

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 14, 2021

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Psalm 50:1-6; II Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

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

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
Creator of heaven and earth.
This is the day that the Lord has made,
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Come, let us worship the Lord!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION

Almighty God,
to Whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from Whom no secrets are hidden,
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit,
so that we may perfectly love You
and worthily magnify Your blessed name,
as we gather now in worship together.
Through Christ we pray. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE 192 *Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining (Shine, Jesus Shine)* Verse 1

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

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.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

The proof of God's amazing love is this:
while we were sinners, Christ died for us,
taking our sinfulness upon himself on the cross.
Having faith in him and in his sacrifice for us,
we can approach God with confidence,
sharing our brokenness and seeking His forgiveness.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against You
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved You and Your creation
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In Your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in Your Will
and walk in Your ways,
to the glory of Your holy name.
Hear these our silent prayers.

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God's promise is found in His Word.
We read there that the mercy of the Lord
is from everlasting to everlasting.
I declare to You, in the name of Jesus Christ,
we are forgiven! Praise be to God!

RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS HYMN 436 *God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us* (Verse 3)

How shall we stray, with your hand to direct us,
you who the stars in their courses are guiding?
What shall we fear, with your power to protect us,
we who walk forth in your greatness confiding?

GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST READING OF GOD'S WORD Psalm 19

¹ The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.² Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.³ There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; ⁴ yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.⁶ Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hidden from its heat.⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; ⁸ the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; ⁹ the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring for ever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, even

much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. ¹¹ Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. ¹² But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. ¹³ Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. ¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

THE PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Mark 14:28-38, 66-72

²⁸But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.' ²⁹Peter said to him, 'Even though all become deserters, I will not.' ³⁰Jesus said to him, 'Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.' ³¹But he said vehemently, 'Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.' And all of them said the same. ³² They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I pray.' ³³He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. ³⁴And he said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.' ³⁵And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. ³⁶He said, 'Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.' ³⁷He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, 'Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? ³⁸Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.'

⁶⁶ While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. ⁶⁷When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, 'You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.' ⁶⁸But he denied it, saying, 'I do not know or understand what you are talking about.' And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. ⁶⁹And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, 'This man is one of them.' ⁷⁰But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, 'Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.' ⁷¹But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, 'I do not know this man you are talking about.' ⁷²At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, 'Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.' And he broke down and wept.

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of Your Holy Spirit,
so that Your Word will illumine our paths. Amen.

THE SERMON

PETER--NO EXCEPTIONS

Dr. Merritt

HYMN OF COMMITMENT 377 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* Verse 1

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain:

In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

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.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to The Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Dedication

GO FAITHFULLY

HYMN OF DEDICATION 853 *We Are Marching in the Light of God* (Siyahamba)

We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, marching, we are marching "oo" we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, marching, we are marching "oo" we are marching in the light of God.

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

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Thought for the Week: Psalm 115:16 - *Heaven belongs to the Lord, but he gave the earth to the people.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MINISTER IS ON VACATION this coming week-end, visiting family on the South Carolina coast. Our worship next Sunday will again be led by Pam Claterbaugh. We look forward to a wonderful time together in God's presence!

THE WORSHIP MINISTRY WILL MEET tomorrow morning at 10:00. If you are interested in serving in this ministry area of the congregation, please speak to the Minister.

We will begin our Hunger Buster campaign on Sunday, February 7th. You can pick up your Hunger Buster bags in the narthex. We will be taking them to the Presbyterian Community Center on February 29th. We appreciate your support with this Church mission.

The Presbyterian Center is in need of school supplies and asking for donations. A list of supplies needed is on the bulletin board across from the secretary's office.

Calendar

Today	11:00 am	Worship Service / Communion
Monday	10:00 am	Worship Ministry Meeting
Next Sunday	11:00 am	Worship Service

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If you or someone you know should be included in the list of those needing special prayer, please contact the Minister. If prayers have been answered and we can celebrate God's goodness by removing your name from the list, let the Minister know.

Let us keep those listed below in our prayers.

Members

Jessee Amos	Frances Bowling	Bobby Brammer
Charlotte Cooley	Jim Cregger	Michael Hambrick

Jake Hayes
Dennis Kincer
Susan Lockard
Ann Pace
Sandy Smith
Ray Williams

Maryanne Huff
Bob Lancaster
Floyd Moretz
Mac Pace
Frances Stevens

Barbara Jones
Homer Linton
Mary Moretz
Buddy Smith
Jo Ann Threlkeld

Friends and Family

Joaquin Bielawski
Nancy Assaid (Sherry Moses' sister)
Tim Smith (Karen's husband)

***THE SESSION ***

Clerk of Session: Holly Woodson

Elders: Kathy Baker, Bob Bielawski, Frankie Bielawski, Pam Claterbaugh, Richard Claterbaugh, Trent Cundiff, Judy Ferrell, Tom Hale, Vee Hayes, Daniel Kirby, Chuck Lockard, Sherry Moses, Debbie Newman, Jeremy Newman, Gayle Wise