

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

FEBRUARY 11, 2018



Transfiguration aux six personnages Marc 9,2 - Chmakoff

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

11:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

CHRIST, WHO ART THE LIGHT AND DAY
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

GEORG BOEHM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

CHORAL INTROIT

LUX BEATISSIMA
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR
Translation from Latin:

HOWARD HELVEY

O light most blessed, fill the inmost heart of all thy faithful.

Without your grace, there is nothing in us, nothing that is not harmful.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to the Lord a new song;

sing to the Lord, all earth.

As God spoke, calling light out of darkness,

God's glory shines in the face of Jesus Christ.

Let us worship God.

The Transfiguration of Jesus is the turning point, the final affirmation, before Jesus set his sights on Jerusalem and the coming confrontation and sacrifice. The challenge for us is to recognize God's glory – in Christ, but also in all people and all things. It is this capacity for glory that can make a massive change to how we live in the world, and then through us, make a change to the world itself.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

It is easy to stand here in the valley of our comfort,
 where we know what to expect and what is expected of us.
 But you call us to the mountain top to receive a new vision and
 we are not sure we are ready for that.
 Help us, O God, to place our hope and trust in your son, for he is our guide.
 Help us to open our hearts to him, ready for the vision he places before us...
(Time for silent reflection and prayer)

We lead **the acts of confession and assurance of forgiveness** from the baptismal font, since it is in baptism that we first receive the promises of forgiveness and rebirth.

KYRIE #576

LORD, HAVE MERCY

“SINGAPURA”

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.
 Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

* RESPONSE #475

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING (verse 3)

“NETTLETON”

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
 Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
 Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
 And also with you.

(Please greet one another with signs of peace.)

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 KINGS 2:1-12

PEW BIBLE, OT, P. 317

ANTHEM

CHRIST IS THE WORLD'S LIGHT
 THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

K. LEE SCOTT

Christ is the world's light, Christ and none other; born in our darkness, he became our brother-
 If we have seen him, we have seen the Father: Glory to God on high!

Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none other; no one can serve him and despise another.
 Who else unites us, one in God the Father? Glory to God on high!

Christ is the world's life, Christ and none other; sold once for silver, murdered here, our Brother-
 He, who redeems us, reigns with God the Father: Glory to God on high!

Give God the glory, God and none other; Give God the glory, Spirit, Son, and Father;
 Give God the glory, God with us, our Brother. Glory to God on high!

RESPONDING TO AND SEALING THE WORD

* HYMN # 189

O WONDROUS SIGHT, O VISION FAIR

“DEO GRACIAS”

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We affirm that Jesus was born of woman
 as is every child,
 yet born of God's power
 as was no other child.
 In the person and work of Jesus,
 God and a human life
 are united but not confused,
 distinguished but not separated
 The coming of Jesus was itself
 the coming of God's promised rule.
 Through his birth, life, death, and resurrection,
 He brings about the relationship between God and humanity
 that God always intended.

Our **Affirmation of Faith** comes from **A Declaration of Faith**, adopted by the PC (U.S.A.) in 1985 “as a contemporary statement of faith, a reliable aid for Christian study, liturgy, and inspiration.”

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

(Since our service is broadcast on Youtube, please make sure you have permission to request prayer on behalf of another person.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come, your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

CHRIST, THE BELOVED SON OF GOD
 BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

J. S. BACH

* AT THE PRESENTATION #314 *(refrain)* CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

“CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT”

Christ, be our light!
 Shine in our hearts.
 Shine through the darkness.
 Christ, be our light!
 Shine in your church gathered today.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME VISITORS: We are glad you found your way to First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland. For more information about opportunities to worship, learn and serve with us, we encourage you to visit the table outside the church office. You can also learn more about us at www.fpc-cumberland.org and www.facebook.com/First.Pres.Cumberland. Childcare is provided in the nursery. An usher will be glad to direct you there.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: While we do provide a nursery for young children, we also welcome you to bring your child with you to worship. We have "worship bags" in the back of the sanctuary that include materials for drawing and coloring, as well as Bible stories and Bible word-find games. After the Time for Young Disciples, children may go to the nursery for a Bible lesson or remain in the sanctuary. Our "Young Children in Worship" pew card contains information about why young children should be encouraged to come to worship and how parents and others can engage them more fully in worship.

THE PRAY-GROUND is a special space in the sanctuary for our youngest children and their families. All families are welcome to come and sit in the right front pews with their children seated on the rug. This front row seat will allow God's youngest children to participate in the service in a place where they can see and hear best. There will be activities provided so that their little hands are kept busy while participating in worship. "Jesus said to them, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it'" (Mark 10:14-15).

