

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

Anthem *What Shall I Render to My God?*
arr. Austin C. Lovelace

✦ Doxology (sung)
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

HEARING THE WORD

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Congregational Hymn (sung seated) Hymn 188 (vs. 1)
Children's Message

Congregational Hymn (sung seated) Hymn 188 (vs. 2)

FIRST READING Genesis 9:8-17 OT (p. 7)

GOSPEL READING Mark 1:9-17 NT (p. 33)

SERMON *Seeding Community With Grace* William M. Klein

A TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION [A time to reflect upon the implications of scripture and sermon for your life.]

✦ HYMN 22 *God of the Sparrow*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH [An expression of our common hope and purpose.]
Affirmation in Words (unison) *A Brief Statement of Faith*
p. 37 (sec. 3)

Affirmation in Song (sung through twice) *Gloria, Gloria*
Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER (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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

✦ HYMN 215 *What Wondrous Love Is This*

✦ BLESSING IN WORD [A departing blessing]

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE *The Lord Bless Thee and Keep Thee*
Knut Nystedt


✦ BLESSING IN MUSIC [During the playing of the music you are encouraged to greet one another, sharing the peace of Christ, or to remain seated and allow the music to aid you in fashioning some final prayers.]

✦ Those who are able may stand.

****If you are carrying a cell phone or some other electronic device, please turn it off before worship begins.****


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Music Notes:

Choir Music: The **choral call to worship**, on Psalm 25:4-5, is from a collection of short choral pieces for worship use, composed by the English musician, Eric H. Thiman (1900-1975). The choir's text:

*Show me thy ways, O Lord; lead me in thy truth and teach me;
For thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.*

The **anthem**, by the respected American church musician, Austin C. Lovelace (1919-2010), uses a familiar hymn text by Charles Wesley (1707-1788) and an American folk melody ("Fairfield") found in the University of Virginia Collection of Folk Music. The anthem text:

*What shall I render to my God for all his mercy's store?
I'll take the gifts he hath bestowed and humbly ask for more.
The sacred cup of saving grace I will with thanks receive,
and all his promises embrace, and to his glory live.*

*My vows I will to his great name before his people pay,
and all I have, and all I am,
upon his altar lay. Thy lawful servant, Lord, I owe to thee whate'er is mine,
born in thy family below, and by redemption thine.*

*Thy hands created me, thy hand from sin have set me free,
the mercy that hath loosed my bands hath bound me fast to thee.*

*Praise him, ye saints, the God of love
who hath thy sins forgiven, till gathered to the church above,
we sing the songs of heaven.*

The closing **choral response**, by the Norwegian composer/conductor, Knut Nystedt (1915-2014), is a setting of the Aaronic Benediction (Numbers 6:24-26). The choir's text:

*The Lord bless thee and keep thee; the Lord make his face shine upon thee,
and be gracious unto thee.*

The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee and give thee peace.

Congregational Hymns: The text of "**I Sing the Mighty Power of God**" is by Isaac Watts (1674-1748), often called the 'father of English hymnody.' The tune ("Ellacombe") dates to a late 18th-century German hymnal. The choir's descant is by William McCorkle. At the children's time we sing "**Jesus Loves Me**" (c. 1859), one of many hymns by Anna Bartlett Warner (1820-1915), who with her sister, Susan, taught for many years a Sunday afternoon Bible class in their home to the cadets of the nearby U. S. Military Academy at West Point. The tune ("Jesus Loves Me") was composed (1862) for Warner's text by William Batchelder Bradbury (1816-1868), who spent his last decades as a leading figure in churches and in music education in New York City. "**God of the Sparrow**" is one of the best-known hymns by the Lutheran pastor, Jaroslav Vajda (1919-2008), whose texts are known for their vivid images and strong theology. The tune ("Roeder") and choir descant are by the American church musician, Carl Schalk (b. 1929). The words of the beautiful American folk hymn, "**What Wondrous Love Is This**," were first published in 1811 in a camp meeting songbook. The tune ("Wondrous Love") first appeared (with this text) is William Walker's *Southern Harmony* (1843).

Announcements & Opportunities

This morning we are pleased to receive into the membership of this church the following people: **Don & Alleane Taebel** by letter of transfer from Grace Episcopal Church, Lexington, VA; **Max Farrell** by letter of transfer from Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church, Austin, TX; **Ron and Poppy Orendorf** by letter of transfer from Nassau Presbyterian Church, Princeton, New Jersey; and Courtney Iverson by reaffirmation of faith.

The **keyboardist** today is Powell Leitch. Ruth Warinner Floyd is **directing** the choir.

Seven of our **Lam Handbell Choir** ringers have been participating in the 'Ringing at the Springs' handbell festival this weekend at Massanetta Springs, which is concluding with a worship/performance this morning.

Assisting with 11:00am worship is Mary Dugan.

The **flowers** for the 11:00AM service are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sidney M. B. Coulling, by his family.

