

Transfiguration Sunday

February 11, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.

*Congregation standing for those who are able

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Our Approach to God

Prelude

Praeludium in F-Dur

The Call to Worship (based on liturgy of St. Basil, 4th century)

God's power is beyond compare. God's glory is beyond understanding.

God's mercy is boundless and his love for us is greater than we can imagine.

Lord, look upon us with your compassion and grant us your abundant mercy.

For to you belong all glory, honor, and worship, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

*The Hymn of Praise *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?* 11

*The Call to Confession

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

*The Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we humbly enter your presence, aware of our shortcomings and sin. Forgive us for thinking small thoughts of you and for ignoring your glory and greatness. Forgive us for minimizing your power and squandering your gifts. Forgive us for taking your love for granted and failing to love as you would have us love. Have mercy on us, O Lord. [Silent confession.] Merciful God, open our eyes to the light of the gospel. Give us understanding of your glory and majesty. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

"Do not fear," says the Lord, "for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine." By grace, through faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

*The Gloria Patri Glory Be to the Father 577
Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Anthem *With Praises Ring* Kinyon
JuBellation Choir

The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Gospel Reading Mark 9:2-9 page 60 NT

The New Testament Reading 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 page 241 NT

The Sermon Pastor Ruth Estell

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed(traditional) hymnal, page 14

*The Hymn *Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory* 73

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer(using sins)

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Announcements and Upcoming Event



The Annual meeting of the Congregation and Corporation is **TODAY, February 11, 2024** immediately following worship. Any business of the congregation or corporation can be conducted.

Florence Gilmore Circle

All women of the church are invited to join us on **Wednesday, February 14**, at 9:30 a.m. as we continue watching and discussing the DVD "The Jesus I Never Knew" by Philip Yancey.



Ash Wednesday is February 14. A combined service with First Presbyterian Church will be @ 7:00 p.m. at Second Presbyterian Church.

Next Sunday, February 18, Communion will be celebrated during the worship service. We hold an open Communion at Second Presbyterian Church which means all believing Christians are welcome to participate. We also invite you to bring non-perishable food items for **The Ecumenical Food Pantry at First Presbyterian Church**. We do so knowing that it is our privilege to feed the hungry and care for the poor as we are fed and sustained by the grace of God.



Mission News



For the month of February, we are highlighting the Saginaw City Rescue Mission's **Operation Hope and Care Totes**. The Rescue Mission's goal, through the **Operation Hope and Care** project, is to provide basic, personal hygiene items to hundreds of needy men, women, and children in the Mid-Michigan area. **There are lists of items requested and bags on the table in the Mission Corner. Please have all items to the church by February 25.**

Easter Lilies

We will decorate our sanctuary this year with Easter lilies for the Easter Sunday service. If you would like to order one in honor or memory of someone, there are order forms in the gathering area. Flowers are \$12.00 each and **must be ordered by March 10th**.



You're invited.....

...to a **Special Fellowship Hour Sunday, February 25, 2024**

(immediately following worship) **honoring Laurel Taipale and Deanna Patton** for sharing their musical talents during the search for a new music director! Please sign up and let us know what you can bring. Examples: mini muffins, mini pastries, fruit, mini cinnamon rolls, or anything you would like to bring and share.



Director of Music Ministry Meet and Greet

You are invited to meet and greet our Director of Music Ministry, Thomas Heidenreich, on Saturday, March 2nd at 4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will need donations of snack food (cheese and crackers, meat and cheese, fruit, cookies, etc.) for this event. Sign up sheets are in the gathering area.



Prayer of Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Mark 9:2-9 New International Version

² After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. ³ His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

⁵ Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁶ (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

⁷ Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

⁸ Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

2 Corinthians 4:3-6 New International Version

³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"^[a] made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

I Stand Amazed in the Presence

Charles Hutchinson Gabriel, 1905

$\text{♩} = 110$



1. I stand a - mazed in the pre - sence Of Je - sus the Na - za -
2. For me it was in the gar - den He prayed: "Not My will, but
3. In pi - ty an - gels be - held Him, And came from the world of
4. He took my sins and my sor - rows, He made them His ve - ry
5. When with the ran - somed in glo - ry His face I at last shall

- rene, And won - der how He could love me, A sin - ner, con - demned, un -
Thine." He had no tears for His own griefs, But sweat drops of blood for
light To com - fort Him in the sor - rows He bore for my soul that
own; He bore the bur - den to Cal - vary, And suf - fered and died a -
see, 'Twill be my joy through the ag - es To sing of His love for

Refrain

- clean.
mine.
night. O how mar - ve - lous! O how won - der - ful! And my song shall ev - er be:
lone.
me.

O how mar - vel - ous! O how won - der - ful! Is my Sav - ior's love for me!