

Grace United Church of Christ 25 E. Second St. Frederick, MD

First Sunday of Lent
Wilderness Companions
Sunday, March 10, 2019 ~ 11:00 AM



Temptation of Christ, J Kirk Richards, 1999

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11:00 a.m.

Welcome! It is a pleasure to have you with us this morning.

*This morning we will use the black New Century Hymnal (NCH)
and the green Worship & Song hymnal (W&S).*

**Indicates when people are invited to stand.*

We Gather

Prelude "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" Jonas Dawson
Frederick C. Maker, arr. James Manfield (2018)

Welcome *Please sign the red Friendship Book in your pew.*
Call of the Engelbrecht Memorial Bell

Choir Introit "Awake, My Soul" Grace Choir
Thomas Ken (1695), arr. Roger Summers

***Call to Worship**

L: Let us test and examine our ways, and return to the Lord!

P: God has blessed us, let all the ends of the earth fear God!

L: Seek the Lord while God may be found, call upon God while God is near.

**P: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart
God will not despise.**

L: Let us draw near God and worship at the Lord's footstool.

***Opening Song** "Lord Jesus, Who through Forty Days" NCH # 211

***Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God, we come to you in the name of Jesus, your Son and our High Priest.
We confess that there are times when we go against your hopes for us as your
people. We confess that there are times when we go against your Word for**

us. In silence, O LORD, hear us as we confess those things we have done, and those things we have neglected to do; times when we have failed you and each other. . .

(Time of silence)

Loving God, we ask you once again to receive us into your compassionate, forgiving arms that we might find favor with you for all the days of our lives, now and forevermore. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

L: God loves us and forgives us. God gives us the chance to begin again.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen!

Response: Bless the Lord My Soul (Taize)
Bless the Lord My Soul, and Bless God's holy name
Bless the Lord My Soul, who leads me into life.

*Passing the Peace

We Listen

First Reading Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 John Brehmer

Choir Anthem "My Jesus Walked" Grace Choir
Lyn Holley Doucet, arr. Mary McDonald

*Gospel Reading Matthew 4: 1-11 Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor

Children's Message Earl Bartgis

Following the Children's Message, Kindergarten through 5th graders are invited to the fellowship hall for Children's Church; a time of Bible lessons, crafts, songs and fun activities. For children 5 years and younger, our Nursery is available during the worship service.

Sermon "Getting Lost" Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor

We Respond

Prayers of the People

Call for Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Meditation on 'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross'" Jonas Dawson
Lowell Mason, arr. John G. Barr (b. 1938)

Prayer of Dedication

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

**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, the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.**

We are Sent

Announcements

*Closing Prayer

*Closing Hymn "Holy Darkness" W&S # 3141

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction "Grace to You" Grace Choir
words and music by Lloyd Larson

Ringing of the Engelbrecht Memorial Bell

*Postlude "Tocatta on 'Ein feste Burg'" Jonas Dawson
Martin Luther, arr. Craig A. Penfield (b. 1948)

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The yellow rose on the altar is presented by the Altar Guild in memory of deceased war veterans and in honor of those who have served our country, as well as those currently on active duty.

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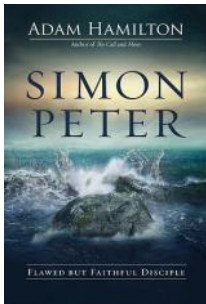


**WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!**

We are delighted that you joined us for worship this morning. Please be sure to sign the red Friendship Book in your pew. If you have any difficulty hearing the service, one of our ushers can provide you with a hearing assistance device. We also have large print bulletins and hymnals available.

Children in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us for Children's Church - a time of Bible lessons, crafts, songs and other fun activities. We leave the Sanctuary following the Children's Message. For children 5 years and younger, our Nursery is available during the worship service. Following the worship service, please join us for fellowship.

***Welcome to Grace Church!***



## Join Us for Lenten Study!

### *Simon Peter - Flawed but Faithful Disciple*

Simon Peter—an ordinary fisherman who heard an extraordinary call.

**Thursdays beginning March 7 through April 11**

- 10:30 am at Homewood
- 6:30 pm at Grace (with pizza)





## JANUARY 2019 Treasurer's Report

|                  | JANUARY 2019         | 2019 Year-to-Date    |
|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Income:          | \$ 13,895.03         | \$ 13,895.03         |
| <u>Expenses:</u> | <u>-\$ 20,084.63</u> | <u>-\$ 20,084.63</u> |
| Difference:      | -\$ 6,189.60         | -\$ 6,189.60         |

### 2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES AND ELECTRONIC GIVING

Offering envelopes are available in the Narthex for anyone who would like to use envelopes for regular offering. Simply pick up a box and write your name on the sign-up sheet next to the number that you've chosen. **NOTE:** Some numbers are already reserved and marked for congregation members.

#### Two Electronic Giving Options:

- 1) **UCC e-giving (Vanco)** allows you to set-up a regular, recurring donation via automatic electronic draft from your bank account or credit card account. Contact the church office to get an authorization form and get started.
- 2) **PayPal:** Simply click the GIVE button at the bottom of the [www.grucc.com](http://www.grucc.com) home page or GIVE TO GRUCC button at the bottom of weekly enews.

If you decide to participate in our electronic giving programs, you can pick up some "I give electronically" cards to place in the offering plate on Sunday mornings in lieu of an envelope/paper payment.



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## FREDERICK COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY'S (FCAA)

**SOUP KITCHEN: GRACE'S NEXT SERVICE DATE IS SUN, APRIL 21**

Volunteers from **Grace Church** serve at the **Soup Kitchen** on the 3rd Sunday of even months. It's a rewarding mission experience and we always have fun.

