

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Transfiguration of the Lord

February 26, 2017

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*O God of the covenant,
the cloud of your splendor
and the fire of your love
revealed your Son on the mountain heights.
Transform our lives in his image,
write your law of love on our hearts,
and make us prophets of your glory,
that we may lead others
into your presence. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Improvisation on Deo Gratias

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
On a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured,
and God said: This is my Beloved Son.
Let us worship God.

*SONG OF PRAISE O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**God of glory, we confess
that we have not sought your face.
We adore the high and mighty
and ignore your humble servant.
We act with prejudice and partiality
and fail to share your love for all.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Pour out the power of your Spirit
and renew us in our calling:
to show the wonder of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(Time of silent reflection)

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

*SONG OF RESPONSE *Glory Be to the Father* 581

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING Mike Girdner

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 24:12-18 Page No. 62

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 99

Page No. 480

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Alleluia, Song of Gladness John Behnke

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 17:1-9 Page No. 798

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE On the Mountaintop Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory 190

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe that the church must together
come to know the height and the breadth
and the depth of the love of Christ.**

**We believe that together we are built up
to the stature of Christ, the new humanity.**

**We believe that we must together
know and bear one another's burdens,
thereby fulfilling the law of Christ.**

**We believe that we are called
to admonish and comfort one another;
to suffer with one another
for the sake of righteousness;
to pray together;
and together serve God in this world.**

Adapted from the Confession of Belhar

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS
The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* 606

DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG All Creatures of our God and King 15
vs 1,2,4,6

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE
CHORAL BENEDICTION Praise my Soul, the King of Heaven

*POSTLUDE All Creatures of Our God and King John Behnke

*Those who are able may stand.

We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

Lectionary Readings for March 5: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalms 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for February is peanut butter. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

Hearing-assistance devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the ushers.

Ushers for today's service are Carolyn Montgomery and Harold Conner.

M.Y. Group will not meet today.

You are invited to attend a Lenten study led by Tracy Evans on Sunday evenings, beginning March 5 from 5:00 to 6:00. We will study the book *Forgiveness*, written by Marjorie J. Thompson. Thompson is well known for her book *Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life*. She is a Presbyterian pastor and spent thirteen years as Director of Congregational Spirituality with Upper Room Ministries. Signup sheet is in the hallway.

Come on Wednesday, March 1st at 7:00 pm for our **Ash Wednesday Worship**. This service is an excellent way to begin the penitent season of Lent.

SUNDAY

February 26

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service

WEDNESDAY

March 1

- 3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club
- 5:00 P.M. – Children's Choir
- 6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir
- 7:00 P.M. – Ash Wednesday Service

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