

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

FEBRUARY 23, 2020

11:00 AM

*Worshipers may stand as able.

Leader: Plain text
People: Bold text

The prelude and offertory are based on Hymn No. 377.

The liturgy is based on prayers by Thom Shuman.

We pour water into the Baptismal bowl as a reminder that we are washed clean of all our sins.

CHIMES

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALLED TOGETHER

PRELUDE "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" J. Behnke
*INTROIT "Arise! Your Light Is Come" No. 744, v. 1

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

It is good to be here in this sacred space,
in the shelter of God's love and hope.

It is good to be here with folks we know well, as well as with new friends,
joining with all of God's beloved, sisters and brothers of Jesus.

It is good to be here, where we can hear God's voice,
calling us to be eyewitnesses to the Spirit's presence.

*HYMN NO. 190 "Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory" *GENEVA*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The radiance of your grace is poured out in every moment, Shaper of mountaintops, but we dull its luster by living in the shadows. We indulge in fantasy games and watch shows which claim to be 'real,' but we have trouble simply sitting in your presence, in your healing silence. We can become so infatuated with your love for us, we overlook those who hunger for acceptance and hope.

Revealer of mystery, forgive us. In silence, may we hear your whispers of grace. In mercy, may we feel your forgiveness lifting the burden of guilt from us. In trust, may we go forth to serve your world, filling it with the light and love of the One who is the Light of the world, Jesus Christ. *(silent prayers of confession)* And all God's people say, **Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

On mountaintops and in valleys, in moments when our lives are shrouded and as well as when we reflect Christ's light, God is with us, declaring we are the beloved!

In this moment, in every moment, may we glimpse the grace of God which comes and transfigures our lives. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE *"The peace of Christ be with you." "And also with you!"*

*SONG OF PRAISE "Glory to the Father"

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Amen. Amen**

TO RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC "Oh, Lord, Lead Me to the Mountain" B. & S. Poorman

Oh Lord, lead me to the mountain; I've been in the valley far too long. Oh, Lord lead me to the mountain. With you beside me, I am strong. If I falter as I go, walk with me, I pray. I will need your gentle hand guiding me today. Come, lift me to higher ground, so that I may see. Give me power that comes from above. Make my spirit free, so free. O Lord, lead me to the mountain. With you I'll always have a song.

GATHERING

"Where Children Belong"

**This, this is where children belong,
Welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer and song:
This is where children belong.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Amy Parker

SONG OF PREPARATION

**Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me,
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!**

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 17:1-9

SERMON "Six Days" Dr. Todd Wright

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from A Declaration of Faith PCUS

**We recognize the work of God in Jesus' power and authority.
He did what only God can do.
We also recognize the work of God in Jesus' lowliness.
When he lived as a servant and went humbly to his death
the greatness that belongs only to God was manifest.
In both his majesty and lowliness
Jesus is the eternal Son of God, God himself with us.**

*HYMN NO. 274 "You Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd" *PICARDY*

WELCOMING A NEW MEMBER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY "Cantabile" J. Behnke

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 606
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

TO LIVE AS DISCIPLES

*HYMN NO. 193 "Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain" *UNSER HERRSCHER*

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE: "Go with Us Lord" No. 748
Go with us Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,

In 1977 The PCUS General Assembly voted that "A Declaration of Faith be adopted as a contemporary statement of faith, a reliable aid for Christian study, liturgy, and inspiration

We welcome Maggie Powell into membership by reaffirmation of faith.

We conclude worship with the Postlude. Those who leave during the postlude are requested to do so quietly and respectfully.



If you would like to give flowers to celebrate a special day or person, please contact Leslie Bremar.

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments, after worship.



