



ST. FRANCIS
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CHURCH

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Sunday Worship

February 22, 2015 – 10:00 AM

First Sunday of Lent

The Word of God

Welcome & Quiet Time (* indicates when to stand) Welcome to worship today. We're glad you've come to glorify God with us. We invite you to take part in everything today. Follow the singing with the words in this bulletin. Come to the Table for communion. You are invited to stay for refreshments after the service.

Prelude

***Gathering Song: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God - Hymn # 688**

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing;
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe; His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our strength confide, our striving would be losing; Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of
God's own choosing: Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He; Lord Sabbath, His Name, from age
to age the same, And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, We will not fear, for God hath willed his
truth to triumph through us: the Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him; His rage we can endure, for
lo, his doom is sure, one little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth; The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him
Who with us sideth: Let good and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill: God's truth abideth
still, his kingdom is forever.

Priest: Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: And blessed be His kingdom now and forever. Amen.

Priest: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse
the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily
magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Song of Praise: Only You - Andy Park**

No one but you, Lord; Can satisfy the longing in my heart. Nothing I do, Lord; Can take the place of drawing
near to you.

Only you can fill my deepest longing. Only you can breathe in me new life. Only you can fill my heart with
laughter. Only you can answer my heart's cry.

Father, I love you. Come satisfy the longing in my heart. Fill me, overwhelm me. Until I know your love deep
in my heart

***All:** Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Reading from 1 Peter

(3:18-22)

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

***Gradual Song:** Greater Grace - *Scott Underwood*

Long ago even before You made the world, You chose me. Through what Christ would do. A greater grace You gave to me. You are the source; And Jesus is the means.

Forgiveness, adoption, acceptance, Is Your grace. And I fall on my face, And I yield to You

***The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark**

(1:9-15)

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Christ.

Sermon (please be seated)

***Leader:** Let us stand and profess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Prayers of the People

Leader: In penitence and faith let us make our prayer to the Father and ask for his mercy and grace.

All: For your holy people, that they may triumph over evil and grow in grace, we pray to you, O Lord:
Hear our prayer.

Leader: For candidates for baptism and confirmation, that they may live by every word that proceeds from your mouth, we pray to you, O Lord:

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: For the leaders of the nations, that you will guide them in the ways of mercy and truth, we pray to you, O Lord:

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: For the needy, that they may not be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor be taken away, we pray to you, O Lord:

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: For the sick in body, mind and spirit, that they may know your power to heal, especially (prayers may be offered silently or aloud) we pray to you, O Lord:

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: For the poor in spirit, that they may inherit the kingdom of heaven and see you face to face, we pray to you, O Lord:

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: For the addition of people called and equipped to bring families with children of all ages into the Christian Faith, we pray to you, O Lord:

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: For Pakmail, Dave Fitzsimmons owner, that this business would connect many people and businesses as they ship special items around the world, we pray to you, O Lord:

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Congregations and clergy of Messiah, Chancellor; Trinity, Fredericksburg; St. Margaret's, Woodbridge; Aquia, Stafford; St. David's, Aylett; St. John's, Tappahannock, that they may continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray to you, O Lord:

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: For Christ Church, Glen Allen, that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit in the search and selection of a new rector, we pray to you, O Lord:

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: For St. Gabriel's, Leesburg, Daniel-Velez Rivera, vicar and All Souls, Atlee, Amilee, Wilmer, vicar, that each of these missions may fulfill every purpose God has for them, we pray to you, O Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the coming of God's kingdom in Metropolitan Richmond: For enhancement of our common life in Jesus' Name through the Holy Spirit, and for the resurrection of metropolitan Richmond as a modern metropolitan city of hope for the world, we pray to you, O Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us commend the world, for which Christ suffered, to the mercy and protection of God. **Amen.**

Leader: We pray to You also for the forgiveness of our sins.

All: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Priest: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Exchange of Peace**

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory: [When I Needed A Saviour](#) - Matt Redman

Looking back on time. Seeking to remind myself of all Your mercies. I can testify on every page of life. Your grace just keeps unfolding and unfolding.

You made me fruitful in the land of my suffering, Father. You made me hopeful in the place of no hope. Poured oil of gladness on the wounds of my struggling. And You poured oil of healing on the depths of my soul

When I needed a Saviour, You were there, You were there. When I needed a Healer, You were there, You were there. When I needed my Father, You were there, You were there. You are here, You are here.

