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# Ascension Sunday

*Ascension Sunday* May 13, 2018  
8:30 AM

*Passion for Christ-Compassion for Others*  
*Loving God-Loving Others*  
*Connect-Grow-Serve*

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Those who are able, please stand either with your bodies or in your hearts.

**Bold print = congregational response**

Childcare is available in the Nursery for infants and young children.

If you plan to use the Nursery, please sign in upon arrival.

## SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

### **BELLS**

*The three tolls call us to worship and symbolize our belief in the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In quiet reverence, we prepare for worship.*

### **PRELUDE**

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Luther; Arr. Ham

### **WELCOME**

### **MINISTRY IN ACTION**

#### **+ CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Please stand as you are able.)*

Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.

**For the LORD Most High is awesome, the great King over all the earth. He subdued nations under us, peoples under our feet. He chose our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.**

God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets. Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.

**God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne. The nobles of the nations assemble as the people of the God of Abraham, for the kings of the earth belong to God; he is greatly exalted.**

A mighty fortress is our God!

**AMEN.**

#### **+ HYMN #260**

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

EIN' FESTE BURG

*(Remain standing.)*

**CALL TO CONFESSION** *(Please be seated.)*

While we claim to celebrate the ascension of our Lord, the way we live proclaims our lack of faith in his power to deal with the world. Let us confess the incongruity between our faith and practice.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(Read responsively.)*

Let us pray:

**Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church.**

*(A moment of silence for our private prayers)*

In Jesus' name we pray,  
Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE** *(~based on Ephesians 12:4-7) (Read responsively.)*

Hear the good news of the gospel: God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. In Christ, by God's grace, we are saved.

**To God be the glory. Amen.**

+ **GLORIA PATRI** *(Please stand.)*

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

+ **PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**TIME WITH CHILDREN** *(Please be seated as children are invited forward.) (Afterwards, children 5 and under may go to the Nursery.)*

**ANTHEM**

**Love Came Down for Me**  
*Chancel Choir: Dana Van Slyke, Director*

Williams and Harlan

## **OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS**

### **Celebration of Friendship and Faithfulness**

Please sign and pass the Friendship Pads, indicating all family members who are present, including children in the Nursery.

Guests, we would appreciate it if you would give us some form of contact information:

Name and one of the following: phone number(s), mailing address, or email.

Pew envelopes in the Friendship Pad are for visitors. If you would like regular envelopes, please contact the Church Office.

### **Giving of Our Tithes and Offering**

#### **Offertory**

*The Love of God*

Lehman, Arr. Kim

#### + **Response** (*Please stand.*)

***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.***

#### + **Prayer of Dedication**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER** (*Please remain seated.*)

. . . 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

#### + **HYMN #324**

*Open My Eyes That I May See*  
(*Please stand.*)

OPEN MY EYES

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

Ephesians 1:15-23

## **SERMON**

And He Ascended

Rev. Jeri Fields

#### + **AFFIRMING WHAT WE BELIEVE: THE APOSTLES' CREED** (*Please stand.*)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.





# Ministry in Action

- † **ROBERTS WESLEYAN COLLEGE CHORALE TO PERFORM TODAY:** The 37-member Roberts Wesleyan College Chorale of Rochester, NY, will sing the Postlude at both worship services and perform a 60-minute concert at **1:00 PM**. You are invited to stay after the 11:00 AM service to enjoy refreshments and meet the singers. The Chorale is the college's select a capella ensemble and their program includes sacred, classical, and contemporary pieces. A free-will offering will be collected.
  
- † **RELAY FOR LIFE:** FUPCDC is joining the American Cancer Society on Saturday, **May 19<sup>th</sup>**, from **10 AM - 10 PM** at Stonewall Jackson High School in their fight against cancer. To participate in the event, please be sure to sign up with the team by going to <https://secure.acsevents.org>, click Join a Relay, search by Team Name of FUPCDC, and FUPCDC will pop up as participating in the Prince William County Relay for Life. Once you click on that you can join the team or make donations. This year's theme is "Wish Upon a Cure" and our team theme is 101 Dalmations. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Team Captain, Ashley Emert at [emertashley@yahoo.com](mailto:emertashley@yahoo.com) or 703-577-2756. This week is the last week to get your luminary forms in. Please use the drop box in the Narthex to drop completed forms and/or bags. Checks should be made payable to FUPCDC.
  
- † **POTLUCK BREAKFAST:** Please join us for a potluck breakfast to be held prior to the one worship service on **May 20<sup>th</sup>**. Juice and coffee will be provided. You provide all the other delights; casseroles, croissants, hash browns, waffles, fruit, soufflés, your heart's desire. No signup necessary, just mark your calendars and arrive at **8:45 AM**.
  
