

March 25, 2007

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

We are delighted to have visitors worship with us! To aid you in our liturgy, we want you to know that the following is our custom: In the *Lord's Prayer*, we use the words, "*Forgive us our debts... our debtors.*" We encourage you to stand for singing if you are able as the organ sounds the first note of introduction. When appropriate to the hymn, the organist and choir will lead the congregation in singing, "*Amen.*" All worshippers are encouraged to *sign* the *Attendance/Friendship* pad, *greet* your friends, and *welcome* visitors.

LARGE-PRINT BULLETINS, LARGE-PRINT HYMNALS,
and **ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES** (amplified earphones and telecoilneckloops)
are available from the ushers.

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Here are some specific addresses for church staff:
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Liturgist: Amy McCullough

(8:30 a.m.)

Sanctuary Guild Ellie Crane
Chair Lift Gary Hild
Ushers Jim & Patty Toler, Harry & Joanne Farley
Greeters Jeremy & Marissa Travis, Joan Hamb, Scott Green

(11:00 a.m.)

Sanctuary Guild Betty Merrill
Chair Lift Leif Johnston
Ushers Debra Myers, George Cralle, Ann Warner, Doreen Vaughn
Greeters Bob, Maryann & Elizabeth Piersall; Charles, Tricia, Jordan & Charlie McDaniel
Nursery Workers Darian Torrice, Tracey Rembisz, Jaeger & Steve Spratt, Laura Eubanks, Ralph & Erin Hughes

(Child Care is provided in the Education Building for infants through Kindergarten.)

The flowers today are given by Joyce and Ed Allison
in memory of loved ones.

The *Sacrament of Baptism* at our 11:00 a.m. service is celebrated for:
Thomas Goodwin Digges IV, born January 10, 2007.
Thomas is the son of Laura and Thomas Digges III.

Capsule of Concern: Bob Benn, Carol Rebman, Neil Corry, Ann Garnett, Jane Kolakowski, Ruth Moffitt, Jim Schulken, Doris Gulatsi

Hospital Visitor March 25-31: Larry Repanshek (891-5343)

Wednesday Nights at the Presbyterian Church will conclude for the spring at 6pm this Wednesday, **March 28**, with a meatball and mashed potato dinner. **Since this is a catered dinner, note the price change - Adults \$5, Children \$3, Family maximum \$15.** The Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team will set up, serve and clean up. The **Faith and Movies Class** movie for this week is "Avalon" with Armin Mueller-Stahl, Aidan Quinn and Elizabeth Perkins.

For those who were unable to attend the photo sessions but who wish to be included in the **church directory**, please provide a photograph to the church office by March 30 so we can include you in the directory.

Join the congregation for an evening at the **Lazy Susan Dinner Theatre** on Friday, March 30, to see "*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.*" The cost of the dinner and show is \$35. Dinner is served at 6:30 pm with the play beginning at 8:00 pm. Car pooling will be available. Contact Karen Johnson by today at 371-2719 or ksjohnson422@msn.com to make a reservation.

The calendar is rolling around again and it is time to think about preparing and serving a meal at the **Thurman Brisben Homeless Shelter**. Our church provides this service on the last Thursday of the month. If you are a choir member and worried about this interfering with practice, you'll be finished in time to sing. Come on; join us on March 29. We have loads of fun while providing a necessary service to our community. Please contact Stacey at 540-891-1553 and slo-piglet@juno.com.

Congregational Retreat: There will be a Congregation/Family Retreat at Camp Hanover May 19-20. Mark your calendar and watch for details.

The **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** is one of four offerings of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The offering is divided three ways: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance – 32%; Self-Development of People – 32%; and Presbyterian Hunger Program – 36%. The offering has received \$9-\$11 million each year for the last 20 years to help the victims of natural disasters and violence, to feed the hungry and to assist people learning skills so he/she can earn a living. You will find envelopes in the pews. Children have received “fish” boxes in Sunday School. We encourage you to participate in this year’s offering that will culminate on Easter Day.

The **Middle School Youth** group will meet this evening at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall for supper followed by some games and a discussion on Holy Week.

The **Senior Highs** will meet this evening at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall for supper followed by a discussion.

Montreat Youth Conference participants are reminded that the second payment of \$100 is due by April 1.

Youth bells will rehearse at 4:45pm and **youth choir** will rehearse at 5:15pm this afternoon.

The **Mission Committee** plans to open **The Presbyterian Church Food Pantry** in April or May. The pantry will be setup in the basement of the Church House. We will begin to provide food to the poor and homeless in the Fredericksburg area instead of sending them directly to the Fredericksburg Food Bank. At this time, we think we will be open one or two days a week to begin with and if you think you would be interested in volunteering, please let Bruce Harvey, Pastor Dennis, or Bob Piersall, the Food Pantry coordinator know. We will also need you to bring food supplies (small sizes and easy to open lids are preferred). Some items to bring are: **canned meats, pasta, pasta sauce, canned fruits, peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables, cereals and/or soups. We will also purchase some foods from the Fredericksburg Food Bank.**

All children up through the 5th graders are invited to come to the **Easter Egg Hunt** on Sunday, April 1 at 4pm. Please meet in the **Undercroft**. The children will be divided into 3 groups according to their ages. Please bring a bag/basket for your eggs. The Middle School Youth Group will host the event.

