

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

February 19, 2023

*Transfiguration of the Lord*

10:00 AM

\*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

LITURGIST: Leon Wang

PRELUDE *Partita 1, Sarabande*

J. S. Bach

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TURKEY & SYRIA EARTHQUAKE UPDATE

PASSING THE PEACE

INTROIT *You Are Welcome Here*

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively) *based on Psalm 99:1-3*

One: The Lord is Sovereign; let the people tremble in awe.

All: **God is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.**

One: The Lord is great in Zion and is high above all peoples.

All: **Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God, and worship God upon the holy mountain.**

\*HYMN #189 *O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair* Deo Gracias

CALL TO CONFESSION (One)

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when Christ is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in Christ purify themselves, just as he is pure. Let us confess our sins together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**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.**

CHORAL KYRIE *Give Us Light* Jyouthi Dho

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON (responsively)

One: Amen. As the Apostle Paul reminds us, "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit." In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and transformed!

All: **Praise be to God!**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

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*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. (3X) As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MOMENT FOR EDUCATION

SCRIPTURE READING **2 Peter 1:16-21**

ANTHEM *Praise God!* Hal Hopson  
*featuring members of 1st Presby Bell Choir*

SCRIPTURE READING **Matthew 17:1-9**

SERMON *"The Miracle of Witnessing"*

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Sanctus Hymn #552 Holy, Holy, Holy Land of Rest

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest.**

Prayer

Words of Institution

Prayer

Distribution of the Elements

Communion

Communion Music *One Bread, One Body*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and Lord's Prayer ("debts")

OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS

Offertory *A Pleasant Thought* Florence B. Price

**\*Doxology (Unison) Hymn #606**

*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.*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*HYMN #192**

*Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining*

G. Kendrick

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*Alleluia*

K. Lee Scott

**POSTLUDE**

*Gavotte*

Samuel Wesley

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** All those adversely affected by war and all acts of violence, all victims of hate crimes, Alta Coddling, Linda Myers, Ken Oman, Mike Carver, Jan McLaughlin, Dean Clark (son of Mary Clarke), the LGBTQIA+ Community, all victims of abuse, racial inequalities, those picking up and trying to recover from surgery and loss.

**This is a MORE LIGHT Presbyterian Church!**

A "More Light" Presbyterian church welcomes lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender persons to full participation in the life, ministry, and witness of the congregation. We work to expand the inclusiveness of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

*There are no closed doors here.*

**Christ Welcomes All Here!**

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**Week of February 19 thru February 26**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>11:10 a.m.</b>	<b>Refreshments &amp; Fellowship in Fellowship Hall</b>
	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Deacons meeting in the Green Lounge</b>
	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Girl Scouts in Green Lounge</b>
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Youth Group Meeting</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Meditation Group in the FH</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>		<b>OFFICE IS CLOSED</b>
	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Kindred Spirits Circle in the Green Lounge</b>
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Bible Study via Zoom</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>		<b>MARCH newsletter deadline day</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>MVP Presby Mtg by Zoom</b>
	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Book Group in the Green Lounge</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>WWW Circle at Nancy Hess's home</b>
	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>	<b>A.A. in the Green Lounge</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Sorting Clothes in the Deacons' Shop</b>
	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>BULLETIN DEADLINE EVERY WEDS.</b>
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Soup &amp; Soup Supper in Fellowship Hall</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Service in Sanctuary</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Deacons' Shop is open to the public</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Staff Mtg. in Pastor Jeff's office (office will be closed)</b>
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Bell Choir Rehearsal</b>
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Girl Scouts in the Green Lounge</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>
	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Meditation Group in the Green Lounge</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Horizon Youth Theatre Workshops</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Chili &amp; Soup Cook-off</b>



On Monday, **February 20<sup>th</sup>**, **Kindred Spirits** continues their study of what celebrating the Sabbath means. Join us in the **Green Lounge at 4:30 p.m.** as Linda Smith leads the discussion of Sabbath and hospitality. Do you have questions? Contact Julie Smith Maekask at 419/247-1794 (landline).



**Zoom Bible Lectionary Study is Mondays at 5:30 p.m.** The Zoom link is sent out every week by Pastor Jeff and if you are interested in joining, please let Pastor Jeff know by emailing him at [fpcbgjeff@gmail.com](mailto:fpcbgjeff@gmail.com). **Next week the sermon title will be, “A**

**Confounding Start”** based on scriptures, **Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7** and **Romans 5:12-19**. *The etiological story of why there is sin and death in a world otherwise created “very good” involves the proto-humans, Adam and Eve, eating from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. While knowledge is hardly a bad thing, in this instance it unleashes chaos. Ironically, too, having such knowledge also creates confusion that still lives with each of us each day. And yet . . . there is hope.*

**The camp-bound folks of FPC invite you to participate in a Chili (and soup!) cook-off.** The cook-off is **Sunday Feb. 26** directly after service and will help raise funds for sending our youth and families with their young ones to camp Fabulous prizes await you! **(See Amanda to sign-up!)** Just like chili/soup? Great! Bring an empty stomach and some bills to vote for your favorite dish! We hope to see you all there!



**You've asked for it and it's here!** The return of the casual women's group WWW (Wine Women and Wisdom) is here. **Our first meeting will be Tuesday Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm at Nancy Hess's house (1581 Gleneagles Dr.).** Come and discuss where we want the group to go from here, what we want our meetings to look like, and when meetings will happen.

**ASH WEDNESDAY and LENT - Ash Wednesday is February 22nd.** Join us in the fellowship hall for a very simple meal of **soup and bread at 6:00pm before the 7:00pm Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary.**



**Lent begins Wednesday Feb. 22nd.** Our Lenten study and observance which will include 40 days of devotionals posted on the Facebook Page as well as an accompanying Lenten calendar. If you do not have Facebook but would like the daily devotional, please let Amanda know and she will set up for you to be e-mailed the devotional each day.

### ***O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair***

1. O wondrous sight, O vision fair of glory that the church shall share, which Christ upon the mountain shows, where brighter than the sun he glows!
2. From age to age the tale declare, how with the three disciples there, where Moses and Elijah meet, the Lord holds converse high and sweet.
3. The law and prophets there have place, two chosen witnesses of grace; the Father's voice from out the cloud proclaims his only Son aloud.
4. With shining face and bright array Christ deigns to manifest today what glory shall be theirs above who joy in God with perfect love.
5. And faithful hearts are raised on high by this great vision's mystery, for which in joyful strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

### ***Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining***

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining; Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us; wet us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me; shine on me. **Refrain.**

**Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory. Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy. Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.**

2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into your radiance; by the blood I may enter your brightness. Search me; try me; consume all my darkness. Shine on me; shine on me. **Refrain.**

3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness; ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell your story. Shine on me; shine on me. **Refrain.**