Hungry? Today we will have **Brunch** after the 11 am worship service.

Copies of the **2018 Church Directory** are now available in room 111.

Lenten Services: The speaker this week for the Rockbridge Area Ministerial Association's Thursday Lenten service will be the Rev. Joe Cailles, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church. The service will be held at Manly Memorial Baptist Church at **12:10 PM**. A light lunch will follow the service in the church's fellowship hall. The charge is \$5.00. All services will be 30 minutes in length. All are invited to attend.

Thursday Bible Study: During the season of Lent you are encouraged to make our Thursday Prayer and Bible Study a Lenten discipline. We meet each Thursday at **5:00 PM** in Brady Chapel for a half-hour time of study, prayer, and worship. All are welcome.

Book Discussion Group - We will be offering a series of book discussions as we prepare to talk about race at the Festival of Faith (April 21-23). We'll meet the 3rd Wednesday of the next three months at Lexington Presbyterian Church in Brady Chapel from 7-8 p.m. This Wednesday, February 21st, we will be discussing Ta-Nehisi Coates' Between the World and Me. Please come and participate in this difficult, life-giving conversation.

Prayer Shawl Ministry - With grateful hearts we thank those folks who have promised to make shawls in our dire need. It has filled a gap that was needed. We are grateful to all who continue to knit to prevent any shortages from happening in the future. As always, you are invited and encouraged to join our group every 2nd and 4th Monday from 9:30 - 11:00am in room 111 (library/parlor). It's not imperative to be present, but we do have a good time together. If and when possible, do join us! Again, many thanks to all knitters.

Community Table Desserts, February 26th (4th Monday of each month): **Chocolate Brownies (no nuts, please)**. These desserts provide a sweet ending to a lovely 4 course meal served to an average of 170 people each week. If you are able to prepare one or two, please contact Mary Beth

Baker (mbbaker35@yahoo.com or 463-9563). Desserts maybe left in Brady Chapel kitchenette by noon on Monday or delivered directly to The Community Table (350 Spotswood Drive) between 2 and 5:30pm. Thank you for caring for our neighbors in such a sweet way!

SECRET PALS, WITH A NEW TWIST! Secret Pals are one of the most loved programs in our church - at least by the children! Usually adults sign up to be a Secret Pal to one of our elementary age children for several weeks in the spring. HOWEVER, we are going to try a different pattern this year. One of the youth members of the Youth Sub-committee suggested that we pair up elementary students with older youth. We will have some time when the Youth will leave small gifts for the younger students but then there will be several "play dates" arranged where the elementary kids and the youth can hang out together. We may have a bowling party, movie day, or putt-putt. What a great way for our youth to be mentor to the younger generation at church. **If your elementary child wants to be a part of the Secret Pals OR if your youth want to be mentors**, let Gaye Johnson, John Turnbull or Sarah Hill know.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK		
SUN (2/18)	12:00 5:00	Brunch LTT NO Youth Group or Lam Handbells this evening
MON (2/19)	4:00 4:00 6:00	Adult Subcommittee Worship Committee Young Adult House Church
TUES (2/20)	10:00 5:30	Lectio Divina Property Committee
WEDS (2/21)	9:00 12:00 5:30 7:00	Lexington Farmers Market Christian Education Committee Outreach Committee Book Discussion - <i>Between the World and Me</i>
THURS (2/22)	12:10 5:00 7:30	Lenten Service at Manly Baptist Bible Study Adult Choir Rehearsal
SAT (2/24)	9:30	Presbytery at Tinkling Spring Pres. Church
SUN (2/25)	8:45 9:15 9:45 11:00 5:00 6:00 7:00	Informal Worship Youth Choir Sunday School Worship LTT Youth Group Lam Handbell Choir
RARA Pantry Item (February): Canned Tuna/Salmon		

Following Time with the Children, those in **K - 3rd grade** will be excused to Enrichment in Room 200. **For children ages 3-12**, there are folders in the foyer near the elevator with color sheets, puzzles and related worship materials, as well as children's Bibles and books.

9:45 - 10:45: Nursery (infant - 3 yrs) and Sunday School Class (3-4 yrs)

10:45-12:00: Nursery (infant -5 yrs)



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
18 February 2018
11:00 AM

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) Ps. 25:4-5 (*Grail Translation*)

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me,

For you are God my savior

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *Show Me Thy Ways, O Lord*
Eric H. Thiman

WELCOME

PRAYER OF ADORATION

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

✦ HYMN 32 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

A TIME OF CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Gracious God, temptations are round about us; so many lures that threaten to keep us from experiencing the full wonder of your grace. Forgive us when we wander from your pathway, or willfully turn away from you. Protect us, preserve us, and keep us close so we may rest sure in the knowledge that we belong to you, and so we may follow faithfully in the ways of Jesus.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response (responsive)

We are washed in the waters of God's grace.

Thanks be to God.

The Peace (responsive)

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.