

Participate in the Annual World Day of Prayer, Friday, March 2, 2018 at 1 PM

Hosted by St. Peter's & St. Mary's Catholic Churches; to be Held at St. Peters

Worship Service Prepared by World Day of Prayer Committee of Suriname.

The Theme for 2018: "ALL God's Creation is Very Good!"

The Focus is on Genesis 1, the Story of Creation.

ALL are welcome! Bring a Friend or Two!

Suriname is a Country in the Amazon Rainforest at the Top of South America.

Attire "Fun" Option: Colorful, Summery Clothing (Under Your Winter Coat)

Complimentary Refreshments (Suriname-influenced) in Parish Center After

Background on World Day of Prayer (WDP)

The origins of World Day of Prayer date back to the 19th century when Christian women of the United States and Canada initiated a variety of cooperative activities in support of women's involvement in mission at home and in other parts of the world. Today, WDP is carried out by women in more than 170 countries and regions. WDP brings together people of various races, cultures and traditions in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.

Each WDP worship service has a special theme and is prepared by a different country.

Through the preparation and participation in the annual WDP Worship Service, we come to know our sisters of other countries and understand the biblical passages in their own context. We hear their concerns and needs and feel ourselves in solidarity with them. In this way, it is possible to experience the richness of the Christian faith as it grows deeper and broader in an international, ecumenical expression.

About the Art: The art for World Day of Prayer 2018 is by Alice Pomstra-Elmont, born in 1947 "in a very special place in Suriname." Alice is a member of the Dutch Reformed Church. At an environmental exhibition, she was asked to participate in designing a cover for the WDP program. She called the painting The Divine Gift. She says, "We live in a beautiful country that we received from our Creator. Here we symbolically see the hands that receive the divine gift and pass it on to the next generations. What a precious gift! Let us keep it as beautiful as we receive it."