Meghann Cotter, Micah Ecumenical Ministries

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: *Exodus 20:1-17*

The Anthem

*Creation Hymn*

Craig Courtney

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

The Epistle Lesson: *I Corinthians 1:18-25*

The Gospel Lesson: *John 2:13-22*

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

The Sermon

*Embodied Zeal*  
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

\*The Affirmation of Faith

(*Philippians 2:5-11*)

**Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.**

**Therefore, God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

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.*

*Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God's name; our common life embraces all whose Maker is the same.*

The Charge and Benediction

The Postlude

*Short Postlude*

Gilbert M. Martin

**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 March 3-10

## **Help in a New Day**

We are excited to invite your help with a new database system here in the church office. Realm is the name by which we refer to it. You should by now have received several invitations to register electronically for our new system. Your help is crucial in this move to streamline and simplify communication with and between members. It will ensure that you have access to the most up-to-date contact information for all the members of the church. But its effectiveness depends on your help. Please update your information as soon as possible.

If you are already registered in the new software, we thank you!

If you are not yet updated, please complete it soon.

If you need any assistance in completing the registration please call or email the church office 540-373-7057

([cjforsing@fredericksburgpc.org](mailto:cjforsing@fredericksburgpc.org))

Thanks for your help.

We look forward to seeing you in the future.



Gratefully yours,

The Church Staff

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## **Use Realm to 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 Realm. If you have not yet set up your Realm log in, visit <http://onrealm.org/FredericksburgP> and click "Forgot Password."

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### Lectionary Readings for Sunday, March 7:

Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19;  
1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

## **Weekly Meetings & Activities**

- Wed. (3/3) — Meditation Group, 5:30pm (Zoom)  
Contact Marsha Luckett ([marshajluckett@gmail.com](mailto:marshajluckett@gmail.com))
- Thurs. (3/4) — Women's Bible Study, 9:30am (Zoom)  
Jubilate Ringers, 6pm (Sanctuary Balcony)  
Adult Choir, 7:30p.m. (Zoom)
- Sun. (3/7) — Worship, 9am (Sanctuary & Youtube)  
Adult Church School Classes—Schedule on page 2  
Sacred Dance, 3:30pm (Undercroft)  
Youth Fellowship, 5pm (Zoom)
- Tues. (3/9) — Men's Breakfast Group, 7:30am (FH & Zoom)  
Contact John Howe ([jhowe1969@cox.net](mailto:jhowe1969@cox.net))  
Stewardship, 7pm (Zoom)  
Book Study, 7pm, (Zoom) Details on page 2
- Wed. (3/10) — Meditation Group, 5:30pm (Zoom)

## **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](http://www.fredericksburgpc.org).

## **Create a Realm Log In**

Realm® is our updated church record keeping system. You can register for Sunday worship, access your contribution statement, update your personal information, give online, and more.

You should have received an email inviting you to join Realm. If you didn't receive an invite, visit <http://onrealm.org/FredericksburgP> and click "Forgot Password." We hope you help us maximize our new system by registering soon. Contact the Church Office if you have questions.

**Neverending Circle** will meet via zoom on Sunday, March 7, at 2:00 p.m.

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## **Church Family News:**

**Capsule of Concern:** Rachel Erb, Kim Fischer, Doris Glidden, Doris Gulatsi, Donna Hughes, Donn Langfitt, Karla Lewis, Debra Myers, Billie Plank, Larry Repanshek, Pam Werner, Nancy Wilson.

Address update for Debra Myers:  
Bowling Green Health and Rehab  
PO Box 967  
Bowling Green, VA 22427  
Attn: Debra Myers

**Nominating Committee:** Our Church's nominating committee has begun its work of nominating elders and deacons for election by the Congregation. If you sense that you may be called to serve in one of these positions or you know of someone you feel could be considered for service, please inform one of the committee members: Elder Beth Huber, Elder Adam Nelen, Deacon Susie Davis, Steve Eckel, Tristin Fidler, Debe Garrison, Mike Gibson, and Margaret Rowe.