***Won't you join us?***

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Food Drive



### FCAA - FOOD BANK

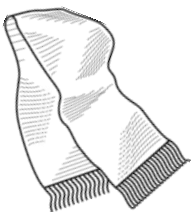
On the third Sunday of every month, we dedicate the **"Grace Groceries"** that have been collected in our little red wagon (in the narthex), and then deliver them to the Frederick Foodbank. *Thank you for your continued generosity!*

### NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS NEEDED

FOR EXAMPLE: PEANUT BUTTER ~ PASTA ~ RICE ~ SPAGHETTI ~  
TOMATO SAUCE ~ CEREAL ~ CANNED FISH ~ CANNED MEATS

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**THE GOOD SAMARITAN FUND** is designated for emergency relief to members and friends of Grace Church. Only the pastor and person in need know who receives assistance. Donations to the fund are welcome at any time, in any amount. If you can help, please place a check in the offering plate made out to Grace Church with "Good Samaritan Fund" on the memo line. Thank you!



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### **Do you get a little chilly in church?**

Please know that there are hand-made shawls available for you to use as you need. They are spread throughout the sanctuary. Please ask an usher if you don't see one near you. Many thanks to Pam Marshall for this idea and for making the shawls!





## Daily Bible Reading

### **Sunday, March 10, 2019:**

#### **First Sunday in Lent**

Deuteronomy 26:1-11  
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16  
Romans 10:8b-13  
Luke 4:1-13

### **Monday, March 11, 2019**

Psalm 17  
1 Chronicles 21:1-17  
1 John 2:1-6

### **Tuesday, March 12, 2019**

Psalm 17  
Zechariah 3:1-10  
2 Peter 2:4-21

### **Wednesday, March 13, 2019**

Psalm 17  
Job 1:1-22  
Luke 21:34-22:6

### **Thursday, March 14, 2019**

Psalm 27  
Genesis 13:1-7, 14-18  
Philippians 3:2-12

### **Friday, March 15, 2019**

Psalm 27  
Genesis 14:17-24  
Philippians 3:17-20

### **Saturday, March 16, 2019**

Psalm 27  
Psalm 118:26-29  
Matthew 23:37-39

### **Sunday, March 17, 2019**

#### **Second Sunday in Lent**

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18  
Psalm 27  
Philippians 3:17-4:1

# GRACE UCC WEEKLY CALENDAR

## **Sunday, March 10**

9:45 AM Christian Education classes

11:00 AM Worship

5:00 PM Redemption City Church (S)

## **Monday, March 11**

7:00 PM Finance & Property Comm. Mtg (rm 3)

## **Tuesday, March 12**

6:30 PM Mankind Project (bsmt)

## **Wednesday, March 13**

6:30PM TFC Youth Group (bsmt)

## **Thursday, March 14**

10:30 AM Lenten Study at Homewood

6:00 PM Zumba (GSR)

6:00 PM TFC Youth Cmte (rm 3)

6:30 PM Lenten Study at Grace

7:00 PM TFC Board Mtg (rm 3)

## **Friday, March 15**

NEWSLETTER ARTICTLE DEADLINE for April Grace Vine

12:30PM Coffee with COIPP (GSR)

## **Saturday, March 16**

9:00 AM Redemption City Church Volunteer Event

## **Sunday, March 17**

9:45 AM Christian Education classes

11:00 AM Worship

5:00 PM Redemption City Church (S)

## ***New Prayer Chain Starting***



If you are interested in being part of the Grace Prayer Chain to hold up those in need of prayer throughout the congregation and beyond; please contact Pastor Rob or add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Good Shepherd Room.

## **CARING & SHARING PRAYER LIST**

The following are members and friends of our church family who are currently ill, hospitalized, or home-bound. Please keep them in your prayers and perhaps send a note or a card. Addresses can be obtained from the church office, or you can pick up a church directory from one of the ushers. If you know of anyone who should be added to this list, please call the church office.



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|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Kevin Chapman         | 1403 Orangetip Ct, Frederick, MD 21703           |
| Millie Davis          | 801 Pine Ave.,Frederick, MD 21701                |
| Debbie Donohue        | PO Box 55, Keymar, MD 21757                      |
| Joe Free              | Citizens Nursing & Rehab Center                  |
| Jean Gaver            | 7407 Willow Rd., AL 250, Frederick, MD 21702     |
| Paul and Miriam Himes | 9810 Masser Rd., Frederick, MD 21702             |
| Charlotte Hoover      | 7404 Willow Road, AL 237, Frederick, MD 21702    |
| Pam Kehne             | 1632 Wall Dr., Pasadena, MD 21122                |
| Betty Linton          | 990 Waterford Dr., Unit 206, Frederick, MD 21702 |

Please note that hospitals are no longer permitted to contact churches on behalf of their patients. If you know of a church member who is hospitalized, please inform the church office. If you or a family member is hospitalized in an emergency situation, please call Pastor Rob at 240-217-2767.



## *Grace United Church of Christ*

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### SUNDAY WORSHIP

11:00 AM

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of every month.

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### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

#### **Sunday, March 10, 2019**

Scripture Reader: John Brehmer

Children's Message: Earl Bartgis

Children's Church: Rob Apgar

Altar Guild: Sergei Travis

#### **Sunday, March 17, 2019**

Scripture Reader: Sarah Drenning

Children's Message: Trish Abell

Children's Church: Elizabeth Damazo

Altar Guild: Elizabeth Damazo

*If you would like to serve as a greeter, or host fellowship time after worship, please add your name to the sign up sheet in the Good Shepherd Room.*

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