

THOSE ASSISTING THIS MORNING - Preacher: Lisa Rzepka; Liturgists: Julie Carlson (8:30), Gordon Duvall (11:00); Time with Children: Miss Good (11:00); Ushers: Betsy Stewart, Barb Pratt (8:30), Brenda, Greg, Adeline & Alex Jorgensen (11:00); Acolyte: Drew Shallcross (11:00); Discovery: Miss Good, I'kea Pope (11:00); Safety: Emily Downey, Karla Milanette (11:00).

STAFF NEWS - Al Johnson is away February 18-21. Rev. Dottie LaPenta (410.507.2019) will provide pastoral care when Lisa is away February 21-23. The office is closed every other Friday, including Feb. 21. Thank you Sally VanZandt for covering last Friday afternoon.

SERVICE FOR ROB SMITH - A celebration of life will be held in our sanctuary with Rev. Rzepka on Saturday, March 14, at 11:00 am. Also, the Parole Rotary is holding a blood drive in Rob's honor on March 24, 7:00 am-2:00 pm, at the DoubleTree Hotel on Riva Road.

NO COFFEE HOUR FEBRUARY 23 - Deacons will suspend Coffee Hour on the final Sunday of Winter Relief; instead we are giving our guests the option of staying in Annapolis (and not having to be transported to a day program in Glen Burnie). The church is happy to offer our Winter Relief guests this option. Coffee service will resume on March 1.

LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

February 23 - Transfiguration of the Lord

Rev. Dottie LaPenta will preach "What Does Glory Look Like?" from Matthew 17:1-9 and 2 Peter 1:16-21.

Looking Ahead in Lent

The Way: You Don't Choose a Life, You Live a Life

Lent is a time of reflection and there's nothing like a pilgrimage to conjure that up. Inspired by passages in the scriptures that talk about the journeys, roads and pathways of life, we will make our "way" together through this poignant season. Sometimes things happen in our lives that cause us to be awakened to a new perspective and we begin to reassess the life road we are following, the directions we are going. Ash Wednesday is a time in the church where we talk of "repentance" which literally means to turn around and head in a new direction. We hope you will join us in worship along *The Way*.

Wednesday, February 26 - Ash Wednesday Worship, 7:00 pm

Rev. Rzepka will preach "Gate-Keeping Along The Way" from John 10:1-18.

First Presbyterian Church, Annapolis, Maryland

February 16, 2020 – 8:30 & 11:00 am Worship

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

✦ Please rise in body or in spirit. **Bold** in unison.

NOTICES OF CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

(Please complete and pass the greeter pad down the pew and back.)

PRELUDE - *Arioso*

G.F. Handel

CHORAL INTROIT (11:00) - *The Church's One Foundation*

AURELIA

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sitting in worship, we wait in expectation;

the Spirit will come as God has promised!

To the timid and the bold and to all God's children;

the Spirit will come as God has promised!

As we worship now in prayer and praise;

the Spirit will come as God has promised

✦ **HYMN 732** - *Rejoice in God's Saints*

OLD 104TH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess we sometimes allow ourselves

in the rush of our days to shield our heads,

hearts and souls from what should detain us,

on our walk with you, claiming busy-ness as our "free pass" card.

We confess we sometimes almost hide

so that, even when some space and time come our way,

still we shrink from being still before you

fearful of what we might hear and how we must heed.

Forgive us for playing 'hide and seek.'

Forgive us for compartmentalizing and categorizing our lives

as if to exclude you except where we will. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Amen.**

RESPONSE OF PRAISE - *God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us* O QUANTA QUALIA

*God of compassion, in mercy befriend us,
giver of grace for our needs all-availing.
Wisdom and strength for each day ever send us,
patience untiring and courage unfailing.*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00) - (see insert)

TIME WITH CHILDREN (11:00)

(Pre-k to 1st grade children may attend Discovery; 2nd-5th grades remain in worship. Worship Bags and Red Wagon available at rear. Complete and return questionnaire to the Activity Room for a surprise!)

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER (11:00) - *Dear Lord, Creator Good and Kind* REST

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE - Mark 6:1-13

ANTHEM (11:00) - *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* arr. Dan Forrest

Melina Gajger, violin, Doug Jackson, drum

(The text to this morning's anthem can be found in *Glory to God*, #223.)

SECOND SCRIPTURE - Mark 6:14-29

SERMON "The Great Struggle"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

♠ **HYMN 307** - *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Concluding with the Lord's Prayer using "debts" and "debtors," *Hymnal*, page 35.)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY (8:30) - *Larghetto* G. F. Handel
(11:00) - *Meditation*, Melina Gajger, violin Jules Massenet

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, receive from us what we have to give.

Not just in terms of the monetary offering we make today or at other times, but also the skills and talents that each of us possess.

Take all of this now and mix it up together with the cohesive powers of your Spirit, use what we bring and offer for the good of your world. **Amen.**

♠ **HYMN 733** - *We All Are One in Mission* ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELIN

♠ BLESSING

POSTLUDE - *Fantasy on Duke Street* Robert Swift

HEARING AIDS, LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & BIBLES AVAILABLE FROM USHERS. SANCTUARY EQUIPPED WITH A T-LOOP; SET HEARING AID TO "T" POSITION.

