

# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

## PASSION/PALM SUNDAY

### *The Sixth Sunday in Lent*

March 28, 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 Welcome and Announcements

The Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem (*Mark 11:1-11*)

Adam Zimmerman, liturgist

Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Hosanna in the highest!**

The Introit

*Hosanna In the Highest*

Craig Courtney

Call to Worship

(from *Psalms* 118)

Open the gates of righteousness; enter and give thanks to the Lord.

**We will give thanks, for God has answered us.**

The stone that the builders rejected has become the Chief Cornerstone.

**This is the Lord's doing; and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

The Prayer of Adoration

The Hymn

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

REFRAIN: *All glory, laud and honor, to Thee, Redeemer, King,  
To Whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!*

*Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son,  
Who in the Lord's Name comest, the King and Blessed One. REFRAIN*

*The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went;  
Our praise and prayers and anthems before Thee we present. REFRAIN*

*Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,  
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King. REFRAIN*

\*The Prayer of Confession

**On this Sunday, O God, we remember how quickly we change. How fickle we are, how we pledge our devotion one moment and turn our backs the next. We go from shouting "Hosanna! Save us!" to "Crucify Him." We declare that we love our neighbors and then turn our backs on those who are most in need. We speak up for change and justice in one breath, and then continue unjust practices in daily lives by what we consume and the needs we ignore. Forgive us, O God, for we are half-hearted believers. Forgive us, O God, for we tire easily and we forget, and we grow weary. Forgive us, restore us, and renew us for the journey of faith, so that we might become whole people who live wholly into Your vision of new life ... (time for silent confession)...**

\*The Assurance of Pardon

. . . Friends in Christ, hear the Good News: God's steadfast love endures forever.

**Hosanna! Hosanna!**

**Blessed is the One Who brings us the kingdom of God! 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. . .

A Moment With the Children

The Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: *Isaiah 50:4-9a*

The Gospel Lesson: *Mark 15:1-47*

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

The Silent Meditation

The Sermon

*Heroic or Humble?*  
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

The Anthem

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Watts/Burke

\*The Affirmation of Faith

(from *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 618

*O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High*

*O love, how deep, how broad, how high, beyond all thought and fantasy,  
that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake.*

*For us baptized, for us he bore his holy fast and hungered sore;  
for us temptations sharp he knew, for us, the tempter overthrew.*

*For us by wickedness betrayed, for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,  
he bore the shameful cross and death; for us gave up his dying breath.*

*All glory to our Lord and God, for love so deep, so high, so broad:  
the Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore.*

The Charge & Benediction

The Postlude

*Paeon*

Gordon Young

**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 24-31

## **Worship during Holy Week**

In order to help us plan, please reserve your seating for Sunday services through Realm or by calling the Church Office. Due to limited seating in the Sanctuary, we will also worship together in the Fellowship Hall.

- March 28: **Palm/Passion Sunday** - Worship, 9am (Sanctuary/YouTube)  
April 1: **Maundy Thursday** - 7pm with Communion (Sanctuary/YouTube)  
April 2: **Good Friday** - 7pm, Tenebrae service of shadows (Sanctuary/YouTube)  
April 4: **Easter Morning**  
*Outdoor Worship* - 8am (our Church lawn surrounding the Sanctuary)  
*Worship Service* - 9am (Sanctuary/YouTube)



*We hope to see you soon.*

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## **A New Option for Easter Day**

Session has approved conducting a brief Easter Day service at 8:00 a.m. on the Church grounds surrounding the Sanctuary. This service is intended to include households and families who are not yet ready to join indoor worship services. We anticipate leading this service from the church steps.

You are invited and encouraged to bring lawn or camp chairs, or blankets if you wish. Please maintain appropriate social distance and wear masks for this service as well.

The traditional Easter Day service will be livecast on YouTube from the Sanctuary with in-person worshipers at 9:00 a.m. Please reserve your space in advance as overflow seating in the Fellowship Hall is subject to space limitations.

Contact the Church Office if you have questions.