Ever since the day. I looked upon the cross I've realized Your mercy. For every stage of life, sweet and bitter times. Your grace just keeps unfolding and unfolding

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***Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Eucharistic Prayer B**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Priest: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All (Spoken not sung): Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of his glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Priest: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

People: We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

Priest: And we offer this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Priest: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

All: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The priest breaks the consecrated bread and says:

Priest: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Priest: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

[NOTE: All are welcome to receive Communion, whatever your faith tradition. Please receive the bread in the open palm of your hand. Then, either consume the bread and move to a chalice and receive from the chalice by guiding the base of the chalice to your mouth or take the chalice from the chalice minister. Or, you may intinct or dip the bread into the chalice and consume it. The glass chalice contains non-alcoholic wine for those who do not wish to consume alcohol for any reason. If you do not wish to receive communion but would like a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.]

Communion Song: How Sweet The Name Of Jesus Hymn # 644

How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear! It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, and drives away our fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast; 'tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary, rest.

Dear Name, the rock on which I build, my shield and hiding-place, my never-failing treasury, filled with boundless stores of grace!

O Jesus! my Shepherd, Guardian, Friend, O Prophet, Priest and King, my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart, and cold my warmest thought; but when I see thee as thou art, I'll praise thee as I ought.

***Post-Communion Prayer (All):** Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **Amen.**

***Blessing**

***Song of Dismissal: Holy Is the Lord - (Jeff Searles)**

Holy is the Lord. Holy is the Lord. As we bow before Your throne. Majesty and honour to You alone. Majesty and honour to You alone.

Worthy are You Lord. Worthy are You Lord. Sweet Lamb of God the Chosen One. Our lives we gladly lay before Your throne. Our lives we gladly lay before Your throne.

No longer will we give our hearts. To the things of this world. For a debt of love we will offer to You. We look for the day when every knee will bow. We will join with the angels. Around Your throne, and we will sing.

Holy is the Lord!

Priest: Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Remember in your prayers:

Larry Kidd, Jr.
Paula Gordon

Linda Eggleston
Robin and John Snow

Richard Carchman

Your Vestry Members are:

Senior Warden: Jack Martin
Other Members: Larry Kidd

Junior Warden: Richard Walker
Libby Clark

Register: Marian Elam

Treasurer: Susan Kidd

Below is the schedule for greeters, lay readers, and chalicers. If you have a problem with the dates on this schedule, please let Larry Kidd know as soon as possible, and he will try to make adjustments. Otherwise, you will need to find a substitute if you are unable to be at church on your assigned date.

Worship Service
Date

Scripture Reader

Prayer Reader

Chalicers

Greeters/Ushers

22-Feb
1-Mar
8-Mar
15-Mar
22-Mar
29-Mar
2-Apr
3-Apr
5-Apr

MJ Weatherford
Kathy Gammon
Richard Walker
Bill Weatherford
Larry Kidd
Bill Weatherford
Bobbie Leviness
MJ Weatherford
Kathy Gammon

Bill Weatherford
Larry Kidd
Jack Martin
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Jack Martin
Richard Walker
Jack Martin
Bill Weatherford
Larry Kidd

MJ Weatherford, Bill Weatherford
Kathy Gammon, Susan Kidd
Richard Walker, Jack Martin
Bill Weatherford, MJ Weatherford
Susan Kidd, Jack Martin
Bill Weatherford, Richard Walker
Jack Martin, Marian Elam
MJ Weatherford, Bill Weatherford
Kathy Gammon, Susan Kidd

John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd
Richard Walker, Larry Kidd
Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd
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~ Announcements ~

Upcoming Important Dates:

Sunday, March 1	Worship Service	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Sunday, March 8	Worship Service followed by Pot Luck Lunch	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, March 11	Vestry Meeting	St. Francis	4:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 15	Worship Service	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.

Food Collection for the Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services Food Pantry every Sunday. Please bring non-perishable food to donate. Place your donation in the box provided in the vestibule.

Caregivers Support Group - On Saturday, March 28 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon, St. Francis will host an educational program presented by the Alzheimer’s Organization of Greater Richmond on the 10 warning signs for this illness and communication strategies for caregivers of those with alzheimer’s. This program will be open to everyone and we ask that if you know of someone who might be interested please have them contact Susan Kidd for more information.

Financial Update - If you have any questions about any of this data, please don’t hesitate to ask your treasurer, Susan Kidd.

	Operating Funds		Net Gain
	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>or (Loss)</u>
2015			
January	\$4,641.00	\$7,734.10	(\$3,093.10)
February	\$10,064.66	\$4,993.18	\$5,071.48
March	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
1st Quarter	\$14,705.66	\$12,727.28	\$1,978.38
2015 Year-To-Date	\$14,705.66	\$12,727.28	\$1,978.38
Checking Account Balance	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>	
YTD 2015	\$32,005.82	\$33,984.20	\$1,978.38

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