Rev. Dr. Todd Wright
Pastor
Rev. Dr. Amy Parker
Minister of Education and the Arts
Carolyn Perrine
Organist
Leslie Bremar
Secretary
Dionne Canterbury
Children's Choir Dir.
Sharon Curnutte
Choir Director Emeritus

SESSION

Class of 2020
Jack Grimm
Kathy Kruk
Peggy Palmer
Patty Skaff
Brendan Stump

Class of 2021
Heather Barry
Greg Rader
Sarah Stump
Barbara Tabaretti

Class of 2022
Judy Haddock
Bob Hiser
Jeff Smith
Rona Smith

Clerk of Session
Rose Ann Walker

TRUSTEES
Richard Callard '20
John France '21
Nancy Wallace '22

That with your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

*POSTLUDE

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

A. Jordan

GREETERS: *Greeters before Worship:* Jack and Shelia Grimm *Greeters after Worship:* Greg Rader and Jack Grimm

WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Dr. Todd Wright, *preacher*; Rev. Dr. Amy Parker; Carolyn Perrine, *organist*; Sheila Grimm, *liturgist*

NURSERY ATTENDANTS: Patti Salisbury and Sarah Stump

FLOWERS: The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God!

OFFERING COUNTERS: Don Parker and Bob Hiser

THIS SUNDAY, February 23, 2020

+ 9:45 AM – Sunday school

+ 11:00 AM – Worship

+ 12:00 PM – Mardi Gras pancakes!

THIS WEEK

+ Monday, February 24, 10:30 AM – Bridge; 5 PM – Tai Chi; 7 PM – Lenten Bible Study

+ Tuesday, February 25, 7 PM – Choir Practice

+ Wednesday, February 26, 11 AM – Bridge; 7 Ash Wednesday Service

+ Thursday, February 27, Newsletter

+ Friday, February 28, 7 PM – NA Meeting

NEXT SUNDAY, March 1, 2020

+ 9:45 AM – Sunday school

+ 11:00 AM – Worship - communion

+ 12:00 PM – Refreshments in Fellowship Hall

Happy Birthday **Those having a birthday this week:** Daniel Walker (25th), Emily Wright (25th), Kyle Blank (28th), Sharon Curnutte (28th). Sandra Zubick (March 1st). If we have missed your birthday, please let us know!

PRAYERS FOR: Betsy White, Kathryn McCrary, Dave Dawson, Alatheia Stickler, Sharon Richardson, Gretchen Spella; Erin Chiparo; Jane Harich; Sandy and Leon Copeland; Jeanne MacDonald; Bonnie Waggy; Lynn Gunnoe; Martha Foster; Nancy Trotter; Maggie Powell; David Joslin; Steve and Susie Matulis; Tyler Zubick; Helen Singleton; Todd Wright, Amy Parker & their families; the session of Village Chapel

Those in care facilities: Martha Foster, Sherry Russell, Helen Singleton

Those overseas: Matthew Walker

All Students

Military Service: Josie Thomas, Paul Caruso, Rich Jarrett, and John Underhill

Nyeri Presbytery: The Giaichamwenge Church (Pronounced GAY-sah-MWEN'gay)

WV Council of Churches: Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Churches in the Presbytery of WV: Edgewood Presbyterian Church, Lewisburg; Liberty Presbyterian Church, Green Bank; First United Presbyterian Church, Ravenswood

Missionaries: Steve and Sonia Dettweiler

**** Don't forget to send your 2020 Directory updates to the church office at leslie@vcpresby.org! The DEADLINE is FEBRUARY 27TH! ****

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We believe children learn to worship by being in worship, so childcare for children (infant to kindergarten) begins after the Time for Children. The adult attendants will lead children out of the sanctuary to their room in the basement of the Education wing.

Worship bags for all children are available in the Narthex (at the back of the sanctuary).

Our sanctuary is equipped with hearing assist devices. Please see one of the ushers to borrow one during the service.

This Sunday's bulletin is printed on paper that contains at least 10% recycled fiber. A receptacle for recycling paper is located at the back of the sanctuary.

Please remember to silence your cell phones.

"Village Chapel Presbyterian Church is a congregation of God's people, a lively community of faith, striving to serve God according to God's ever evolving plan; passionately seeking opportunities to reflect God's love in our everyday lives through service, humility, self-examination and reflection, study and prayer. We are called to be generous and wise stewards of our God given gifts, talents, money and earthly resources, both as individuals and as the Body of Christ. Our mission, simply stated is that we are called to love, and to serve, and to be beacons of Christ's endless love and forgiveness, spreading God's eternal light to all people."