

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MORGANTON, NORTH CAROLINA

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)
Organized Prior to 1797

And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the
Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being

transformed

into the same image from one degree of glory to another;
for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.



II Corinthians 3:18

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Transfiguration of the Lord

February 11, 2018

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

As We Gather . . . Transfiguration, a fifteen-letter word that breaks down this way: "Trans," meaning to move or to change. "Figuration," coming from the word figure, meaning to shape or to form. Transfiguration, therefore, is Transformation. And that is what this story is about, and that is what this Sunday is about: Transformation.

Prelude

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Arr. Prins

Welcome and Announcements

Please pass the black friendship pad found at the end of the pew, with both guests and members filling in information. Then please pass the pad back to its starting point, noting names and welcoming those near you.

Minute for Mission

Youth

***Call to Worship**

From Psalm 50:1-6

God calls to the heavens and to the earth and invites the faithful to gather.

The heavens declare God's righteousness, and earth sings God's praise. Let us worship God.

***Opening Hymn of Procession**

"We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding"

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***Prayer of the Day**

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession** (unison)

God our Creator, we confess that we are broken, sinful creatures. You shine with perfect beauty, but we turn away from your presence. You blaze with heavenly glory, but we hide our faces from your truth. Forgive us, God of grace. Shine in our hearts this day through the light of your Word. So that we may glorify you forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear us now, as we continue to pray, in the silence of our hearts . . .

***Time of Silent Prayer**

***Kyrie**

"Come and See"

"Come and see, come and see, I am the way and the truth," said he.

"Follow me, follow me, come as a child, O come and see."

Kyrie, Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

Christe, Christe, Christe eleison.

Kyrie, Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

Christe, Christe, Christe eleison.

Translation: Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Reprinted under One License Net A-723449

***Assurance of Pardon**

We worship a Savior who shares his glory in our lives. Through his atoning grace, we receive our salvation.

Therefore, we can declare with confidence: We are forgiven!

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please say "The peace of Christ be with you" to those around you, and then greet everyone, especially those whom you do not know.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Time for Children

Children fifth grade and under are invited to the chancel steps for the Time for Children. Younger children are welcome to bring adults with them. Afterward, children five years old and under will be escorted to Children's Church, or they may return to sit with their parents.

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Kathy Allan-Calloway

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that, hearing, we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Mark 9:2-9

Pew Bible NT, p. 54

"The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God!**"

Sermon

"Transformed"

Rev. Dr. Wanda Neely

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to Discipleship

If you would like to speak with someone about becoming a Christian, about church membership, or about a special prayer need, please speak to a pastor or usher.

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Service of Giving

Music at the Offering

"I Come With Joy to Meet the Lord"

Arr. Hurlbutt

***Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

Doxology with Alleluias

Tune: **“All Creatures of Our God and King”**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***Prayer of Dedication**

**With our gifts of thanksgiving,
We approach you, O God.
Receive these gifts as symbols of our praise.
Transform what we bring to serve your wishes,
And to concur with your will. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving Ending with the Lord’s Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise . . .

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

Prayer Over the Elements

The Communion of the People

“The body of Christ given for you.” **Thanks be to God.**

“The blood of Christ shed for you.” **Thanks be to God.**

Starting with those from the balcony and then working from the back pews forward, come forward by the center aisle and return to your seat by an outside aisle. You may go to a station with individual cups of juice or to the station in the middle with a chalice of wine for intinction. Servers will bring elements to those who prefer to stay in their seats. All bread is gluten free.

Music During Communion

“Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven”

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“This Is the Feast of Victory”

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***Prayer After Communion**

We thank you for the gifts of grace and mercy from your table, Lord. May they nourish us for the journey through Lent. May we share them with others along the way. Amen.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn of Sending

Alleluia, Song of Sweetness

Tune: "Picardy"

As we sing, Alleluia placards will be removed. We will welcome their return on Easter Sunday, when Alleluias will again resound to the glory of the Risen Christ.

1. Alleluia, song of sweetness,
Voice of joy that cannot die;
Alleluia is the anthem
Ever raised by choirs on high;
In the house of God abiding
Thus they sing eternally.
2. Alleluia thou resoundest,
True Jerusalem and free;
Alleluia, joyful mother,
All thy children sing with thee;
But by Babylon's sad waters
Mourning exiles now are we.
3. Alleluia cannot always
Be our song while here below;
Alleluia our transgressions
Make us for awhile forgo;
For the solemn time is coming
When our tears for sin must flow.
4. Therefore in our hymns we pray thee,
Grant us, blessed Trinity,
At the last to keep thine Easter,
In our home beyond the sky,
There to thee for ever singing
Alleluia joyfully.

*Charge and Blessing

*Benediction Response

"Sevenfold Amen"

Stainer

*Postlude

"Prelude in A Minor"

J. S. Bach

*Please stand, in body or in spirit.

Bold-type indicates congregational reading or singing.

Congratulations to Melia and Jacob Fryer at the birth of a daughter, Lina Maesel, born January 29.

Barbara Nagy is the proud grandmother.

The rose placed in the chancel is in honor of Lina's birth.

Visitors

Welcome! We are delighted you are worshiping with us. Please come to the visitors table located in the narthex welcome center and staffed by one of our members. We would love for you to consider becoming a member of our church family. Please feel free to speak with the pastors about this or any other questions.

Nursery

Nursery opens at 9:30 AM and is provided for infants and toddlers during the Christian Education Hour and the worship service. Please see an usher for directions.

