

Transfiguration of the Lord

February 23, 2020

**Those who are able, please stand.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Silent Prayer of Preparation

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 **Prelude on "Nettleton"** C. Christiansen

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Music Cory Whittier

Call to Worship

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

All: The Lord our God is holy!

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

All: The Lord our God is holy!

Leader: Blessed is the Lord our God.

All: The Lord our God is holy!

***Hymn #138: Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!** Nicaea

***Prayer of Adoration and the Lord's Prayer** Hymnal, p. 16

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we confess that we often turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Have mercy on us and 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

Leader: Hear the good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation; the old life has gone, and a new life has begun.

All: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Gloria Patri** Hymn #579

***Affirmation of Faith:** Hebrews 1:2-4

God has spoken to us by a Son, whom God appointed heir of all things, through whom God also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. To God be the glory for Jesus, who was, is, and forever will be. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Kathleen Lifsey

Following the Children's Moment, children ages 4 and 5 are invited to participate in Worship Workshop in Room 1 on the ground floor next to the toddler playground. Children in 1st and 2nd grades are invited to participate in Gateways to Worship in Room 101 on the main level between the Library and Chapel. All children 3 and under are welcome in the Nursery. Please see green pew card for more information.

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 24:12-18 (pew Bible OT, p. 70)

New Testament Lesson: 2 Peter 1:16-21 (pew Bible NT, p. 236)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

"GLORY" Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn #463: Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies** Christ Whose Glory

Prayers of the People

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem **Fairest Lord Jesus** C. Schalk

*Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O Thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.
Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, Robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, Who makes the woeful heart to sing.
Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, And all the twinkling starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer Than all the angels heav'n can boast.
All fairest beauty, heavenly and earthly, Wondrously, Jesus, is found in Thee;
None can be nearer, fairer or dearer, Than Thou, my Savior, art to me.
Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be Thine.
and I shall keep it unto the end.*

***Doxology** Hymn #592

*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.*

*Prayer of Dedication

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S SERVICE

***Hymn #485: To God Be the Glory** To God Be The Glory

*Benediction and Sharing the Love, Joy, and Peace of Christ

Postlude **Marcia-Sortie** T. Dubois

The Two-Cents-A-Meal offering will be collected in baskets as you leave the Sanctuary. Please give as you are able.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday, February 23

- 11:30 a.m. VBS Leadership Meeting (Martin-Gifford Room)
- 5:00 p.m. KidMin (Room 126)
- 5:00 p.m. Walk with God (Rear Parking Lot)

Monday, February 24

- 7:00 p.m. Scouts BSA Troop 7 (Scout Room, for boys 11-18)
- 7:00 p.m. Men's Community Bible Study (MiPatron, Boonsboro Rd.)

Tuesday, February 25

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Library)
- 5:00 p.m. Worship & Music Committee (Officers' Room)
- 6:30 p.m. Congregational Life Committee (Officers' Room)
- 7:00 p.m. Scouts BSA Troop 49 (Room 126, for girls 11-18)
- 7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 7 (Scout Room, for boys and girls K-5th grade)

Wednesday, February 26

- 12:00 p.m. Open Chapel
- 12:30 p.m. Al-Anon (Martin-Gifford Room)
- 5:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service (Chapel)

Thursday, February 27

- 7:00 a.m. Colin Caldwell Men's Bible Study (Martin-Gifford Room)
- 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Bride's Room)
- 11:45 a.m. Westminster Canterbury Luncheon (Fauber Room)
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Ringers Rehearsal (Bell Room)
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Saturday, February 29

- 3:00 p.m. First Pres Presents: Art Silent Auction bidding opens (Narthex)
- 4:00 p.m. First Pres Presents: Cory Whittier Organ Recital (Sanctuary)

Sunday, March 1

- 8:45 a.m. Being Reformed (Library)
- 9:00 a.m. Coffee Café (Officers' Room)
- 9:15 a.m. Spiritual Growth Opportunities (Various Locations)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

Pastor on Call: Peter Thompson (336) 269-7270 and Chad McCain (617) 304-9802

Member Helping Members for February: Cathy Oakes (434) 384-9403 and Betty Blue (434) 384-6420

Members Helping Members for March: Jenny Osinga (434) 426-1675 and Rebecca Trexler (602) 359-6909

Called Congregational Meeting: March 1, following worship, for the purpose of approving the Pastor's terms of call and electing the Nominating Committee.

First Pres Presents: Cory Whittier Organ Recital, February 29 at 4:00. Art Silent Auction begins at 3:00 prior to Organ Recital, with bidding closing at the intermission of the recital. The proceeds will benefit the Vespers Music Fund.

Ash Wednesday: Wednesday, February 26 at 5:30 p.m. A service of reflection, prayer, and repentance. (Chapel)

Lenten Prayer Services: A time of prayer and reflection. At noon each Wednesday during Lent (March 4 – April 8) in the Chapel. Sponsored by the Care and Nurture Committee.

G. Rudolph Leonard Scholarship: 2020 applications are now available to active members of First Presbyterian for full-time undergraduate and graduate studies. Please contact Karen Wydner at office@fpclly.org for electronic application and requirements. All application materials must be received by 3 p.m. Monday, May 4, 2020, to be considered.

Enrollment for the Weekday School 2020-2021 academic school year is now open to new families. Apply online, and one of our staff will contact you to schedule a tour and answer any questions you may have. The Weekday School offers a high-quality early education experience in a loving and Christian environment for children aged 12 months to 6 years of age. Enrollment is nearly full, so register today! <https://www.firstpresweekdayschool.com/student-forms>
Are you on the fence about moving on to Kindergarten? Call the school office at (434) 384-0652 to learn about our Pre-K Accelerated Program and why gifting your child with one more year of preschool may be a great option.

Vacation Bible School: Save the date (June 8-12). Registration information will be coming soon.

***Many events, programs, and meetings are occurring at FPC; we encourage you to view the church calendar on www.fpclly.org, the hallway bulletin board, and sign-up table just off the Foyer for all the upcoming activities. ***



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