

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Luke 9:28-43 (Insert)

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (unison)

**Great God of dazzling beauty and overshadowing majesty,  
ever-present God of daily needs and earthly challenges,  
speak to us now from Your Word of life.**

**Open our ears, clear our minds, touch our spirits**

**so that we might hear Your voice and follow Your path.**

**Bless us as we reflect upon Your Way, through Christ. Amen.**

THE SERMON

*TRANSFIGURATION*

Dr. Merritt

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 377

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

\*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* (unison) (Insert)

THE OFFERTORY *Let Us Build a House* Hymn 301

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions: all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

\*THE DOXOLOGY

### GO FAITHFULLY

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION 192 *Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining*

\*THE CHARGE (Minister)

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*THE POSTLUDE

\*Indicates the People Standing

If standing is difficult, please remain seated. Larger print bulletins are available.

*The sanctuary flowers are presented to the glory of God  
and in celebration of the life of Monty  
by Sarah Plymale and Justin Plymale*

## NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Christ's Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

*March Third the Year of Our Lord*

*Two Thousand Nineteen*

*Transfiguration of the Lord*

WE WELCOME YOU TO WORSHIP! You are special, because God brought you here today.  
Together we celebrate and rejoice in God's blessings in our lives!

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### GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Exodus 34:29-35; II Corinthians 3:12 - 4:2

(Congregants are encouraged to read and reflect upon these passages as they prepare for worship.)

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

THE PASSING OF PEACE

THE GATHERING HYMN 744 *Arise, your light is come!*

**Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey; show forth the glory of your God, which shows on you today.**

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Minister: Blessed is the Lord our God,

Who has revealed His Word to us.

**Congregants: The Lord our God is holy!**

Minister: Blessed is the Lord our God,

Who has comes to us in Jesus Christ.

**Congregants: The Lord our God is holy!**

Minister: The One Who called light out of darkness

now shines in our hearts.

**Congregants: The Lord our God is holy!**

Minister: We have seen the glory of the Lord

in the face of Jesus Christ.

**Congregants: The Lord our God is holy!**

Minister: Through Christ, God's Holy Spirit

is with us now. Come, let us worship Him together!

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

**O God, Lord of mystery and of revelation,  
in Your grace You have chosen us  
to know Your love and to hear Your voice.  
Make us, with Christ, heirs of Your glory,  
and bring us to enjoy its fullness.  
Be with us now as we worship in Your Spirit,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE 630 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

\*THE CALL TO CONFESSION (Minister)

Friends, we come into the awesome presence of God  
unworthy of His mercy, undeserving of His grace.  
We are broken by our sinfulness, and cannot heal ourselves.  
But in Christ, He has promised to forgive us, to make us new,  
and to give us seat at His Table and place in His Kingdom.  
Let us repent of our wayward ways, and confess our sins.

\*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.  
Hear these our silent prayers.**

\*THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Minister)

The One Who calls light out of darkness  
now shines in our hearts to reveal the glory of God  
in the face of Jesus Christ.  
In the name of our Lord and Savior, we are forgiven!

\* RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS Hymn 853

*We Are Marching in the Light of God*

**We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God. (repeat)  
We are marching, marching, we are marching, "oo," marching, we are marching in the light  
of, the light of God. (repeat)**

## GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST READING OF GOD'S WORD Psalm 99

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! <sup>2</sup> The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. <sup>3</sup> Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he! <sup>4</sup> Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. <sup>5</sup> Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he! <sup>6</sup> Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the Lord, and he answered them. <sup>7</sup> He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them. <sup>8</sup> O Lord our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings. <sup>9</sup> Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE 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.**

ANTHEM

*Christ is the World's True Light*

Walter Kendall Stanton

Christ is the world's true light, its Captain of salvation, The Day-star clear and bright of every race and nation; New life, new hope awakes, where'er we own his sway; Freedom her bondage breaks, and night is turned to day.

In Christ all peoples meet, their ancient feuds forgetting, The whole round world complete, from sunrise to its setting: When Christ is throned as Lord, we shall forsake their fear, to ploughshare bear the sword, To pruning-hook the spear.

One Lord, in one great Name Unite us all who own thee; Cast out our pride and shame, that hinder to enthrone thee. The world has waited long, Has travailed long in pain; To heal its ancient wrong, Come Prince of Peace!

