



February 11, 2018

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Service of the Word
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Welcome! It is a pleasure to have you with us this morning.

This morning we will use the *New Century Hymnal* (NCH).
It is the black hymnal found in the pew racks.

**Indicates when people are invited to stand.*

We Gather

Prelude: "Agincourt Hymn"

- by John Dunstable

Welcome

Please sign the red Friendship Book in your pew

Call of the Engelbrecht Memorial Bell

Choral Introit: "Come Worship God Alone"

- by Roger Summers

*Call to Worship (*based on Psalm 99*):

Leader: The Lord sits enthroned upon the cherubim.

People: The Lord is great in Zion, and is exalted over all the peoples.

Leader: Let them praise God's great and wondrous name!

People: Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord!

Leader: Come let us worship at the Lord's footstool!

*Opening Hymn: #304 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

*Opening Prayer

*Gloria

- NCH, #756

*Passing of the Peace

We Listen

First Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12

- Teddi Garrison

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Choral Anthem: "Shout Glory, Hallelujah"

- words by Joseph Addison, arr. Hal H. Hopson

*Gospel Reading: Luke 9:28-43

- Rev. Dr. Rob Apgar-Taylor

Children's Message

- Earl Bartgis

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

Sermon: "Shhhhhhh....."

- Rev. Dr. Rob Apgar-Taylor

We Respond

Pastoral Prayer

Call for Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: "Battle Hymn of the Republic" - traditional American folk melody,
words by Julia Ward Howe (1819-1910), arr. Mark Hayes

Soloist: Eric Black, baritone

*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: #183 “Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain”

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction: “Fourfold Amen”

Ringling of the Engelbrecht Memorial Bell

Postlude: “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

from *Gesangbuch der H.W.K. Hofkapelle, 1784*

- by Henry Balcombe

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.

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Welcome to Grace Church!



***Ash Wednesday Worship
and Imposition of Ashes***

Wednesday, February 14th
7:00 p.m.



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.

Lenten Group Study for Adults:

“What Makes a Hero?” by Matt Rawle

The study begins on Thursday, February 15th with a morning session at Homewood at 10:30, and an evening session at the church (with pizza!) at 6:30. We’ll meet every Thursday through March 22nd.

It's that time of year again...

Wondering if church events and activities are canceled due to the weather? There are several ways that you can find out:

CALL the church office (301-662-3312) and press 7 for the Inclement Weather Hotline. This voice mailbox will be updated as soon as a decision is made to cancel any services or activities.

CHECK your email. (Make sure we have your current email address!)

VISIT the church's website, www.grucc.com or our Facebook page.

We will make every effort to get these methods of communication updated as early as possible. Please be aware that power outages affect ALL of these methods of communication.

Summer Is Coming!!

Well, not for a few months, but when it does, it will mean we are preparing for Pastor Rob's Sabbatical. We have pastors who are going to be with us on Sundays, and for emergencies, but we are also looking to put together a team of lay people who will be willing to visit people in the hospital and nursing homes as we have the need. Gary Johnson has agreed to coordinate this and be the contact person for this ministry while Pastor Rob is away. Before the summer, we will have a time to get together to learn about how to visit people in health care settings, i.e. praying with people, hospital visitation guidelines, etc.

If this is something that would interest you, please let Pastor Rob or Gary Johnson know. Thanks!

Daily Bible Readings for this Week

Two things stick out as we look at our readings list for this month. First, the predominant Gospel reading is from Mark's Gospel. Mark is focused on the cross. Everything in Mark's Gospel speaks of the urgency of the Cross in God's plan of salvation. The importance of Christ was his sacrificial death. And there is *urgency* to this message. The second thing we notice this month is the appearance of the Genesis story, the covenant between God and Abraham. As we begin the Lenten Journey, the readings point us to the very foundation of our faith: Covenant. We are a covenant people. God is a God whose covenant will not be broken. Even when we rebel and turn away, God will remain faithful, even to the point of giving His Son.

The daily Bible readings are clustered into weeks with Sunday being the center of each week. The lessons come from the Revised Common Lectionary. The readings for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of each week orient our prayer and preparation for the Sunday lessons. The readings for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday reflect on Sunday's lessons. In the worship of Grace Church we normally read only two lessons. However, many Sundays the Psalm for the day is also incorporated into the service as a Call to Worship or prayer.

The Transfiguration

		Feb 15	Psalm 25:1-10
Feb 11	<i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i>		Daniel 9:1-14
	2 Kings 2:1-12		1 John 1:3-10
	Psalm 50:1-6		
	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	Feb 16	Psalm 25:1-10
	Mark 9:2-9		Daniel 9:15-25a
Feb 12	Psalm 110:1-4		2 Timothy 4:1-5
	Exodus 19:7-25		
	Hebrews 2:1-4	Feb 17	Psalm 25:1-10
Feb 13	Psalm 110:1-4		Psalm 32
	Job 19:23-27		Matthew 9:2-13
	1 Timothy 3:14-16	Feb 18	<i>First Sunday in Lent</i>
First Week of Lent			Genesis 9:8-17
Feb 14	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>		Psalm 25:1-10
	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 <i>or</i> Isaiah 58:1-12		1 Peter 3:18-22
	Psalm 51:1-17		Mark 1:9-15
	2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10		
	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21		

Worship Assistants

February 18th:

Greeter: OPEN

Scripture Reader: Carol Garrison

Children's Message: Carol Garrison

Children's Church: Oi Kettavong

Fellowship Host: Jean Barrick

February 25th:

Greeter: OPEN

Scripture Reader: Trish Abell

Children's Message: Trish Abell

Children's Church: Teddi and Traci

Fellowship: February birthday party

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

Caring and Sharing

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.

Millie Davis, Joe Free, Jean Gaver, Paul and Miriam Himes, Karlene Kaufmann, Pam Kehne, and Betty Linton.

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.

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT GRACE CHURCH

Saturday, February 10th - Saturday, February 24th

Emergency Family Shelter (Basement)

Sunday, February 11 - Transfiguration

9:45 a.m. - Christian Education classes for adults and youth

11:00 a.m. - Worship (Sanctuary)

5:00 p.m. - Redemption City Church worship (Sanctuary)

Monday, February 12

7:00 p.m. - Finance and Property Commission meeting (Room 3)

Tuesday, February 13

6:30 p.m. - ManKind Project (Room 13)

Wednesday, February 14 - Ash Wednesday

12:00 p.m. - Catocin Ministerium (Good Shepherd Room)

6:30 p.m. - The Frederick Center youth group (Good Shepherd Room)

7:00 p.m. - Ash Wednesday worship service (Sanctuary)

Thursday, February 15

10:30 a.m. - Lenten Group Study (Homewood)

6:00 p.m. - FREE drop-in Zumba class (Good Shepherd Room)

6:00 p.m. - Frederick Co. Health Dept. support group (Room 13)

6:30 p.m. - Lenten Group Study (Room 3)

Friday, February 16

8:30 p.m. - N. A. meeting (Good Shepherd Room)

Sunday, February 18 - First Sunday in Lent

9:45 a.m. - Christian Education classes for adults and youth

11:00 a.m. - Worship (Sanctuary)

5:00 p.m. - Volunteers from Grace Church serve at the Soup Kitchen

5:00 p.m. - Redemption City Church worship (Sanctuary)

Monday, February 19 - Presidents' Day

6:30 p.m. - The Frederick Center young adult group (2nd floor)

