



ST FRANCIS

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Sunday Worship

January 31, 2016 – 10:00 AM

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

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. Follow the singing with the words in this bulletin, and come to the Table for communion. You are invited to stay for refreshments after the service.

Prelude

*Gathering Song: O Zion, Haste, Thy Mission High Fulfilling

O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling, to tell to all the world that God is Light; that He who made all nations is not willing one soul should perish, lost in shades of night.

(Chorus:) Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace, tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.

Behold how many thousands still are lying bound in the dark-some prison-house of sin, with none to tell them of the Savior's dying, or of the life He died for them to win. *(Chorus)*

Proclaim to every people, tongue, and nation that God, in whom they live and move, is Love; tell how He stooped to save His lost creation, and died on earth that we might live above. *(Chorus)*

Give of thine own to bear the message glorious; give of thy wealth to speed them on their way; pour out thy soul for them in prayer victorious, and all thou spendest Jesus will repay. *(Chorus)*

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

All: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. 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: Beautiful One

Wonderful so wonderful is Your unfailing love. Your cross is spoken mercy over me. No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no heart can fully know. How glorious, how beautiful You are.

Beautiful One I love. Beautiful One I adore. Beautiful One my soul must sing.

Powerful so powerful Your glory fills the skies. Your mighty works displayed for all to see. The beauty of Your majesty awakes my heart to sing. How marvelous, how wonderful You are.

Beautiful One I love. Beautiful One I adore. Beautiful One my soul must sing. Beautiful One I love. Beautiful One I adore. Beautiful One my soul must sing.

You've opened my eyes to Your wonders anew. Captured my heart with this love. 'Cause nothing on earth is as beautiful as You, Jesus.

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Beautiful One I love. Beautiful One I adore. Beautiful One my soul must sing.

Oh my soul, my soul must sing. My soul, my soul must sing. My soul, my soul must sing. Beautiful One.

My soul, my soul must sing. My soul, my soul must sing. My soul, my soul must sing. Beautiful One.

***All: Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

A Reading from Jeremiah

(1:4-10)

The word of the LORD came to me saying,

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the LORD said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD."

Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,

"Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

***Gradual Song: Blessed Be The Name Of The Lord**

I am standing beneath Your wings. I am resting in Your shelter. Your great faithfulness has been my shield. It makes me want to sing.

Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be the name of the Lord. I will bless Your holy name for all my days. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

I sing praises to Your name oh Lord. For You daily bear my burden. Your great faithfulness is my reward. It makes me want to sing.

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

(4:21-30)

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus read from the book of the prophet Isaiah, and began to say, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three

years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Christ.

Sermon (please be seated)

***Priest:** Let us 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: From the rising of the sun to its setting, let us pray to the Lord.

Leader: That the people of God in all the world may worship in spirit and in truth, let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That the Church may discover again that unity which is the Father's will, let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the clergy and people of St. Barbara's, Annandale; St. Paul's, Bailey's Crossroads; St. Andrew's, Arlington; St. Michael's, Arlington; Trinity, Fredericksburg; Messiah, Chancellor that all would walk in the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That You would add to this fellowship those whose calling and ministry is with families with young children, let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That all members of law enforcement, firefighters, EMT's, military personnel, and veterans would be protected and led by Your Spirit, let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That the nations of the earth may seek after the ways that make for peace, let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That the whole creation, groaning in travail, may be set free to enjoy the glorious liberty of the children of God, let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For Architectural Custom Woodwork, Inc., Doug Cone, president, that business would increase, let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That all would proclaim in word and deed the establishment of the beloved community in Metropolitan Richmond, let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That the sick and suffering may know Your healing, especially _____, let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That all who with Christ have entered the shadow of death may rest in peace and rise in glory, let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us commend the world, to which Christ showed the way, to the mercy and protection of God:

All: To you, O Lord our God.

Leader: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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: How Priceless

Your love reaches high up to the heavens so high above. Your love covers me. I find shelter under Your wings.

(Chorus:) How priceless, how precious is Your unfailing love. How priceless, how precious is Your unfailing love.

I drink from Your river. Your living water is my delight. I feast at Your table. In Your light, I see light. *(Chorus)*

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountain. Your justice is deeper than the sea. Your priceless love was poured out for me. You shed Your blood and You died for me! You gave Your life for me! *(Chorus twice)*

***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 (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: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. **Alleluia.**

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. 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: Resting Place

Heaven is My throne. Earth is My footstool. Where is the house you will build for Me?
Whom of you will hear the cry of My heart? Where will My resting place be?

(Chorus:) Here, oh Lord, have I prepared for You a home. Long have I desired for You to dwell.
Here, oh Lord, have I prepared a resting place. Here, oh Lord, I wait for You alone.

