

Morning Worship—February 23, 2020

Transfiguration of the Lord

Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to your neighbor.

**Please stand if able. It is our custom to sing, "Amen," after hymns.*

As the chimes ring in the worship hour,

we invite people to enter a time of personal reflection and congregational worship.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR LAY RENEWAL

Becky Meadema

PRELUDE

INTROIT

"Prelude in G minor"

"The Twenty-third Psalm"

by J. S. Bach

Mack Williams, solo

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

(2 Corinthians 4:6, adapted)

Leader: The God who said, "Out of darkness the light shall shine," is the same God who made light shine in our hearts;

People: to bring us the knowledge of God's glory shining in the face of Christ.

Leader: O praise the Lord with me,

People: let us exalt God's name together.

***HYMN OF PRAISE 324**

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

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. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The God who challenges us is also the God who encourages us. The God who confronts us is also the God who accepts us. Be assured that God is with us even now, accepting, guiding and forgiving.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI (579)

GREATOREX, 1851

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.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Tom Gillespie

(children exit for Sunday School)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

(58/60)

Exodus 24: 12-18

ANTHEM

"Holy Lord"

by Benjamin Harlan

GOSPEL LESSON

(694/731)

Matthew 17:1-9

SERMON

"Learning on the Mountain Top"

Rev. Steve Willis

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (See Apostles' Creed in Aids to Worship pew insert)

***HYMN OF RESPONSE 263**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER (See Lord's Prayer in Aids to Worship pew insert)

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Offering in Music

"Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Bruce Greer

*Doxology 591

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT 417**

(children return from Sunday School)

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE 535**

"Go with Us, Lord"

POSTLUDE

"Voluntary I"

by William Boyce

The flowers are given today to honor the memory of Elizabeth Goodman, and to remember her birthday, February 27th. The loved ones honoring her are her sons, William and Lee, Lee's wife Paige, and her grandchildren, Piper and Kemper. Also honoring her is her sister-in-law, Ann Shumaker, her niece Elizabeth, and her great nieces, Amanda and Sarah.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL CONCERNS— Lisa Bolt, Amy Bracey, Whitney Bracey (N. Bracey sister-in-law), Matthew Dolianitis, Betty & Bill Fitzgerald, Carroll Garrett, Kay Gillespie, Fred Gunn (W. Gunn’s brother), Flo Hall, Ray Hayes, Judy Hooker, Sister Jones (P. Brandon), Peggy Lackey, Maryann W. Lewis, Bob Lowther, Martha McQueen, Ronnie Mathena, Patrick Martin (H. Beale), Carolyn Miles, Tony Parker (W. Barrow’s father), Meg Powell (B. Takata), Dianne Shelton, Debra Bolt Thompson, Easton Zunker (K. Meadows)

The concerns of those who wish to remain unnamed. Our PNC Committee. Our Service Personnel & First Responders. The people of Togo.

ON THE MEND — Mrs. Helen Harris, Dick Stoakley

Our condolences to the Brown family in the loss of Bill, who passed away 2/17, 2020.

Heather Perryman is coordinating a hymn book study to determine the changing needs of the congregation and the possible adoption in the future. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please contact Heather or the church office.

Vision Committee will meet immediately following worship today in the library.

The Lay Renewal Committee is looking for members who would be willing to volunteer to host the lay members during the renewal weekend. The host will provide a bedroom and a light breakfast on Saturday & Sunday mornings. Contact Rebecca Atkinson at 434-203-1666 or rebeccaatkinson@comcast.net if you can help.

The Community Ash Wednesday Service will be Wednesday Feb. 26th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Luke’s United Methodist , 3090 N. Main St., everyone is invited to attend!

SERVING TODAY

Nursery/Sunday School	H. Beale
Combined Sunday School	Jones family
Elders at Front Door	G. Wimer
Security & Side Door	B. Takata
Deacon to Receive Offering	J. Nostrandt
Deacon Visitation	K. Dolianitis
Officers to Count Offering	Beale/Meadema
Church School Superintendent	Gail Davis
Liturgist	G. Gunn
Time for Young Disciples	T. Gillespie
Sound System	F. Baker
Ushers	Team 4
Flower Ministry	Day Circle
Childcare Specialists	Lea Smith, Kelley Fochler
Saturday Lunch Ministry Feb. 29th	R. Beale/N. Bracey
Saturday Lunch Attendance 2/15th	58

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

MONDAY, February 24

9:30 a.m. Prayer Group
 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
 4:30 p.m. CE Comm.
 6:00 p.m. Membership Comm.

TUESDAY, February 25

5:15 p.m. Handbells

WEDNESDAY, February 26

7:00 p.m. Community Ash Service
 @ St. Luke’s United Methodist

THURSDAY, February 27

5:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, February 28

All Day Church Office Closed

SATURDAY, February 29

11:30 a.m. Lunch Ministry

SUNDAY, March 1

9:45 a.m. Sunday School:
 See below for Class information
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 Mid-worship K-2/3-5 SS
 Noon Fellowship

Opportunities to Study the Word every Sunday Morning

Youth & Adult Sunday School 9:45 a.m.– 10:40 a.m.

Youth (middle & high school) Rm 302 /discussion type class studying scripture lesson used in Sunday’s sermon

Bible Seekers/Rm 109/ “Feasting on the Word” / discussion type class

Bible Study Fellowship/Library/ Ligonier Ministry’s “Tabletalk Magazine” / discussion type class

Outlook/Rm 322/“The Present Word” / lecture type class

The Children’s Extended Time (mid-worship 11:15-12:00) Deep Blue Cokesbury Curriculum

K-2 /Rm304/various instructors/Gr 3-5/Rm 306/various instructors

Nursery care from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM & Sunday School for grades K-5 after Time for Young Disciples.