

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Second Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2020

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING. . .

The Prelude *Cantilene* Leo Delibes

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

The Call To Worship *(Psalm 121:1, 5,8)*

From where will our help come?

Our help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.

Who is our keeper?

The Lord is our keeper, by day and by night.

How long will God protect us?

**God will keep our going out and our coming in
from this time on and forever more.**

The Prayer of Praise

You keep Your eye upon us, O God; You protect us as a shield. You give us hope in spite of the disquiet that lingers within us. You lift our spirits and make us glad. All creation sings Your praise; we Your people laud Your Name. Hear us as we worship, and speak to us as we gather. For we seek to be filled with Your Spirit and made alive by Your abiding Word. Glory to You, O Eternal God – Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. Amen.

*The Hymn 50 *Deep in the Shadows of the Past*

*The Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we come before You in need of forgiveness and grace. You call us to trust in You completely, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow Your lead. We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what You require. We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change. Forgive us in Your mercy. . . (time for silent confession). . .

*The Choral Response

*The Assurance of Pardon *(John 3:16-17)*

Friends, God is for us and not against us!

**For that very reason, God sent The Son into the world
not to condemn the world,**

but that the world might be saved through him.

Believe the Good News,

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: *Genesis 12:1-4a* p. 12 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 121* p. 702 in the pew Bible

The Anthem *He, Watching Over Israel* Felix Mendelssohn

He, watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps.

Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish, He will quicken thee.

The Epistle Lesson: *Romans 4:1-5,13-17* p. 187 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

The Gospel Lesson: *John 3:1-17* p. 114 in the pew Bible

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

The Sermon *So It was You All Along?*
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

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

The Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer p. 35 in the Hymnal

The Service of Offering

The Gathering of Our Gifts

The Offertory

Largo

John M. Rasley

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Doxology, p. 606 in the Hymnal

O God, You have sent Your Son into the world, that we may have life. As we go forth from Your sanctuary, may we offer that life in Christ's Name to our neighbor. Use our talents to build up Christ's body. Use the money that we give to bring healing for his sake. All that we give is in response to Your benevolent care. Bless these gifts and all who return them to You. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

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

*The Hymn 215

What Wondrous Love Is This

*The Charge & Benediction

*The Postlude

Toccata Francais

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 3/8-15

Today (3/8)

Congregational Retreat, *Camp Hanover*
Worship Services, *S* 8:30 & 11am
Church School 9:45am
Sacred Dance, *U* 1:30pm
Session, *MH* 7pm

Monday (3/9)

Newsletter Items Due
PW Faith Circle, *CP* 1pm

Tuesday (3/10)

Men's Breakfast, *Bob Evans* 7:30am
PW Friendship Circle, *Chancellor's Village* 10:30am
Stewardship Committee, *CF* 7pm

Wednesday (3/11)

Prime Timers' Outing, * 11:30am
Community Lenten Service/Lunch* 12pm
Meditation, *CP* 6:30pm

Thursday (3/12)

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

Saturday (3/14)

Micah Breakfast, *FH* 6:30am

Sunday (3/15)

Worship Services, *S* 8:30 & 11am
Church School 9:45am
Conversations In the Public Square, *FH* 9:45am
Sacred Dance, *U* 1:30pm
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

Birthdays this Week

March

9. Emma Manuel, Anne Zimmerman
10. Bill Baer, Eliza Harvey, Cindy King, Steven Kuiper, Lincoln Stevens
11. Daniel Kunkler, McAlister Leimbach, Lillian Zimmerman
12. Roxanne Nance, Nancy Seale, Lou Silvey, Kate Yealy
13. Isabelle Humphreys, Caroline Raska, Maya Schattgen
14. Beth Huber, Jacqui Nix, John Quattlebaum
15. Lindsay Dingman, Sophie Sweet

Hospital Visitor 3/8-14

Darak Hollis, 424-8922

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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 Nancy Raines to the glory of God and in honor of friends and family.

Capsule of Concern: Joanne Farley, Richard Harrison, Alfred King, John LeFebre, Billie Plank, Amy Shirk, John Walker, Don Wilson

Our heartfelt **Christian love and sympathies** are extended to Pam Werner and family on the death of her husband, Cliff, who died on March 4, 2020. A memorial service will be tomorrow, March 9, at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary with a reception following in the Fellowship Hall

Lectionary readings for next Sunday, March 15:

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95;
Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

Service Attendants

Liturgist
Bryan Harvey

8:30 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Trina Parsons

Greeters
Bruce & Elizabeth Smith,
Adam & Carole Nelen

Ushers
Mike & Michelle Gibson

Elevator Assistant
Matt Bohmke

11:00 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Mike Fritz

Greeters
Keren Pritchett, George Cralle

Ushers
Pete & Jane Kolakowski, Ann Warner, Shirley Eye

Elevator Assistant
Scott Fischer

Nursery Attendants
8:30 & 11:00 services
Carol Nelen, Susan Woodford, Melissa Gloyd, Julie Young

Recordings of previous sermons are available at:
fredericksburgpc.org/podcast/rss.html
or scan this with your QR code reader app.



The **Library Committee** invites you to help us add new titles to our Church library. “Hop” on into the Christian Ed Building Lobby on Sunday mornings, March 15, 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 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: NO Youth Fellowship/supper. **NEXT WEEK:** You asked for it... All Alien, all night long (or at least from 6:30-7:30).

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.

Prime Timers will meet at the Robin’s Nest Café at the Shannon Airport for lunch on Wednesday March 11, at 11:30 a.m. (Shannon Airport: 3380 Shannon Airport Cir., 22408)

To all those traveling with the **Prime Timers on their overnight trip** to Annapolis/Baltimore in May, all payments must be made by March 15. 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, debraleimer@gmail.com.

The next **Know Your Neighbor Event** will be on March 22, from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. at The Islamic Center of Fredericksburg.

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. Marsha Lockett and John Howe are the organizers of this mission trip. Please contact one of them for more information.

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.

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. 11: Shiloh Baptist Church Old Site

Mar. 18: St. Mary’s Catholic Church

March 25: Christ Lutheran Church

April 1: The Presbyterian Church