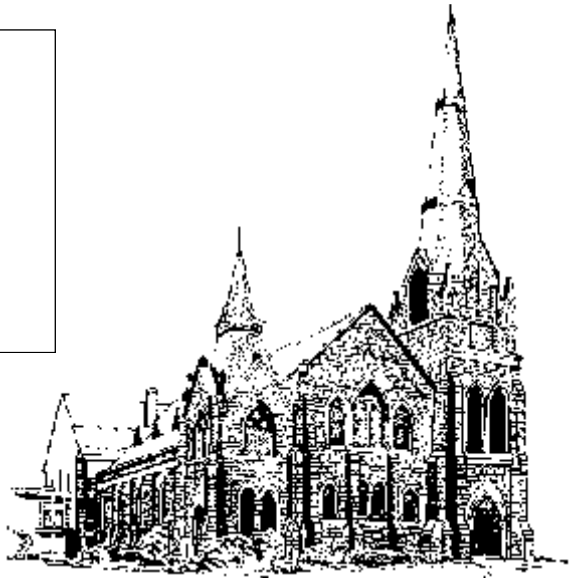


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*Our Mission: Shining God's light by ...
Knowing Christ, Growing in His love, Going where He leads.*

Sunday, February 11, 2024

9:30 am

Transfiguration of the Lord

REFLECTION

"God doesn't withhold God's love, forgiveness and salvation until we believe. On the other hand, since love is not coercive, we do have to accept the invitation in order to actually be part of the family."

Rev. David Ewart

PRELUDE

"Voluntary"

William Boyce

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 147)

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving!

How good it is to sing praises to our God.

For God is gracious, healing the brokenhearted, binding up their wounds.

God's understanding is beyond measure. Praise the Lord!

1. God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
2. Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.
3. Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd’s flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
4. Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God Who Calls, we confess we are not often paying attention. We are caught up in our own assumptions and concerns. We know Your voice, but the voices of the world block us from really appreciating all you are.. Guide us to perceive Your voice, that reminds us of who we are, as Your beloved children. Help us listen for Your voice that reminds us that what is required is to do justice, love mercy, and live humbly with You. Keep us to the knowledge that Your voice is always calling us back, to repentance, forgiveness, and love. God Who Calls, we are Your sheep, and we know the Shepherd’s voice. Help us to follow always. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Psalm 103:17)

“The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.” Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
Thanks be to Jesus our Savior for fully showing us your love and sharing your grace. Amen.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 587

“Alleluia!”

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

CHILDREN’S SERMON

CHILDREN’S PRAYER RESPONSE

HYMN NO. 469

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

CHILDREN PRAYING

Lord, listen to your children praying.
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying.
Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

GOSPEL LESSON

John 5:16-20

Page 90, NT

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Lead Me, Lord”

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Colossians 1:15-20

Page 188, NT

SERMON

“Dealing With Our Stuff: An Incomplete Image of God”

Rev. William Schram

1. Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.
2. In simple trust like theirs who heard beside the Syrian sea
the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them,
without a word rise up and follow thee.
3. O Sabbath rest by Galilee, O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!
4. Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives
confess the beauty of thy peace.
5. Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake,
wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm!

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.**

INVITATION TO GIVING

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed:
***Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!
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2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:
Refrain
3. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross,
my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin:
Refrain
4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home,
what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, “My God, how great thou art!”
Refrain

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Amen”

POSTLUDE

Toccata on "Austrian Hymn"

Gordon Young

* Please rise in body or spirit

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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FPC Chancel Choir
Ray Liptak, AV Engineer
Dennis Velez, Assistant AV Engineer
Matthew Califf & Michael Sperrazza, AV Team

✠ We are glad you have chosen to worship here today! Please come again!

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