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### Lectionary Readings for Sunday, March 28:

*Liturgy of the Palms:* Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12;  
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29;

*Liturgy of the Passion:* Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16;  
Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 15:1-39 (40-47)

## **Birthdays this week March 28-April 4**

29. Gary Vaughn, Sarah Moser, Chris Mallory, Amanda Hild  
30. Jacob Wright  
31. Darlene Ochsenknecht  
1. Briget Rabatin, Bob Piersall, Johnny Boyles, Jon Schneider, Genie Cunningham  
2. David Hancock, Betty Merrill, Michael Mondak, Nancy Pickens  
3. Barry Jones, Bernie Kenneweg, Darak Hollis  
4. Jimi Pugh, Levi Blashford, Kathryn Betz, Floyd Schwartz



## **Weekly Meetings & Activities**

- Wed. (3/24) — Meditation Group, 5:30pm (Zoom)  
Contact Marsha Lockett ([marshajlockett@gmail.com](mailto:marshajlockett@gmail.com))  
Thurs. (3/25) — Women's Bible Study, 9:30am (Zoom)  
Jubilate Ringers, 6pm (Sanct. Balcony)  
Adult Choir, 7:30p.m. (Zoom)  
Palm/Passion Sun. (3/28) — Worship, 9am (Sanct. & Youtube)  
Adult Church School Classes—Schedule on page 2  
Sacred Dance, 3:30pm (Undercroft)  
Youth Fellowship, 5pm (Patio)  
Tues. (3/30) — Men's Breakfast Group, 7:30am (FH & Zoom)  
Contact John Howe ([jhowe1969@cox.net](mailto:jhowe1969@cox.net))  
Book Study, 7pm, (Zoom) Details on page 2  
Wed. (3/31) — Meditation Group, 5:30pm (Zoom)

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## **Church Family News:**

**Capsule of Concern:** John Deegan, Doris Glidden, Doris Gulatsi, Donn Langfitt, Karla Lewis, Debra Myers, Billie Plank, Larry Repanshek, Pam Werner

An **in-person family memorial** service for Thomas Hancock will be held on Saturday, March 27, at 2:00 p.m. Members of the congregation are invited to participate virtually using this link: <https://youtu.be/b8d8tWheexk>.

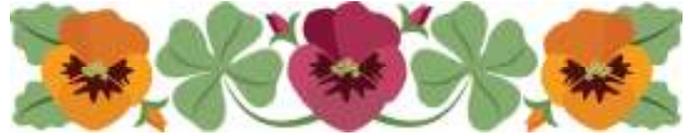
**Condolences to** Mike Adams and family on the death of his father, James Adams, Jr. who died on March 15, 2020.

**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.

**Thank you** to all who helped with the meal delivery to Micah guests on March 20, the chefs, the bakers, and the delivery teams! Our church served its first Community Dinner on the 3rd Saturday in March, 2006, and the meals have continued on the 3rd Saturday of every month since then. Thank you to all who have helped through the years! For now, the meals will continue to be delivered to our neighbors in motels and those outside. We are looking forward to the time that we can again serve a Community Dinner in our Fellowship Hall. For more information contact Karen Johnson, [ksjohnson422@msn.com](mailto:ksjohnson422@msn.com), (540) 621-5685.



Valued Volunteers: Major League Baseball is bringing back **Pitch, Hit & Run and Junior Home Run Derby** youth programs this spring and summer at Sunshine Ballpark on Saturday, May 15, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to host the events. We'll employ COVID safety measures and thankfully the restrictions on outdoor gatherings are easing. All we need now is YOU! Please let Jim Toler know if you're willing to help out and what hours you're available. More information is available by emailing [jimtoler4@yahoo.com](mailto:jimtoler4@yahoo.com). Here are the details on the events. Please share the info with area baseball and softball leagues and parents of young players.



We are excited to share that **Children's Church School** will resume in-person classes on Sunday, April 11, for preschool through 5th grade. Classes will convene at 10:00 a.m. utilizing both outdoor spaces and church school classrooms. If you have questions about church school or would like to volunteer to help with a church school class, please be in touch with Lindsey Williams, [williams@fredericksburgpc.org](mailto:williams@fredericksburgpc.org).

Our Church's **Labyrinth** will be available to walk in the Fellowship Hall, during Church Office hours, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., March 24 through April 2. The labyrinth is an ancient tool for prayer and meditation, consisting of a winding path that begins at the periphery and leads to a central space, and then out again by the same path. Unlike a maze there are no blind alleys or dead ends. In Christian history and practice, it is most famously



associated with Chartres Cathedral in France, where an eleven-circuit labyrinth was inlaid into the floor of the sanctuary in the thirteenth century. Walking the Labyrinth as a spiritual practice can draw us into a deep experience of prayer--of allowing our hearts to lay open before God.

Additional information about walking the Labyrinth will be in the Fellowship Hall.

Please wear your mask and observe distancing.

### **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?* We hope you, along with your neighbors, will join us for these important conversations.

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89363943223?pwd=QmtmbExwNDZL25sK0JOZUJyTE1JZz09>

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?