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE / CHILDREN LEAVE FOR JP'S

*Ushers*

*Emily Allen, Frankie Bielawski, Sarah Godsey, Walt Haines*

Announcements

THE NORTHMINSTER FAMILY shares its deep love and support with Don and Sandy Smith and their families following the passing of their son, George, into the eternal embrace of our Lord.

Many thanks to our Church family for your love and support during the death of our Aunt, Dorothy Copenhaver. Your cards, food, and calls were comforting and most appreciated. Bob and Frankie Bielawski

Ushers for March 10, 2019 – Margie Cundiff, Matt and Susan Graybill, Lynn Kirby  
Communion Servers – Emily Allen, Vee Hayes, Walt and Marie Haines

Betty Hinkle would like to thank the church members for the Valentines, calls, cards and visits.

Thanks to everyone who participated in our hunger buster for the Presbyterian Center, 20 bags were collected.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP meets this Thursday morning at 8:30 at Famous Anthony's restaurant near Brookside Golf Course north on Williamson Road. All men of the congregation are encouraged to join us for fellowship and prayer.**

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated during our morning worship service next Sunday March 10, the first Sunday of Lent.**

**March 10, we will be celebrating communion. The Mission committee will be collecting sandwich bread that day to take to the Presbyterian Center.**

**ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE will be held with our sister congregation, Green Ridge Presbyterian, in the Green Ridge sanctuary this Wednesday March 6 at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend this special gathering to begin the season of Lent.**

We are in need of Children's books for the Little Free Library. If you have new or used (in good condition) books that you would like to donate, please place them in the secretary's office. Thank you.

Presbytery of the Peaks and CEDEPCA are sponsoring a Listen and Learn Trip to Sumpango, Guatemala from October 28-November 3rd. You will witness the "Day of the Dead" celebration with a giant kite festival. If you are interested in participating in this trip, please contact Sandy Schlaudecker at 540-941-1314 or email her at [spspas@aol.com](mailto:spspas@aol.com).

Habitat for Humanity will begin to break ground for the 2019 Apostles Build this spring. The build will take place from April-August at 1716 Loudon Avenue. If you would like to volunteer, they would love to have you. NO EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED! You can find more information on the bulletin board across from the office. If you are interested in putting faith into action, contact Jenny Lee at 540-344-0747 ext. 103 or email her at [jennylee@habitat-roanoke.org](mailto:jennylee@habitat-roanoke.org).

Today	9:45 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm	Sunday School Worship Service Worship Committee Meeting
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Circle 2 with Holly Woodson
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service at Greenridge Presbyterian
Next Sunday	9:45 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Worship Service/Communion

**Let us keep those listed below in our prayers.**

**Members**

Bobby Brammer	Betty Dixon	Michael Hambrick
Jake Hayes	Betty Hinkle	Rose Howard
Tom Kirby	Jim Maile	Floyd Moretz
Ramona Ortiz	Ann Pace	Mac Pace
Buddy Smith	Sandy Smith	Frances Stevens
Jo Ann Threlkeld	Bill Waddell	George Wingeier
Shirley Wynn		

**Friends and Family**

Mike Duckworth-(Holly Woodson's brother-in-law)  
Cindy Lanford – (daughter-in-law of Stan and Elise Lanford)

**\*THE SESSION \***

Clerk of Session: Holly Woodson

Class of 2019: Margie Cundiff, Susan Graybill, John Kabana, Allen Kling, Holly Woodson

Class of 2020: Bob Bielawski, Frankie Bielawski, Lynn Kirby, Bob Newman, Dave Snider

Class of 2021: Vee Hayes, Judy Ferrell, Chuck Lockard, Jeremy Newman, Ray Williams

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<sup>28</sup> Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup> Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup> They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup> Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup> While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' <sup>36</sup> When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. <sup>37</sup> On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. <sup>38</sup> Just then a man from the crowd shouted, 'Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. <sup>39</sup> Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It throws him into convulsions until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. <sup>40</sup> I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.' <sup>41</sup> Jesus answered, 'You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.' <sup>42</sup> While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. <sup>43</sup> And all were astounded at the greatness of God. While everyone was amazed at all that he was doing, he said to his disciples,

\*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* (unison)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**