***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 consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; 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: Hear our Praises**

May our homes be filled with dancing, may our streets be filled with joy; May injustice bow to Jesus as the people turn to pray.

(Chorus:) From the mountain to the valley, hear our praises rise to You; From the heavens to the nations, hear our singing fill the air.

May a light shine in the darkness as we walk before the cross; May Your glory fill the whole earth as the water o'er the seas. *(Chorus)*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! *(Chorus)*

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God. **Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Remember in your prayers:

Larry Kidd (Jr. & Sr.)

The Symphony Retirement Community

John Madden

Carl Burton

Bill Morgan and family

Ken Joyner

Wayne Conners

Linda Eggleston

MJ Weatherford

Rachel Pisarz

Ken Killian

Joseph Moore

Allie & Jenni Morris

Your Vestry Members are:

Senior Warden: Jack Martin

Other Members: Larry Kidd

Register: Marian Elam

Junior Warden: Richard Walker

Libby Clark

Treasurer: Susan Kidd

Below is the schedule for greeters, lay readers and chalcers. 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.

<u>Worship Service Date</u>	<u>Scripture Reader</u>	<u>Prayer Reader</u>	<u>Chalcers</u>	<u>Greeters/Ushers</u>
Jan 31	MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford	MJ Weatherford, Bill Weatherford	Richard Walker, Larry Kidd
Feb 7	Bobbie LeViness	Jack Martin	Marian Elam, Jack Martin	Richard Walker, Larry Kidd
Feb 10	Richard Walker	Larry Kidd	Richard Walker, Susan Kidd	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd
Feb 14	Jack Martin	Bill Weatherford	Jack Martin, Bill Weatherford	John and Libby Clark
Feb 21	MJ Weatherford	Bobbie LeViness	MJ Weatherford, Marian Elam	Richard Walker, Larry Kidd
Feb 28	Larry Kidd	Richard Walker	Susan Kidd, Richard Walker	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd
Mar 6	Bill Weatherford	Bobbie LeViness	Bill Weatherford, Marian Elam	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd
Mar 13	Jack Martin	MJ Weatherford	Jack Martin, MJ Weatherford	Richard Walker, Larry Kidd
Mar 20	Richard Walker	Larry Kidd	Richard Walker, Susan Kidd	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd
Mar 27	MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford	MJ Weatherford, Bill Weatherford	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd
Apr 3	Bill Weatherford	Bobbie LeViness	Bill Weatherford, Marian Elam	Richard Walker, Larry Kidd

~Announcements~

Upcoming Important Dates:

Wednesday, February 3	Color Me FRIENDS	St. Francis	6:30 p.m.
Sunday, February 7	Worship Service	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, February 10	Vestry Committee	St. Francis	4:00 p.m.
	Ash Wednesday Service	St. Francis	6:00 p.m.
	Theology on Tap	Keegan's	7:00 p.m.
	Caregiver's Support Group	Hedy Walker's	7:00 p.m.
February 14	Worship Service followed by Pot Luck	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.

Food Collection for the Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services Food Pantry every Sunday. Please continue to bring non-perishable food to donate. The Food Pantry takes pet food and will accept open bags. Please place your donation in the box provided in the vestibule.

Our Missional Communities:

Color Me FRIENDS will meet on February 3 at 6:30 p.m. Contact Carol Maher at carolsdream@gmail.com.

Caregivers' Support Group will meet on February 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Hedy Walker. Contact Hedy at richardandhedy@yahoo.com.

Theology on Tap will meet on February 10 at Keegan's at 7:00 p.m. Contact Richard Walker at richardandhedy@yahoo.com.

Symphony will meet at Symphony Assisted Living on February 28 at 9:00 a.m. Contact Bobbie LeViness at bobbiedrew@yahoo.com.

Financial Update - If there are any questions about any of this data, please don't hesitate to ask your treasurer, Susan Kidd.

2015	Operating Funds		Net Gain
	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>or (Loss)</u>
2015 Year-To-Date	\$86,900.96	\$94,485.37	(\$7,584.41)
Checking Account Balance	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>	
YTD2015	\$32,005.82	\$24,421.41	(\$7,584.41)
2016			
January	\$1,978.00	\$3,034.83	(\$1,056.83)
February	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
March	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
1st Quarter	\$1,978.00	\$3,034.83	(\$1,056.83)
2016 Year-To-Date	\$1,978.00	\$3,034.83	(\$1,056.83)
Checking Account Balance	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>	
YTD 2016	\$24,421.41	\$23,364.58	(\$1,056.83)

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