

# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

## *The Third Sunday After Epiphany*

January 26, 2020

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

\*All who are able may stand.

**Bold type spoken by the congregation**

### GATHERING. . .

The Prelude *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* John A. Benke, arr.  
The Jubilate Ringers

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

The Call To Worship (from *Psalms 27:1, 8; Matthew 4:17, 19*)  
Jesus said: Repent, for the realm of heaven has come near.  
**The Lord is my light and salvation; whom shall I fear?**  
Jesus said: follow me, and I will make you fish for people.  
**My heart says: Go, and seek the face of God.**  
Let us shout with joy to God!  
**Let us sing and make music before our God.**

The Prayer of Praise

**You put songs of praise on our lips and melodies of adoration in our hearts, O God of all beauty. Your light bathes every humanscape with mercy and justice. Your righteousness breaks the will of those who oppress others. Your grace multiplies the joy of those You liberate from oppression. Your love gathers the scattered peoples of the earth. All lift their heads and shout with joy. We raise to You our hymn of rejoicing, for You alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Glory be to You, the one Eternal God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

\*The Hymn 234 *Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain*

\*The Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, we confess that we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions. We have been selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships. Too often we allow fear to divide us from those who seem different, and let distrust separate us from our brothers and sisters. Shine your light into our darkened hearts. In your mercy forgive us ... (time for silent confession)... . Save us from our divisive and sinful ways. Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect harmony. Amen.**

\*The Assurance of Pardon

Light has come.

**Salvation is poured out on those who accept it.**

God is gracious and reaches out to welcome us.

**We are free to accept the invitation to follow Jesus.**

There is Good News of forgiveness and healing to share:

**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

**God, illumine our minds by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and Your Word proclaimed, our eyes may see Your kingdom, our ears may hear the call of Jesus, and our hearts may know the joy of Your salvation. Amen.**

The Old Testament Lesson: *Isaiah 9:1-4*

p. 780 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 27:1, 4-9*

p. 619 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

*Who But the Lord?*

Courtesy/Boersma

*O come, Thou bright and morning star and bring us comfort from afar.*

*Dispel the shadows of the night and turn our darkness into light.*

*Who but the Lord can give the shadows light, can break into the dark,*

*draw morning from the night?*

*Who but the Lord will hear our cry and answer,*

*“Here am I”? Who but the Lord makes blinded eyes to see,*

*Brings music to the deaf, sets the lonely captive free?*

*Who but the Lord will by His glory show the paths of peace?*

*O shine on us the brightness of Your face, to earth’s remotest end, every people, every race.*

*O shine on us until to each is shown Your saving grace. O shine on us, O shine on us.*

*Who but the Lord can give the shadows light? None but the Lord.*

The Epistle Lesson: *1 Corinthians 1:10-18*

p. 201 in the pew Bible



**MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES 1/26-2/2**

<b>Today (1/26)</b>	
Worship Services, <i>S</i>	8:30 & 11am
Church School	9:45am
Congregational Meeting*	
PW Study Overview, <i>CF</i>	12:15pm
Sacred Dance, <i>U</i>	1:30pm
Know Your Neighbor Event, <i>FH</i>	3pm
Cantate, <i>UCR</i>	5pm
Youth Fellowship & Dinner, <i>FH</i>	6pm
<b>Tuesday (1/28)</b>	
Men's Breakfast, <i>Bob Evans</i>	7:30am
Newsletter Assembly, <i>CF</i>	9:30am
Blood Drive, <i>FH</i>	1pm
<b>Wednesday (1/29)</b>	
Meditation, <i>CP</i>	6:30pm
Conv. in Public Sq. Planning Mtg, <i>CF</i>	7pm
<b>Thursday (1/30)</b>	
Women's Bible Study, <i>MH</i>	9:30am
Handbells, <i>S</i>	6pm
Adult Choir, <i>CR</i>	7:30pm
<b>Saturday (2/1)</b>	
Micah Breakfast, <i>FH</i>	6:30am
<b>Sunday (2/2)</b>	
Worship Services, <i>S</i>	8:30 & 11am
Church School	9:45am
Rise Against Hunger Event, <i>FH</i>	12:15pm
Sacred Dance, <i>U</i>	1:30pm
PW NeverEnding Cir., <i>D. Vaughn's</i>	2:30pm
Cantate, <i>UCR</i>	5pm
NO Youth Fellowship & Dinner	

**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

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



*Birthdays this Week*

- January**
- 26. Carol Campbell, Harry Lewis
  - 27. Jamie Gillespie
  - 28. Claire Fritz, Don MacNemar, Sue Stone
  - 29. Brian Baker, Ellie Bell, Zac Cunningham, Bruce Harvey, Silas Lacey, Clara Liska, Kim Liska, Paula Steven, April Stevens, Courtney Stone
  - 30. Kaileen Coffman, Don Doherty
  - 31. Robert King, Lynn Norfleet

- February**
- 1. Elizabeth Adams, Karen Chichester, David Scott

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Hospital Visitor 1/26-2/1  
 Betty Ellett, 371-3032

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January 26, 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 by Carol Campbell to the glory of God and in celebration of her birthday.

