

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Of Westminster



The Service of Worship
Transfiguration of the Lord

March 3, 2019 – 11:00 am

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “God of Wonders” - arr. Larson

(During the prelude we invite you to center yourself for worship)

Call to Worship:

Leader: From a cloud, and in a crowd, God speaks to us.

People: *Calling us to be lovers of justice, to share hope with the broken.*

Leader: On mountaintops, and in neighborhoods, Christ calls to us.

People: *With a word, and with wonder, molding us into who we are.*

Leader: On the playground, and at the workstation, the Spirit whispers in our hearts.

People: *Gathering up our fears, as well as our dreams, and offering them to God.*

 Prayer for the Day: *(in unison)*

Listener to our hearts, when we memorize all the goals and objectives taught to us by sin and death, you become the nemesis of our mismanaged lives. When we become so hard-headed we butt at grace, you soften our pride with the warmth of your grace.

Mirror of God's love, when our lives are veiled with pride and ignorance, you turn us inside out to reveal who we truly are. When we turn our hearts this way and that, thinking that God's glory resembles some abstract art, you pull out a snapshot of Jesus from your purse.

God in Community, Holy in One, with you we never lose heart, even as we pray as we are taught, Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy



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kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sinned against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

 Hymn: #464 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” *(Words are on the screens.)*

Confession of Sin:

Call to Confession

 Prayer of Confession: *(in unison)*

We admit that we are often afraid to come near you, Glorious Creator. For if we do, you might see how our faces darken with anger as we speak hurtful words, or whiten with fear of those who are different, or redden from the depths of our desires. We can spend so much time gazing in the mirror of our longings, that we are unable to see the faces etched with loneliness, hollowed by hunger, overshadowed by hopelessness.

You reveal the mystery of your grace, Holy One, by pouring out mercy upon us. As you bend down to listen, may we speak your love to all those around us. As you call us into your presence, you send us out to do your justice which brings hope to the world. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, our Savior, our Love, our Justice.

 Silent Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

 Response: #579 “Glory Be to the Father”

The Peace:

L: May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

P: *And also with you.*



(Now please share The Peace with those around you.)

Children’s Moment *(Following the Children’s Moment, children ages 3-7 (preschool-1st grade) are invited to Children’s Worship. They will return after the sermon.)*

Anthem: “This Is My Beloved Son” – Choplin

 Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons: Exodus 34:29-35 (NRSV)
Luke 9:28-36 (NRSV)

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon: “A Time for Silence”

 Hymn: #5 “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” *(Words are on the screens.)*

 Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed *(page 14, The Hymnal)*

 Concerns, Prayers of the People *(Prayer Cards can be found in the pew.)*
Prayer Family – Tom Gordon and Kate Carter –

The Offering:

Invitation to Offering

Presentation of Offerings

Offertory: “Didn’t My Lord Deliver Daniel?” – Ingram



Prayer of Dedication

Doxology: #592 *(on the screens)*

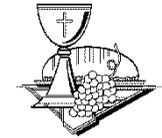
The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

(Please hold each the bread and the cup until all have been served)



 Hymn: #92 “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” *(Words are on the screens.)*

 Benediction

 Response: “Go Forth” *(on the screens)*

 Postlude: “When Morning Gilds the Skies” - arr. Page

Please note: at places marked by  all who are able are asked to stand.

As Our Service of Worship Ends, Our Ministry of Service Begins!