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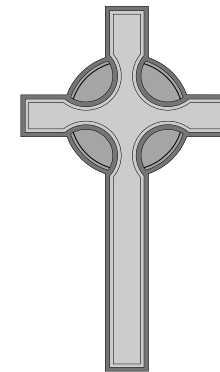
FPC MISSION STATEMENT: WE ARE CALLED TO DO JUSTICE, LOVE KINDNESS AND WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD. Micah 6:8

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Church	Community
Sun 2/16	8:30	Worship (sanctuary)
	9:30	Education Hour
	9:30	Children's Bells (Bell room)
	10:00	Children-Winter Relief Lunch-Making (Activity)
	10:30	Coffee Hour (FH)
	11:00	Worship (sanctuary) - <i>Baptism</i>
	5:00	Youth Fellowship (youth rooms)
Mon 2/17	President's Day - Office Closed	
	Morning	Winter Relief Set-Up (FH)
	10:00	Education Action (see insert)
	12:00	Noon AA (Music)
Tues 2/18	Winter Relief	
	7:00	PNC (KC1a)
	7:30	Staff Meeting (KC4a)
	12:00	Noon AA (Music)
Wed 2/19	Winter Relief	
	9:30	CLAMS (Panera's)
	12:00	Staff (KC1a)
	4:00	Bible Study (KC1a)
	7:00	Worship (KC4a)
Thurs 2/20	Winter Relief	
	9:00	Archives Project (KC6a)
	-	NO Choir Rehearsal
Fri 2/21	Winter Relief; Office Closed	
	10:00	STAIR (KC4a)
Sat 2/22	Winter Relief	
	4:00	Youth Food Prep (St. Anne's)
Sun 2/23	Winter Relief	
	8:00	Youth-Winter Relief Breakfast (FH)
	8:30	Worship (sanctuary)
	9:30	Education Hour
	-	NO Coffee Hour (due to Winter Relief)
	12:15	Lecture Committee (KC1a)

**The Sacrament of Baptism
Sunday, February 16, 2020
11:00 am**

**Isla June Abbott
Daughter of Gregory & Caitlin Abbott
William "Wells" Taylor
Seynhaeve
Son of Lindsey & Guillaume Seynhaeve**



**First Presbyterian Church
Annapolis, Maryland**

✦HYMN 483, VS. 1 - *Dearest Jesus, We Are Here*

LIEBSTER JESU

*Dearest Jesus, we are here, gladly your command obeying.
With this child we now draw near in response to your own saying
that to you it shall be given as a child and heir of heaven.*

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE

Lighting of the Candles

Scripture

Questions to Parents, Children and Congregation

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Renunciations

✦Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, the life everlasting. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

THE BAPTISM - *Isla June, William Taylor*

PRAYER

✦THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

✦HYMN 492 - *You Belong to Christ* (sing twice)

YOU BELONG TO CHRIST

*You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOSS OF SPOUSE WORKSHOP TODAY - Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 2:00-4:30 pm (710 Ridgely Avenue, Annapolis, room 150). RSVP to susan.gratzer@verizon.net.

WINTER RELIEF THIS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, IT BEGINS! **We still have positions available, mainly during the weekend of February 22.** 'Help Desk' and 'Shower Monitor' needed in abundance. We also need a 'Night Monitor' February 21. Thank you so much for all who have already signed-up! We look forward to a successful week housing 25 homeless men in our warm and inviting Fellowship Hall! Call Bonnie Hatchard (443.994.2267).

ACT - Housing Action meeting, February 18, 7:00, Light House (10 Hudson St., Annapolis). Leaders of the Alexandria chapter of "Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Involvement" will talk about building power. NOTE: Feb. Gun Violence meeting CANCELED.

MARTHA & STEVE JOHNSON ARE RELOCATING - soon to Ames, Iowa. FPC friends are invited to an open house at the home of Chris West February 23, 2:30-5:00 to wish them farewell.

LENT IS ALMOST UPON US - Lenten Circles are back! Have an idea for a new circle topic? Would you like to take the lead in a circle? Email Cecilia Richardson (cfnegri@hotmail.com). Circle Kick-Off Potluck is March 1, 5:00 pm; see what circles are offered and choose one. Circles meet four times prior to Easter and are a great way to meet other members.

YOU GIVE GENEROUSLY OF YOUR TIME, TALENTS, AND RESOURCES - Here is a glimpse of First Presbyterian by the numbers.

18 - Pews cleaned and painted by volunteers and staff.

60+ - Boxes of food donated by Whole Foods, delivered by Food Share volunteers to Asbury United Methodist and Lutheran Mission, once a week, every week.

\$635 - Dollars collected by youth at Souper Bowl event to support local mission.

Countless - Number of walls in the Kinhart Center painted in recent weeks by Campus Care.

*Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down,
shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap.*

For with the measure you use it will be measured to you. Luke 6:38 NIV

MONTREAT WOMEN'S CONNECTION: AUGUST 13-16 - All women of FPC are invited to attend the women's conference at Montreat. Registration opened February 3. Grab a roommate and sign up at www.montreat.org/women (single rooms also available).