

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday; 11:00 a.m. February 23, 2020

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God of life, there are days when the burdens we carry are heavy on our shoulders and weigh us down, when the road seems dreary and endless, the skies gray and threatening, when our lives have no music in them, and our hearts are lonely, and our souls have lost their courage. Flood the path with light, turn our eyes to where the skies are full of promise; tune our hearts to brave music; give us the sense of comradeship with heroes and saints of every age; and so quicken our spirits that we may be able to encourage the souls of all who journey with us on the road of life, to your honor and glory. Amen. —Attributed to Augustine of Hippo (354–430)

WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

LITANY FOR TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Leader: Blessed is the Lord our God, who revealed the law to Moses and who has spoken through the prophets.

People: **The Lord our God is holy!**

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

People: **The Lord our God is holy!**

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

People: **The Lord our God is holy!**

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

People: **The Lord our God is holy!**

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

People: **The Lord our God is holy!**

Leader: 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.

*HYMN OF PRAISE “All Creatures of Our God and King” insert
(Verses 1-3)

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE

“Gloria Patri”

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.

PASSING THE PEACE

May the Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

LITANY OF RESPONSE

Leader: When Jesus came down from the mount of Transfiguration, he began to tell his disciples that he would be betrayed and crucified.

People: **Sometimes we lose our alleluia.**

Leader: Jesus did not enter into glory before he stretched out his arms on the hardwood of the cross.

People: **Sometimes we must let go of our alleluia.**

Leader: At Easter we will again celebrate the Resurrection and sing "Christ is risen."

People: **In God’s time, we will find our alleluia!**

Leader: For the days of Lent, we discontinue singing and saying, "Alleluia."

People: **Sometimes we let go of our alleluia.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 24:12-18 (pg. 62)

ANTHEM

“Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord”

P. Baloché, arr. J. Shrader

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 17:1-9 (pg. 798)

SERMON

The Rev. Natasha Sudderth

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

HYMN

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

insert

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.

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION No. 626

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

HYMN

“I Surrender All”

No. 366

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving. Christ be your shalom. Christ be your shalom.

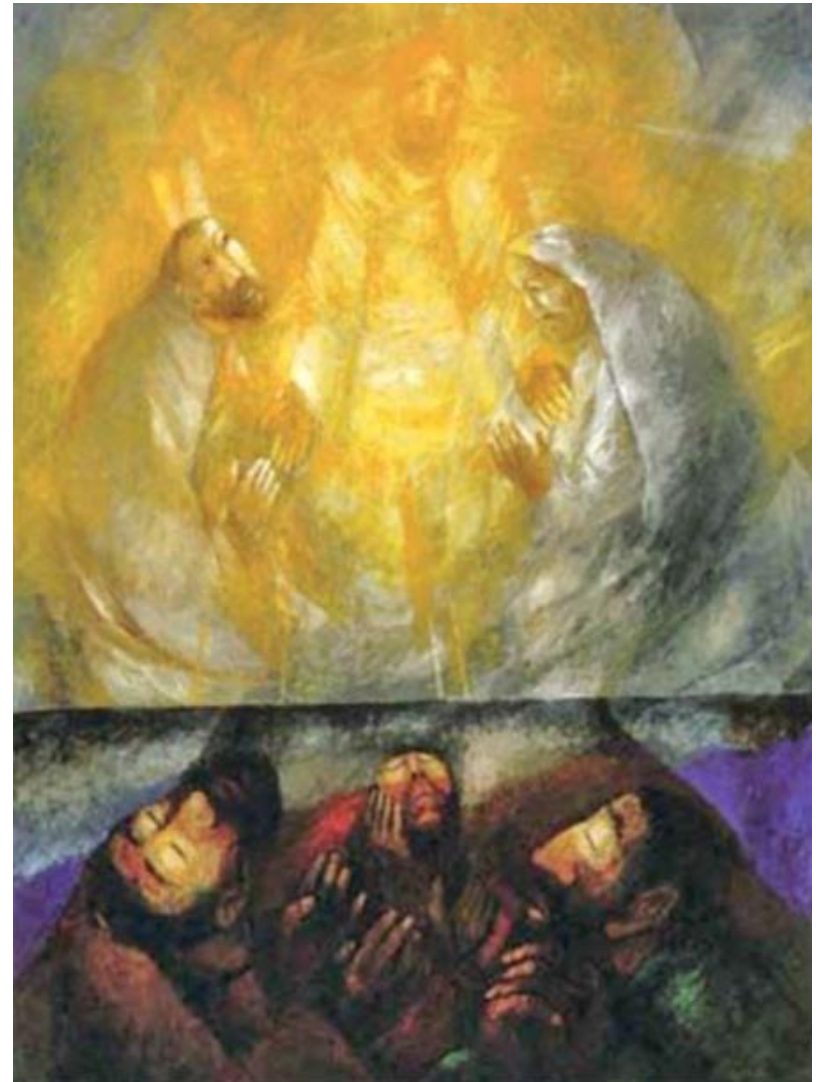
*POSTLUDE

***Those who are able, please stand.**



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Prayer List
February 23, 2020

Loisell Coleman
 Hattie Adams
 Betty Lou Hendry
 Fanette Chesser
 Elvena Johnson
 Ben Sunderland
 Glenn Knowles
 Shirley Erwin
 Beverly Radcliff
 Jim Culbreath
 Chuck Davis
 John Ricketson
 Jenean McMullen
 Dianna Sandonato
 Judy Neal
 Sandra Allen
 Jude Smith
 Alice Farrell
 Lorie Small
 Kendall Horne

- Our new web page, www.firstpresperry.org
- Email the church office, office@firstpresperry.org
- Email the pastor, pastor@firstpresperry.org

Reservations are not necessary, and dress is casual. Meal costs are: 6th grade - adult, \$3.50, and children \$2.00. The maximum charge for a family with children is \$10.00. **AJ and Sandi Hilgendorf's team** will cook, set-up and clean-up.



The flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God by Cheryl Gregory, in celebration and honor of Warren's birthday. "I am blessed to share life with such a wonderful husband. Thanks be to God."

We warmly greet all who have come to worship God. Your presence will enhance our worship experience and our fellowship together. Sincere thanks to each of you for your participation in the service. Glory be to God!

Leading Worship: The Rev. Natasha Sudderth-Davis, Pastor; Rayma Ball, Director of Music; Leah Metzger, Accompanist; Karl Morgan, Liturgist and Elder of the Week; Bobby Harper, Babbs Radcliff, Mike Perrine, and Martha Davis, Ushers. Citation: <http://islandlife.inamonastery.blogspot.com/2013/05/priest-artist.html>

Children's Church (CC): All children join their families in the 11:00 a.m. worship service. After Children's Time, children 1st grade and below will go out for children's bible activities.

NURSERY is provided for infants and toddlers. Hearing Assistance Devices are available. If you would like to use one of these aids, please check in at the sound booth.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This week's events:

Sunday, Feb. 23 rd	9:45 am	Sonrise Breakfast
	11:00 am	Worship
	Congregational Meeting	
	6:00 pm	Youth Group
Tuesday, Feb. 25 th	10:00 am	Bible Study
Wednesday, Feb. 26 th	5:45 pm	Fellowship Supper
	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday
Next Sunday, March 1 st	9:30 am	Fellowship
	9:45 am	Assembly
	10:00 am	Small Groups
	11:00 am	Worship
	6:00 pm	Youth Group

Congregational Meeting today, Feb. 23, 2020. Immediately after worship. The purpose of the meeting is to elect a new elder.



Ash Wednesday Service
February 26, 2020
7:00pm