



First Presbyterian Church

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Come, Worship the Lord, Our God

March 3, 2019

11:00am

Transfiguration Sunday

DRAWN INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Welcome and Greeting

(Please complete Prayer Concerns)

Gathering Prayer:

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah; and in the voice from the cloud you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us, with Christ, heirs of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prelude:

Call to Worship:

God is our King;

Let God's people shake and tremble!

Shout God's holy name;

God is the Holy One, great and awesome!

God creates every person equal;

Through Jacob, God carries out justice and righteousness.

Call out God's magnificence;

We fall before his holy presence.

Let us worship God!

***Opening Song of Praise:** "We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding" #191
(Prayer Concerns Collected)

AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

***Call to Confession**

In trust, let us call upon God's holy name, confess our sin, and receive forgiveness.

***Prayer of Confession**

Unison

Jesus, you are dazzling in your glory, but we are no longer amazed. Forgive us when we explain away your miracles, or try to contain your mystery. Open us again to your holiness, and give us a glimpse of your true glory, that in your mercy, we may shine forth in love. Amen.

*Time of Silent Confession

*Declaration of Forgiveness

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The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

Gloria: "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!"

#591

Our Faithful Response: "Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory"

#190

Time With Young Disciples

Anthem:

LISTENING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons:

Exodus 34:29-35

²⁹Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³²Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Luke: 9:28-36

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter

and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Sermon: "From Broad Street to Broad Street"

RESPONDING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

*Affirmation of Faith

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Blessed is the Lord our God, who revealed the law to Moses.

The Lord our God is holy!

Blessed is the Lord our God, who has spoken through the prophets.

The Lord our God is holy!

Blessed is the Lord our God, who came to us in Jesus Christ.

The Lord our God is holy!

The one who spoke and called light out of darkness now shines in our hearts.

The Lord our God is holy!

The one who comes and does not keep silence now speaks in our midst.

The Lord our God is holy!

Now we have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The Lord our God is holy!

Great God of dazzling beauty and overshadowing majesty, in Jesus Christ, your beloved, we glimpse the image of your glory. Teach us to listen to him so that we may hear your voice and follow your holy way; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering:

We serve the Lord with freedom; we worship God with joy. In freedom and in joy, let us present the offerings of our lives to the Lord.

Offertory:***Praising God's Goodness - Doxology**

#592

Prayer of Dedication:*Unison**

Holy are you, O Lord! We praise your great and awesome name. Use us, and these our gifts, in your service, to establish justice, righteousness, and equity, all for the good of your people and the glory of your eternal realm. Amen.

Communion for Transfiguration Sunday

Hymn before Communion: "Come! Behold the Feast of Heaven"

#511

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.****Hosanna in the highest.****Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer:**

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; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

(The congregation will walk down the center aisle, take the bread, dip it into the cup and eat.)

Prayer after Communion:

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We give you thanks, Lord Jesus Christ, for the gifts of grace that we have received from your hands. Now send us forth to reflect your light, proclaiming your saving death and resurrection until you come again in glory. Amen.

ABIDING IN GOD'S PRESENCE IN THE WORLD

***Hymn of Sending:** "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

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***Benediction:**

***Postlude:**

* Those who are able, please stand

WORSHIP AIDS:

Large Print Bulletins, Hymnals & Hearing Devices – available from ushers.

Children's Sanctuary - at the rear of the church

Baby Changing Tables - in both rest rooms of Church School Building.

Deacon's Prayer Chain - To activate Prayer Chain call Judy in the church office @ 692-1319.

New Prayer Concerns or Joys

1. The Weber Family in the passing of Richard Weber

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3.

Prayer Concerns or Joys Last Week: Safe travels for Pastor Leslie to Puerto Rico, the Osbourne Family in the passing of Jack Osbourne

Continuing Prayers: Scott Greenawalt, Tim, Pat & Bob Erisman, Alvin Marohn, Kris Yettra, Ruth Gebera, Judy Geerkin, Paul Card, refugees at the Mexican Border, Nadia, Joey, Ruth Weber, and Doris Carlson.

Prayers and caring for our homebound: Marge Klinger; Georgia Anson; Fay Tag; Doris Carlson; Ruth Weber; Alice Weber; Bob Palfi; Lillian Simon; Joy Welch; Wilma Bender; Margaret McBride; and Sue Strasser

*Because God's love is for all - everyone is always welcome.
We pray that God may bless you with peace, inspiration, and strength. We are a community, seeking to learn what it means to follow Jesus. No matter what you may be going through, no matter where you may be on your faith journey – you are most welcome here! If you would like more information, please call Judy in the church office @ 692-1319*

LITURGIST: Lynn Weber

GREETERS: Jane Crossan

USHERS: Team 4

STEPHEN MINISTERS: are always available to provide confidential support in times of need. Simply call Janet Haacker @ 694-4290.

REMINDER: Please call Pastor Leslie @ 490-0420 or Judy in the office @ 692-1319 if you or a loved one are ill, hospitalized or in need of a visit.

The flowers on the Communion Table are to the Glory of God and in memory of Deborah Ferro for her birthday on March 1st, given by her Mom, Mary Ferro.

The flowers on the pedestal are to the Glory of God and in memory of Isabelle Smith for her birthday on March 3rd, given by her daughter, Mary. Isabelle was a member of Circle II and a founding member of the Mini-Sale and Boutique.

Pancake Supper & Burning of the Palms: Tuesday, March 5 at 6:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Come and have some delicious pancakes and sausage.

Ash Wednesday Potluck Dinner and Worship: Wednesday, March 6 – There will be a Potluck Dinner at 6:00pm followed by worship at 7:15pm.

Annual Congregational Meeting: We will hold our Annual Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, March 10** right after worship. Please plan on staying after church for this important meeting. Any questions, please contact Tom Dugan.

Presbyterian Women's Soup & Bread Luncheon: Sunday, March 10 right after the Annual Congregational Meeting. Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex. If you bring a soup, your lunch will be free.

Morning Prayers/Communion Service at 8:30am: Sunday mornings during Lent beginning on March 10, Pastor Leslie will hold a worship/communion service in the parlor. All are invited.

Lenten Soup and Study: Starting on Wednesday, March 13, there will be a Soup and Study time in the parlor every Wednesday during Lent beginning at 6:00pm. Sign-up in the Narthex to bring a soup or bread to share and plan to come for fellowship and Lenten study. The study will be about the book of Psalms.

Potluck Luncheon & Meeting: Sunday, March 24 right after worship. Please join the Ministry Team for a fun review of all the various ministry gifts we share as Greeters, Liturgists, Ushers, Acolytes, and Communion servers. Bring your favorite dish to pass and place setting. Any questions, contact Janet Haacker.

March 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 Sunday School 9:30a Worship/Communion 11a	4 AA 9a TOPS 6:30p	5 Deacons 1p Pancake Supper & Burning of the Palms 6p	6 Ash Wednesday Circle II 9a Potluck Dinner 6p Worship Service 7:15p	7 AA 9a Yoga 6:30p Hardcore 30 Fitness 6:30p Worship 6p H4W 6:30p Choir 7:30p	8 UFO 7p	9
10 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME Lenten/Communion Worship 8:30a Sunday School 9:30a Worship 11a Annual Congregational Meeting 12p PW Women's Soup & Bread Luncheon	11 AA 9a TOPS 6:30p	12	13 Circle II 9a Lenten Soup & Study 6p	14 AA 9a Yoga 6:30p Hardcore 30 Fitness 6:30p H4W 6:30p Choir 7:30p	15 UFO 7p	16 Safe Church Training 10a-3p
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