- † **CALLING ALL GRADUATES, SINCE JULY 2017:** If you have graduated or are graduating from high school, college/university, or a certificated program, we would like to acknowledge your accomplishments during worship on **June 10<sup>th</sup>**. Let the Church Office know by **May 21<sup>st</sup>** who is graduating from where, along with plans for the future. A signup sheet is in the Narthex.
  
- † **WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE:** Please join us for WNA at **6 PM** and enjoy an evening of **FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, and FAITH**. On **May 16<sup>th</sup>** the meal is **Lasagna**. Contact Jon or Gaylene Guest with any questions. Choir practice and Pastor's Bible Study will be held at **7 PM**.

- \* **PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY, "FEASTS OF THE BIBLE"**: Enrich your worship of God by learning about the origin and symbolism of the Old Testament feasts and holidays given by God to his people. Dr. Sam Nadler is your guide. Brought up in a traditional Jewish home, Sam came to believe in Jesus as Messiah. You will learn how the feasts are still relevant for our lives today. Please come to the bible study, every Wednesday at 7 PM.
  
- \* **CHILD PROTECTION POLICY TRAINING (CPP)**: Spring Child Protection Policy Training will be held on Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. Training will be from 10:00 AM - 12 noon. This is a **MANDATORY** training if you plan on volunteering with events that are geared towards children.  
 These events include, but are not limited to: Summer Drama Camp, Vacation Bible School, Kidz Church, Nursery, Picking-up/Taking children to and from church.  
 Training includes a video, provided free by Church Mutual Insurance Company, followed by a brief discussion highlighting the church's child protection policy and a question and answer session, if necessary. Participants will be required to complete a background check form. Please see Becky George, Children's Ministry Elder for questions.
  
- \* **WOMEN'S RETREAT, "Learning to Hear God Speak"**: You are invited to attend a retreat for the women of FUPCDC on May 19<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM. We will gather for light refreshments at 8:30 AM and will spend the morning learning how to be in a closer relationship with our Lord. Child care will **not** be provided. Sign up in the Narthex after the services today. Please join us! Contact Betsy Gilbert, 703-670-4949, if you have any questions.

the LORD  
 is near  
 ALL WHO  
 call out  
 TO HIM.  
 PSALM  
 145:18

# *Joys and Concerns*

**All those who are ill, convalescing or facing difficulties, including:**

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|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| ✠ Elisabeth Souza | * Karen Gundel       | * Melinda McDaniel |
| * Larry Kreider   | * Russ Van Wingerden | * Lee Lawrence     |
| * The Benfers     | * Don Brodie         | * Larry Menzie     |
| * Pam Palisin     | * Carolyn Treneer    | * Stephen Addo     |
| * Craig Layton    |                      | * Our Nation       |

**All those suffering from upper respiratory infections and other illnesses.**

**All those undergoing medical procedures, awaiting diagnosis, and/or going through treatments for a variety of conditions.**

**All those grieving, including:**

- \* The family of Dixie Devenney, as they grieve her death. Dixie was a former member and Deacon. She died on April 30<sup>th</sup> in Alexandria.

**Remember our Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) as they prayerfully work through the PNC process.**

**All those serving abroad in our military, including from our church:**

- \* CPT Brian Judy, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

**Celebrations of joys with thanksgiving to God:**

- ✠ Thank you to the wonderful choirs and music leadership of our church.
- ✠ Praise God for our new members: Tom and Karen Elliott; Nate Johnson; Craig Layton; Jerry Matali; Patricia Whitman; and Mark and Melanie Wiest, daughters Laurel and Quinn. Glory to God for Patricia's baptism!
- ✠ Bronz Helmke sends thanks for the prayers. His reconstructive surgery, including a titanium plate near his eye is healing very well. Thanks be to God! - Gretchen Snyder
- ✠ We rejoice with families in which Mother's Day is a time of joy and for those in which this day is painful, we pray for peace and comfort.
- ✠ Welcome to the Roberts Wesleyan College Chorale! Thank you for performing for us today.

**The churches of National Capital Presbytery, especially:**

- ✠ Calvary Presbyterian Church - Alexandria, VA
- ✠ Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church - Washington, DC

# Calendar

## May 13 - 20, 2018

### SUNDAY, May 13

#### Mother's Day

- 8:30 AM Worship - Traditional
- 9:45 AM Educational Hour/Kidz Church
- 11:00 AM Worship - Contemporary
- 11:00 AM Kidz Church
- 12:15 PM Spread the Bread
- 1:00 PM Roberts Wesleyan College Chorale
- 1:00 PM Peace Church
- 2:30 PM Bereaved Parents
- 5:45 PM Jubilation Handbells

### MONDAY, May 14

- 9:30 AM Horizons Bible Study
- 6:30 PM Bel Air Woman's Club Officers
- 6:30 PM Cub Scout Pack 289
- 7:30 PM IT Committee

