

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 14, 2021

*Transfiguration of the Lord*

*We Gather in God's Name . . .*

## PRELUDE

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*(for silent prayer during the prelude)*

O God, glorious and faithful, to those who seek you with a sincere heart you reveal the beauty of your face. Strengthen us in faith to embrace the mystery of the cross, and open our hearts to its transfiguring power; that, clinging in love to your will for us, we may walk the path of discipleship as followers of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.<sup>1</sup> Amen.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (BASED ON PSALM 50)

One: Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him.

All: **He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**

One: "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

All: **The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge. Let us worship God!**

#### HYMN OF PRAISE: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" #263

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible hid from our eyes, Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might; Thy justice like mountains high soaring above Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small; In all life Thou livest, the true life of all; We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, Then wither and perish; but naught changeth Thee.

Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light, Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight; All praise we would render; O help us to see 'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

In our Gospel passage, Peter, the disciple, is terrified and doesn't know what to say. He speaks out without thinking. We, likewise, can be quick to speak and to act, and we fail to discern God's will and to pay attention to God's work. Let us confess our sin.

#### \*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

#### \*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**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.<sup>ii</sup> Amen.**

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Later in Peter's time with Jesus, he denies Jesus three times as Jesus stands trial. This is not the end of the story, though. After Jesus is raised from the dead, he finds Peter and confirms his call to Peter three times, "Feed my lambs.... Tend my sheep.... Feed my sheep...". Despite that we all have sinned, Jesus can still use us. Heed his call, follow him, and know that you are forgiven. Amen.

#### THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

*. . . to Proclaim God's Word*

FIRST READING 2 Kings 2:1-12 p. 332

EPISTLE READING 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 p. 180

\*GOSPEL READING Mark 9:2-9 p. 44

SERMON "Vulnerability, Transformation, and Transfiguration"  
Rev. Andy Smothers

#### PASTORAL PRAYER 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.

#### \*CONFESSION OF FAITH *Heidelberg Catechism* (Question 86-87)

One: Since we have been delivered from our misery by grace through Christ without any merit of our own, why then should we do good works?

Many: **Because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, is also restoring us by his Spirit into his image, so that with our whole lives we may show that we are thankful to God for his benefits, so that he may be praised through us, so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ.**

One: Can those be saved who do not turn to God from their ungrateful and unrepentant ways?

Many: **By no means. Scripture tells us that no unchaste person, no idolater, adulterer, thief, no covetous person, no drunkard, slanderer, robber, or the like will inherit the kingdom of God.**

*. . . to Give Thanks to God . . .*

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION (IN UNISON)

Almighty and loving God, despite that the "god" of this world works to blind the minds of those who do not believe, you are defeating that "god" more and more every day. Through the work of our Lord Jesus, you have made yourself known to many on this earth and call us to spread your good news to even more. In thankfulness for your divine revelation, we offer these gifts for your continued work done through Jesus Christ. Amen.

*. . . and to Be Sent in God's Name.*

CLOSING HYMN: "Arise, Your Light Is Come!" #411  
Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey; Show forth the

glory of your God, Which shines on you today.  
 Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door; Proclaim  
 the captives' liberty, Good tidings to the poor.  
 Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born, Bind up the  
 broken hearted ones And comfort those who mourn.  
 Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song! Rise up  
 like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mon. Feb. 15	Deacons' Meeting	2:00 PM
	Session Meeting	7:00 PM
Wed. Feb. 17	Ash Wednesday Worship	7:30 PM

*Welcome* to worship this morning! As we continue to social  
 distance, we will not be offering child care for a time. Feel free  
 to keep your children in worship — even if they're a bit noisy.  
 You're also welcome to take them into the coatroom.

**Our thanks** go to our lay reader Barb Perry, and pianist Juanita  
 Rodriquez.

First Presbyterian Church has just finished setting up **online**  
**giving** through the Presbyterian Foundation  
 and their partner Vanco. You can setup a  
 one-time gift or ongoing gifts weekly,  
 monthly, quarterly, or annually using your  
 checking or savings account or credit/debit  
 card. Do note that a 2% fee is assessed  
 before the church receives your gift. Details  
 are available on the website, or you can use your smartphone to  
 scan the QR code (two-dimensional barcode) near this message.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

There will be a **Deacons' Meeting** this **Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**at 2:00 PM.**

I (Pastor Andy) am still learning your practices and misunderstood  
 your regular plan for Souper Bowl Sunday. If you brought  
 items today for the food pantry, thank you! Let's make the rest  
 of the Sundays of February an opportunity to bring soup for the  
 food pantry to worship. For online worshippers, you can drop  
 your gift off at the church.

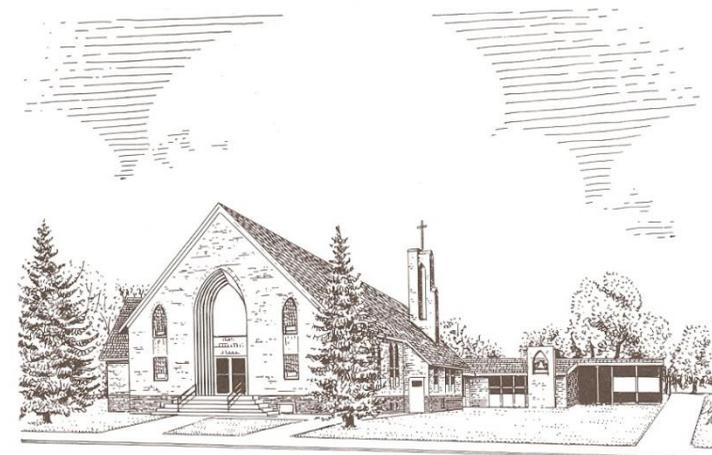
Come join us for **Ash Wednesday Worship, February 17<sup>th</sup> at**  
**7:30 PM** as we begin this season together, remember our place  
 through the imposition of ashes, and consider our practices for  
 the season. Wednesday Evening Prayer will not meet that  
 evening, but please join us for the service instead.

**Deadline for the March newsletter** articles is this **Thursday,**  
**February 18<sup>th</sup>.** Please submit your articles or information right  
 away!

**Bible Sunday** will be held next **Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>** for our  
 third graders. If you know of any third grader that has ties to  
 our church, please let Wendi in the office know, or contact  
 Carol Day Rider at 279-3759, so that invitations can be sent to  
 them.

Last week, combined giving was **\$4,676.00**. In order to meet  
 expenses, we need to average **\$3,461.00** per week.

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<sup>i</sup> Book of Common Worship, 215.

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