FRIENDSHIP PADS: Please locate and sign the red pad in your pew, tear off the sheet and place it in the collection plate during the offering. This important practice allows us to be mindful of new folks and long-time members as well, and is a good way to learn (or remember) the names of those with whom you are seated. **If you are visitor, please fill out the "Welcome to First Presbyterian Church" card in the pew rack and put it in the offering plate when it comes by during the service.**

PERSONAL LISTENING DEVICES: (amplifiers) are available in the back of the church for use during worship. Please see an usher for assistance.

WORSHIP BROADCASTS ON YOUTUBE: To view worship services live or to view taped worship services, go to www.youtube.com (First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland Live Stream) or go to our website <http://www.fpc-cumberland.org/> and click on "click here to view our worship service" located at the bottom of the home page.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: Please contact Michael Levitas or the church office if you would like to sponsor flowers. You may specify live or silk flowers. Silk flower money will be directed to the Special Ministries Fund.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RULING ELDERS: AGNES YOUNT & PAM JAN

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of February 4, 2018
Total 2018 Pledges Promised	\$213,610.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 11,275.00
<u>2018 Pledge Balance Promised</u>	<u>\$224,885.00</u>
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$ 20,445.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 19,948.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 497.00

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

February 5, 2017
76

February 4, 2018
55

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

RULING ELDERS: SHIRLEY GIARRITIA AND GARY HENDRICKSON

WORK NIGHT: The Buildings and Grounds Committee is having a **work night** on **Tuesday, February 13, 2018** from **6:30-8:30PM**. We plan to paint walls, replace tiles and refinish ceilings in the upstairs hallway. All helpers are welcome.

MISSION

RULING ELDERS: JUDY STERN & PHIL MILLS

MISSION OUTREACH DINNER: The monthly outreach dinner that we help with will be held on **Sunday, February 25th** at the HRDC building on Virginia Avenue. Dinner will be served from 4:00-5:30PM. If anyone can volunteer to serve dinner, help clean tables, and/or bake brownies, please let Judy Stern, Phil Mills, or Linda Smith know.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

RULING ELDERS: CAROLYN MATHEWS & DAVID STICKLER

USHER TRAINING - The Worship and Music Committee will hold training for ushers in the sanctuary immediately after worship on Sunday, March 11th. **This training is intended for anyone who currently ushers or anyone who may be interested in serving as an usher.** The training will include a review of the weekly responsibilities and activities of ushers as well as a discussion about safety, alertness and responsiveness to emergencies. Please let David Stickler, Carolyn Mathews or Brittany Jackson know if you plan to attend.

Lent and Holy Week



February 14, 2018
7:00PM in the front of the Sanctuary

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, this year falling on Valentine's Day. The timing reminds us that there is no greater love (and no better Valentine) than God. No matter how far we stray, God is always gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Bring a friend or Valentine and come get smudged by God on Ash Wednesday. Communion will be served, the Sanctuary will sing, including a solo by Mikayla Dodge.

Join us as we begin the holiest season of the year.

Way of Life: A Lenten Study based on *The Great Spiritual Migration* by Brian D. McLaren

To be human is to move. To be human is to change. Today, Christianity is in need of change. More specifically, argues McLaren, Christianity is in need of a migration.

Join friends from Emmanuel Episcopal and St. Paul's Lutheran on Thursdays at 6:00PM in the Fellowship Hall for a simple supper, followed by study and conversation, as we consider the call to embrace three powerful shifts in understanding how to be the church.

February 22 – A Better Way to Be Christian – An Introduction to McLaren's Book

March 1 – From a System of Beliefs to a Way of Life - focusing less on a system of beliefs and more on a way of life rooted in love;

March 8 – Toward a Loving God of Liberation - rejecting the image of God as a violent Supreme Being and embracing instead a renewing Spirit at work in our world.

March 15 – For the Common Good - identifying less with organized religion and more with an organizing religion of Jesus followers dedicated to healing the planet, building peace, and working for the common good of all.

Holy Week Services

*Palm/Passion Sunday, March 25 at 11:00AM at First Presbyterian

*Maundy Thursday, March 29 at 7:00PM at Emmanuel Episcopal

*Good Friday, March 30 at 12:00 PM at First Presbyterian (in the Chapel) and 7:00PM at St. Paul's Lutheran

*Egg Hunt/Blessing Milestone, March 31 at 10:00AM at First Presbyterian Church (playground)

*Easter Sunday, April 1 = Sunrise service at Rocky Gap at 7:00AM and a traditional service in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian at 11:00AM