### TUESDAY, May 15

- 8:45 AM TOPS
- 1:00 PM Al-Anon
- 4:00 PM Lessons
- 6:45 PM Deacons
- 7:15 PM BSA Troop 964
- 7:30 PM Session
- 7:30 PM AA 101

### WEDNESDAY, May 16

- 10:15 AM Staff Meeting
- 5:00 PM Piano/Organ Practice
- 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Alive
- 6:00 PM Youth Fellowship Hour
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir
- 7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study
- 7:00 PM RIF Meeting

### THURSDAY, May 17

- 3:00 PM Prayer and Praise
- 6:00 PM Children's Choir
- 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 2279
- 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 109 & 1859
- 7:00 PM Notes of Salvation
- 7:00 PM LHP Advisory Board Meeting
- 8:00 PM AA Support Group

### FRIDAY, May 18

- 5:30 PM Piano/Organ Practice

### SATURDAY, May 19

- 8:30 AM Women's Retreat
- 10:00 AM Relay for Life

### SUNDAY, May 20

#### Music Sunday

#### Pentecost

- 10:00 AM Worship - one service
- 11:15 AM Endowment Committee
- 12:15 PM Spread the Bread
- 1:00 PM PNC
- 1:00 PM Peace Church
- 5:45 PM Jubilation Handbells

## DEACONS: THE MINISTRY OF COMPASSION AND SERVICE

The ministry of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this ministry.<sup>1</sup>

Class of 2018	Class of 2019	Class of 2020
Elizabeth Glycer	Gail Cobb	Agnes Fokwa
Marianna Gooding	Claudia Cunningham	Lisa Fortner
Gaylene Guest	Mayra Drayer	Kathy McNeely
Pat Sheffield	Betty Matthews	Carol Schwalm
Gretchen Snyder	Denise Parris	Celine Sonkwa

Gaylene Guest, *Co-Moderator*.....703-491-4006  
Denise Parris, *Co-Moderator*.....703-730-3920

## RULING ELDERS: THE MINISTRY OF DISCERNMENT & GOVERNANCE

As there were in Old Testament times elders for the government of the people, so the New Testament church provided persons with particular gifts to share in discernment of God’s Spirit and governance of God’s people. Accordingly, congregations should elect persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit. Ruling elders are so named not because they “lord it over” the congregation (Matt. 20:25), but because they are chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life. Ruling elders, together with teaching elders, exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships. When elected by the congregation, they shall serve faithfully as members of the session. When elected as commissioners to higher councils, ruling elders participate and vote with the same authority as teaching elders, and they are eligible for any office.<sup>2</sup>

See current ruling elders of FUPCDC on page 12 of bulletin.

<sup>1</sup> *The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA), Part II, Book of Order: 2013/2015*, 2013. Published by The Office of the General Assembly, 100 Witherspoon Street, Louisville, KY 40202, p. 26.

<sup>2</sup> *ibid.*, p 60.

**Rev. Jeri Fields**  
*Pastor for Interim Ministry*

**Rev. Dr. Larry Greenslit**  
*Parish Associate*

Becca & Chris Anderson.....Contemporary Worship Co-Directors  
Children’s Choir Directors  
Homer Detrich..... Sexton  
Ike Evans..... Jubilation Handbell Director  
Joann Paige.....Nursery Supervisor  
Kim Parker..... Office Manager  
Tiffany Ramsey ..... Little Hands Preschool Director  
Justin Streletz.....Accompanist  
Dana Van Slyke ..... Music Director

**2018 SESSION**

Peter Glycer ('20) .....*Adult Christian Education*.....703-590-0856  
Jon Guest ('18) .....*Building & Grounds* ..... 703-491-4006  
Becky George ('18) .....*Children’s Ministry*..... 571-264-9103  
Debbie Boisvert ('19) .....*Communications* ..... 703-489-7091  
Betsy Gilbert ('19) .....*Congregational Connections*..... 703-670-4949  
Tim Camus ('20) ..... *Finance & Admin* ..... 703-897-5131  
Chris Martin ('19) ..... *Information Technology*..... 585-455-8423  
Jeff Cobb ('18) .....*Little Hands Preschool* ..... 703-730-2946  
Pam Cox ('20) .....*Mission & Outreach*..... 703-441-6319  
Jennifer Casey('19)..... *Nominating* ..... 703-915-6192  
Norman Cobb ('18) .....*Personnel* ..... 703-878-7317  
Lora Nedimyer ('19) .....*Stewardship*..... 703-680-5526  
Cathy Albrecht ('18) .....*Worship*..... 703-670-8369  
Sam Parris ('19) .....*Youth Ministry* ..... 703-730-3920

Rev. Jeri Fields.....*Moderator*..... 703-501-8643  
Sara Porter .....*Clerk of Session*..... 703-670-8737

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Church Office Hours: 10 AM - 2:30 PM, weekdays