SUNDAY LEADERS

Today, February 11

Bus Driver: Ken Corn
Greeters: Keith and Donna Antal
LeRoy and Barbara Wall
Nursery: Janet Leissner
Visitors Table: Lynn Garrett
Usher Captain: Scott Coley
Hugh Lowe

Next Sunday, February 18

Bus Driver: Scott Davis
Greeters: Sandra Morton
Robert and Diane Clark
Nursery: Janet Leissner
Visitors Table: Lynn Garrett
Usher Captains: Dick Peck
John Port

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, February 11

9:00 AM Chancel Ringers
9:30 AM Christian Education Hour
10:00 AM Chancel Choir
10:55 AM Worship Service with Communion
12:15 PM Children's Choir
1:00 PM PNC
No PM Youth

Monday, February 12

10:00 AM Mind, Body, Spirit Class

Tuesday, February 13

7:00 AM Men's Breakfast
9:00 AM Soup Kitchen

Tuesday, February 13

1:30 PM Staff Meeting
5:00 PM Spirit Night—Chick-fil-A

Wednesday, February 14

4:40 PM Chancel Ringers
5:15 PM Special Valentine's Day Meal by Candlelight
6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Worship with Communion
7:15 PM Chancel Choir

Saturday, February 17

9:00 AM Middle School Faith and Sexuality Retreat
—Montreat

Lent Devotional Books

Lent devotional books have been sent to all households on the church mailing list. Extras will be available at the Ash Wednesday service and in the church office.

College and Boarding School Students

College and boarding school students, please make sure that the church office and Pastor Adam have your current snail mail address on file. Thank you!

Annual Congregational Meeting

The annual meeting of the First Presbyterian congregation and corporation will be held as part of the 10:55 AM worship next Sunday, February 18. We will hear a financial report from 2017 and a budget report for 2018.

Group Text

To sign up for the FPC Morganton group text, please text @fpcmor to 81010. You can unsubscribe at any time.

God's Backyard Bible Camp Theme for 2018: *Shipwrecked!*

Save the Dates: July 23-27, 2018 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
For ages 3 ½ (toilet trained) to rising 6th graders
More info coming soon!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Wednesday, February 14

5:15 PM: Special Valentine's Day Meal by Candlelight
6:30 PM: Ash Wednesday Worship Service with Communion
and the Imposition of Ashes—in the FPC Chapel

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMS DURING LENT

6:30 PM: Worship with Communion in the Chapel

- February 14:** Ash Wednesday Worship w/Communion, Wanda Neely, Leader
February 21: Lenten Worship w/Communion, Bob Lowry, Leader
February 28: Lenten Worship w/Communion, Adam Bowling, Leader
March 7: Healing and Wholeness Worship w/Communion, Lynn Webber, leader
March 14: Lenten Worship w/Communion, Bobbi White, Leader
March 21: Lenten Worship w/Communion, Bill Neely, Leader

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

5:15 PM: Serving Begins for Meal in the Fellowship Hall

- February 14:** Adult Meal—country style steak, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls
Kid Meal—chicken fingers, potatoes, green beans, rolls
February 21: Adult Meal—bbq pork, baked beans, coleslaw, rolls
Kid Meal—hot dog, beans, rolls
February 28: Adult Meal—chicken-spinach lasagna, salad, garlic bread
Kid Meal—chicken sandwich, salad

Wednesday Night Meals Policy

Adults: \$7 Child: \$5 Family Cap: \$20

- ◆ Each individual/family must sign up weekly via the friendship pad or church website or by calling the church office before 10:00 AM on Monday.
- ◆ If a child wants the adult meal, they must pay the adult price of \$7.
- ◆ If you reserve a meal, please pay for it whether or not you attend, as the church must pay for those meals. All individuals and volunteers are required to pay for their meals.
- ◆ If you did not make a reservation, you are asked to wait until 5:40 PM to go through the line, to make sure there is enough food for those who made reservations.

OUR CONGREGATION CARES

Congregational love and sympathy are extended to Hugh and Linda Lowe and family at the death of Hugh's mother, Genevieve Lowe, on February 1, 2018.

Prayer Concerns

Our Prayer Concerns list is dedicated to church members and their families and friends in need of prayer. Names will remain on the prayer list for four weeks unless a new request is made by contacting the church staff.

Home

Wyatt Aiken	Janice Branstrom	Mike Brown	Anne Ervin	Sadie Hanger
Shannon Hodges	Sue Jones	Elinor Lewis	Betty Stock	

Grace Ridge Health Care

Marty Brenneman	Millie Gordon	Mildred Plaster	Eleanor Robb	Mary Tate
Sam Tate				

Trinity Ridge

Joan Dickison

Charles George Medical Center

Joseph Pritchard

Extended Family and Friends

Bob Ledford, brother of Donna Benner; Tara Reynolds, sister of Holly Smith; Robert Crawley, friend of Mary Hewat; Donald Poteat, friend of Jim and Mary Cameron Best; Grant Plummer, nephew of Brittany and Ryan Suttles; Kenneth Pitts, cousin of Lynn Garrett; Betty Harris, aunt of Bill Harris

All are invited to sign the "We Care" card, located in the entrance area.

This card will be sent to an individual or family experiencing a special need or pastoral concern.

Prayer Requests

As a church family, it is important to remember each other in prayer during times of need.

If you have a prayer request for the church prayer chain, please contact

Rev. Wanda Neely (email: wanda@firstpresmorganton.org) or

Rev. Adam Bowling (email: adam@firstpresmorganton.org).

If you would like to participate in the prayer chain, contact the church office.

Other options:

Add the below prayer request to the Prayer Concerns list.

I would like the church staff to pray for the below prayer request.

Submitted by: _____

Please place in offering plate or give to a staff member.

Reverend Dr. Wanda Neely, Interim Pastor
Reverend Lynn Webber, Parish Associate

Reverend Adam C. Bowling, Associate Pastor
Mr. Robert A. Smith, Director of Music