The **Forever Young Luncheon** will be on Tuesday, March 27 at 11:30am in the Church House.

Have you walked a **labyrinth**? Have you seen a labyrinth? Our church now has a labyrinth and it will be available for you to use during Holy Week, April 1- 8, in the fellowship hall. You may come during the day when the church is open. It will be available in the evenings from 7pm to 9pm, Sunday through Wednesday and 8:30pm to 10:30pm Thursday and Friday.

“The labyrinth is an ancient tool (at least dates back to the 13th Century and most likely much earlier) for prayer and meditation, consisting of a winding path that begins at the periphery and leads to a central space, and then out again by the same path. Unlike a maze, there are no blind alleys or dead ends. You cannot get “lost” or make a mistake because there are no choices to be made once you have made the decision to start walking. By following the path you always end up either in the center of the labyrinth or back at the entrance.”

If you have questions, please contact Amy Talmadge, Diane & Dave Peterson, Dave or Karen Johnson, or Bruce Harvey. The purchase of the labyrinth was made possible

through a gift Trey Talmadge received from his great aunt, Eldred Hutchins. There will be a brief service to dedicate the labyrinth next Sunday, April 1, following the 11:00 worship service.

The **Prime Timers** will meet at Amy's Café (under Falmouth Bridge) on Wednesday, April 11 at 11:30 for lunch. You will be able to order from the menu and will receive separate checks. Please call the church office by April 8 for a reservation – 373-7057.

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Holy Week Schedule:
April 1 – Palm/Passion Sunday, 8:30 and 11:00 am services
April 5 – Maundy Thursday, 7:30 pm service
April 6 – Good Friday, noon Community service (here)
and 7:30 pm Tenebrae service
April 8 – Easter Day, 7:00 am Easter Dawn Community service (here)
and 8:30 and 11:00 am services

UPCOMING MEETINGS (Mar. 25 - Apr. 1)

Sun.	3/25	4:45 pm	Youth Bells , Sanctuary
		5-6:30 pm	Sacred Dance Ensemble , Undercroft
		5:15 pm	Youth Choir , Choir Room
		6:00 pm	Youth Supper
		6:30 pm	Youth Groups
Mon.	3/26	7:30 pm	Young Adults , Church Parlor
Tues.	3/27	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast , Bob Evans' Restaurant, Rte. 3W
		10:00 am	Newsletter Volunteers , Fellowship Hall
		7-9:00 pm	Small Group , Adult Library
Wed.	3/28	7:00 am	Small Group , Middle House
		6:00 pm	Wednesday Night Dinner and Classes
Thurs.	3/29	9:30 am	Thursday Morning Bible Study , Education Building
		6-7 pm	Bell Choir , Sanctuary
		7:30 pm	Adult Choir , Choir Room
Fri.	3/30	5:30 pm	Lazy Susan Dinner Theatre
Sun.	4/1	4:00 pm	Easter Egg Hunt , Undercroft
		4:45 pm	Youth Bells , Sanctuary
		5:00 pm	Fellowship Committee , Middle House
		5:00 pm	Neverending Circle
		5-6:30 pm	Sacred Dance Ensemble , Undercroft
		5:15 pm	Youth Choir , Choir Room
		6:00 pm	Circle of New Beginnings , Church Parlor
		6:00 pm	Youth Supper
		6:30 pm	Youth Groups
		7-9:00 pm	Labyrinth , Fellowship Hall

MARCH/APRIL BIRTHDAYS

March

- 25) Michelle Gibson, Evan Foresman, Mike Fritz
- 26) Patty Toler, Steven Quattlebaum, Nicole Wilder
- 27) Ann Monroe Jacobs, Julie Hamlett, April Richard, John Grigg, Delia Rabatin
- 28) Walton Mahon, Beth Malmquist
- 29) Corrie Overman, Gary Vaughn, Melissa Lanceley, Garrett Green, Sarah Moser, Amanda Hild
- 30) Erika Elliott, Heather McNatt, Clay Beattie, Jacob Wright
- 31) Charles Pickett, Stephenie Fellingner

April

- 1) Bill Remsen; Robert Piersall; Johnny Boyles; George Guido, Jr.; Genie Cunningham; Marian Stephan; Andrew Philpott; Briget Rabatin

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, April 1

*Luke 19:28-40; Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29; Isa. 50:4-9a
Ps. 31:9-16; Phil. 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49*