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

Tuesday, 7:00 pm, led by Jen Rowe

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



#### **Holy Week Schedule:**

Labyrinth in the Fellowship Hall - 9am to 1pm

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**April 4:** Easter Morning

Outdoor Service 8am (TPC Sanctuary lawn)

Worship Service 9am (Sanctuary/YouTube)

**MLB Pitch, Hit & Run and Junior Home Run Derby to make a comeback** After a year off, Major League Baseball's youth baseball skills events are coming back to the Fredericksburg area and ball fields across the nation. Area boys and girls are invited to participate in the free Pitch, Hit & Run and Junior Home Run Derby on Saturday, May 15, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Sunshine Ballpark, 1200 Wicklow Dr., off Fall Hill Avenue, Fredericksburg. Players may come anytime during the day and take part in one or both competitions. COVID precautions will be taken. These free events are sponsored by Sunshine Ballpark, Germanna Community College and the Presbyterian Church of Fredericksburg. For more information email [jimtoler4@yahoo.com](mailto:jimtoler4@yahoo.com).

For Pitch, Hit & Run, players ages 7-14 are divided into four age groups to test their baseball/softball skills. Age group winners may earn the chance to compete at Washington Nationals Park and ultimately at the MLB World Series. For general information, go to [PitchHitRun.com](http://PitchHitRun.com). Parents should register their players online at: <https://pitchhitrun2021.leagueapps.com/events/2011198>

The Jr. HR Derby is open to boys and girls 12U and 14U. For more information go to [JrHRD.com](http://JrHRD.com). Parents should register at: <http://jrhrd2021.leagueapps.com/events/2016040>.

**Providing a meal for a family in need** - For months, many of us have been missing our connections to fellow members. We have several church families that are facing challenging circumstances and preparing meals is a way we can support and ease their burden of care.

If you are able to provide and/or deliver a meal, please contact the church office for more information.



**Volunteer videographers needed.** No experience required! Now that the CoViD spike is on the wane, we are again looking to expand our team of videographers that produce the live stream of the services in our Sanctuary for our YouTube channel. Training will be provided. This is a great opportunity for anyone who has an interest in broadcast video production. Contact:

Milton McNatt, [mmcnatt2@verizon.net](mailto:mmcnatt2@verizon.net), 540-373-2852;

Ed Foresman, [eforesm@gmail.com](mailto:eforesm@gmail.com), 540-207-1314;

Kris Betsill, [kahbets@gmail.com](mailto:kahbets@gmail.com), 202-731-2384.



***I don't want to be remembered as the Homeless Girl***

By Rachel

"I was part of the Micah community before there was a Micah. There were no tents, not sleeping bags back then. A shower? The Rappahannock River was the shower.

I've struggled through loneliness, not having positive support. Micah makes us feel good about ourselves. They've helped me with housing, with clean clothes. But it's not just about having new things. It's about how those things made me feel. Walking out of Micah with a clean pair of socks? I don't have to hide my feet under the table. The little things mean the most to me.

I've experienced a lot of abuse: mental, physical, sexual. It has really made me struggle to be who I am. I just lost my son. He was stillborn. That's the main challenge I'm facing right now. I carry his ashes right here, in a locket around my neck. When he died, the Micah community showed up for me. They took time out of their New Year's Day and took me to get on my medicine so I could cope with everyday living. Which was a blessing. I got cards. I got a journal to keep my feelings in, a box to hold keepsakes. It has a lock on it and I know those things are safe. The community is grieving with me.

I thank God from the bottom of my heart that we do have neighbors in our community that want to help people like me and just be a friend.

I've done a lot in the last year in my recovery. I'm getting to know myself. I'm not where I really want to be, but I'm where I need to be. I'm keeping my mind busy to stay clean and sober. I now have my 4-year-old son back in my life. I'm getting to care for him on weekends. I'm very proud of that.

I have a place to live. I'm not on the streets anymore. I am trying to give back to the community what has been given to me. I have a lot of ideas and things I want to do to put my gifts into the world. I want to be remembered not as the homeless girl but the girl who was homeless and ended up opening her own thrift store and getting her kids back and being the woman I know I can be. I want to love my neighbors, too."

Your special offering will be used to help our collaboration of churches "Love your Neighbor." A financial or volunteer commitment helps us build a just, kind and humble community where all neighbors belong, participate, meet each other's needs and engage in meaningful relationships.

Send your gift to the church office or donate online at [bit.ly/loveyourneighborow](http://bit.ly/loveyourneighborow). For more information, visit [www.dolovewalk.net](http://www.dolovewalk.net)