**Share a meal with your neighbors** - It's easy! You prepare 6 dinners, menu of your choice, and deliver the hot meals to the church parking lot at 4:15 p.m. on the March 20. Teams will deliver the meals to homeless Micah guests who are staying in local motels and to an outdoor pickup site. The takeout boxes are available in the Education Building Lobby or Karen Johnson will deliver them to you. Bakers are also needed to bake brownies, bagged 2 to a bag. Contact Karen Johnson to sign up or for more information: 540-621-5685 ([ksjohnson422@msn.com](mailto:ksjohnson422@msn.com)).

### ***Birthdays this week March 7 - 14***

7. Cindy Watson, Mary Raye Cox
9. Anne Zimmerman
10. Bill Baer, Steven Kuiper, Lincoln Stevens, Eliza Harvey
11. Daniel Kunkler, McAlister Leimbach, Lillian Zimmerman
12. Lou Silvey, Roxanne Nance, Kate Yealy
13. Caroline Raska, Isabelle Humphreys
14. Beth Huber, Jacqui Nix



The **Jubilate Ringers** will resume rehearsals this Thursday, March 4, from 6:00-6:45 p.m.. The Choir Zoom meetings continue to meet at 7:30 on Thursday evenings. Anyone who would like to participate can send an invitation request to Mary Ann Casey at [macharp101@gmail.com](mailto:macharp101@gmail.com)

### ***Weekly Lenten Midday Service (Virtual)***

Each Wednesday noon throughout Lent Micah will host a virtual midday service online. Please join us using the following link: <https://micahfredericksburg.org/4106-2/>

Preachers scheduled include:

- March 3 - Rev. Aaron Dobyne, Shiloh Baptist Old Site
- March 10 - Rev. Josh Hagstrom, Fredericksburg United Methodist
- March 17 - Rev. Will Dickinson, St. George's Episcopal
- March 24 - Rev. Chelsea Morse, Street Church



A special **Storied** Episode honoring Rev. Allen Fisher's 25 years of ministry here has become available on our Church's YouTube Channel. On behalf of the staff and former staff, Thank you Rev. Fisher for your leadership and service in our community.

#### ***Youth Fellowship***

Sunday, 5:00 pm, Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89710985778?pwd=K3YvQWMzWlc1eUJaUE41bWFrU2FhQT09>

The **High School Youth Fellowship** will resume in-person gatherings beginning March 14. We will meet for a time of fellowship and study on the second and fourth Sundays at 5:00 p.m. Please dress accordingly for the weather.

#### ***Adult Ministry and Education (Youth participation is welcomed and encouraged)***

##### ***Virtual Conversations in the Public Square Series, Sundays in Lent at 11:00 a.m.***

The topic of this year's Conversations in the Public Square Series is *Connecting with Creation: How is the Church called to Engage?* The series will begin Sunday, February 21, at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom. We hope you, along with your neighbors, will join us for these important conversations.

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89363943223?pwd=QmtmbExwNDIZL25sK0JOZUJyTE1JZz09>

March 7 – *Tim Tamminga and Jerry Zekert*

This session will offer a brief overview of issues related to city planning and investigate ways we as citizens might engage with civic planning to promote sustainability in our communities.

March 14 – *Jason Hayob-Matzke, Professor of Philosophy at University of Mary Washington*

This session will examine ways of imaging the human relationship to nature, while exploring the question: how can we move forward in a way that better enables solutions to arise to our current ecological crisis?

March 21 – *High School Youth*

In this session, some of our high school students will help us to determine our carbon footprint and explore ways to reduce our harm on the environment.

March 28 – *James Lockett*

This session will confront the question, how do our actions and decisions as a congregation tie us to the global web of life?

#### ***Creation Care and the Congregation***

Sunday, 2:00 pm, led by James Lockett

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83637373913?pwd=OE0zMDJkNnVSUjVQ2k0SEpLNi9aUT09>

#### ***Book Study: Learning to Speak God from Scratch***

Tuesday, 7:00 pm, led by Jen Rowe

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88274047075>