**Capsule of Concern:** Karla Lewis, Billie Plank, Bill Stewart, Amy Talmadge, John Walker, Don Wilson, Sarah Wright

**Lectionary readings for next Sunday,  
 January 26:**

Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15;  
 I Corinthians 1:18-31;  
 Matthew 5:1-12

**Service Attendants**

*Liturgist*  
 Tristin Fidler

**8:30 AM**  
*Sanctuary Guild*  
 Linda Spratt

*Greeters*  
 Carol Campbell, Linda Benn

*Ushers*  
 Marjolijn Bijlefeld, Jim Toler, Steve & Susie Davis

*Elevator Assistant*  
 Jim Toler

**11:00 AM**  
*Sanctuary Guild*  
 Doreen Vaughn

*Greeters*  
 Preston & Lynn Simms, Dick & Judy Balch

*Ushers*  
 Ralph & Betsy Lewis, Marty & Vicky Wilder

*Elevator Assistant*  
 James Luckett

*Nursery Attendants*  
**8:30 & 11:00 services**  
 Brittany Harvey, Susan Woodford, Robin Joel, Katie Fidler

A new semester of **Church School** has begun! It is never too late to join a Church School class, and this semester a number of our classes, including *Seeking to Understand the Parables* and *Women in the Biblical World*, lend themselves well to drop-in participation. Please don't let missing a few classes keep you away – see you in Church School.

The **Faith and Movie Class** will discuss *Toy Story 4* next Sunday, February 2.

**Youth Fellowship TONIGHT:** Please note a change in the schedule for Youth Fellowship. We will postpone the previously scheduled Movie Night (date TBD), in order to continue to prepare for Youth Sunday on February 2. We will keep to our regular schedule this week beginning with supper at 6:00 p.m., and Youth Fellowship from 6:30-7:30 p.m. **NEXT WEEK:** Youth Sunday, the Souper Bowl of Caring, and our annual Rise Against Hunger food-packing event. It is a busy day in the life of our church and you won't want to miss a moment of it! *No Youth Fellowship/Supper on February 2.*

The **2020 Confirmation Journey:** 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*, today, at 12:15 p.m in the Conference Room. All PW leaders and members are welcome to attend.

On Wednesday, February 12, **Prime Timers** will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. at Ristorante Renato, 422 William St., order from the lunch menu and have separate checks. Parking is available in the lot adjacent to the restaurant. Please call Mary Lowman, 540-710-4941, or Sue Moorefield, 540-899-7772, by February 9 for reservations.

The **2020 Congregational Retreat** at Camp Hanover is March 7-8. This is a great weekend to make new friends and renew old friendships in God's creation as you enjoy activities for all ages, worship, campfire, singing, free time, and great fellowship. The theme, is: *Awakened by the Spirit: Finding Joy in God's Nature*. The food is great and the accommodations are suitable for almost everyone. Registration forms are on the Church website and in the February Newsletter.

We need brownies for the **February 15 Community Dinner**. If you would like to help out, please contact Katie Fidler [katie@fidlnet.com](mailto:katie@fidlnet.com) by February 10, with the quantity you'll bring. The brownies may be brought to the Fellowship Hall Kitchen on Friday morning before noon or from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. on that Saturday.

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.

The **Know Your Neighbor gathering** will be today, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Friends and neighbors from Islamic Center of Fredericksburg and Beth Shalom 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 (i.e. – no bacon). This is an all-ages event and all are welcome. For questions or for more information, please contact Jen Rowe ([jenrowe@cox.net](mailto:jenrowe@cox.net)).

The **Adult Mission trip** will be to New Bern, NC the week of March 22. We will be working with Fuller Center Disaster Rebuilders to repair damage caused by Hurricane Florence. We worked with the Fuller Center last year, and there is work for all skill levels. There will be an **interest meeting on February 9, at 12:15 p.m.** in the Conference Room. A registration fee of \$125 is due by Feb 19, checks should be made payable to The Presbyterian Church with Adult Mission Trip in the memo. Marsha Luckett and John Howe are the organizers of this mission trip and please contact one of them for more information.

Our annual **Rise Against Hunger meal packing event** is next Sunday, February 2. Following worship, led by our youth, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall to pack 20,000 meals; each meal is 29-cents. Come join the fun and look for the sign-up table outside the Sanctuary. We will also have the **Souper Bowl offering** that day, which will assist in the cost of the Rise Against Hunger meals. The Rise Against Hunger truck will arrive about 9:30 a.m., and volunteers are needed to assist in unloading the truck and setting up for the event.

The Presbyterian Church **blood drive** with the American Red Cross is on Tuesday, January 28, from 1:00-7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. You can register by filling out the signup sheet that will be located on the table the Fellowship Hall or online at [redcrossblood.org](http://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.

**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.

A position of **regular paid nursery worker** is available for our Sunday morning nursery. We are looking for someone available Sunday mornings from 8:15-12:15. If you or someone you know would like more information about the position, please contact Michelle Porter [porters\\_porters@yahoo.com](mailto:porters_porters@yahoo.com).

Session has called a **meeting of the congregation** for today, January 26, beginning with the 11:00 a.m. service of worship. The purpose of the meeting is to elect members of the Congregational Nominating Committee for 2020, and to vote on proposed changes in pastors' terms of call.