

The Presbyterian Church in Morristown

February 26, 2017
The Transfiguration of the Lord

Celebration of Worship

“And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun.” – Matt 17:2a

Prelude

Ostinato in A minor

Daniel L. Krug and Jason W. Krug

The Tower Ringers

*** Call to Worship** (*responsively*)

The Rev. Dr. David Smazik

Leader: In a dark room, we seek the light of a lamp.

People: In the dark night, we await the light of dawn.

Leader: When the moon disappears, we watch for the morning star.

People: We seek, we await, we watch for the risen and glorified Christ.

*** Hymn 189**

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

Deo Gracias

Confession and Pardon

Angela Rines

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Glorious God, it is good to be here with you—in the comfort of this sanctuary, among friends, assured of your grace and love for us. How tempted we are to abide in what feels safe and familiar! How hesitant we are to venture forth into the unknown. As Christ turned his eyes from the mountaintop to the valley, turn our eyes toward places we shudder to go—places where people struggle with

*** If you are able, please stand.**

brokenness and pain, dark places where we might bear your love and light. Transfigure us, so we might represent your kingdom well. Until the new day dawns and the morning star rises in our hearts, sustain us by your presence and your power. Amen.

Kyrie: Hymn 575

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Kyrie Eleison

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon (*responsively*)

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

People: The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Leader: Friends, believe the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*** Response: Hymn 587**

Alleluia!

Celtic Alleluia

*** Passing of the Peace**

A Time for Young Christians

Alexandra Mead

Reception of New Members

Jason and Liz Moorhouse

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 99

(Old Testament, page 522)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Sanctus

Sandra Howard

The Tower Choir Barbara Valenti, piano

Holy, holy, holy. Lord God of Hosts: heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Hosanna, in the highest.

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 17: 1-9

(New Testament, page 17)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Glory Revealed”

Rev. Smazik

* Hymn 193

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

Unser Herrscher

Greeting/Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

(Please sign and pass the friendship pad, found in the pew, to the person next to you. Offering envelopes and prayer request cards are located in the pew pockets for your convenience. Donations may be made online through our website. Cards will be collected with the offering.)

Offertory

Christ, whose glory fill the skies

Rachel Aarons

The Tower Choir Glenn Visscher, soloist Barbara Valenti, piano

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true and only Light, Sun of Righteousness arise! Triumph o'er the shades of night; Dayspring from on high. Be near; Daystar in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee; joyless is the day's return, till thy mercy's beams I see, till they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief! Fill me, radiance divine; scatter all my unbelief; more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

* Doxology (Hymn 609)

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

* Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

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.

* Hymn 634

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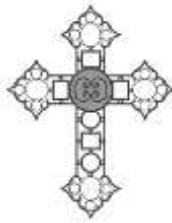
* Benediction

Postlude

Percussive Praise

Kevin McChesney

The Tower Ringers



WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Dr. David Smazik
Angela Rines, Director of Youth and Young Adults
Alexandra Mead, Director of Christian Education
Julie Ramseyer, Director of Children's Music
Barbara Valenti, Tower Choir Accompanist
Kevin Graf, Organ Scholar
The Tower Choir
Evan MacGregor and Vienna Volinsky, Acolytes

GREETERS

Pat and Bill Cunningham
Janice and Fred Figa

USHERS

Vern Verhoef, Head Usher; Sydney Familo; Jack Fraebel;
Karen May; Nancy Niemann; Vicky Willson

FLOWERS

Given in loving memory of her parents,
James and Esther Summers,
by Carol Johnson

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Gwyneth Butler and Amy Visscher

THANK YOU to our Sound Team that faithfully works every Sunday.

OPEN MEETINGS THIS WEEK: *For a full schedule of meetings, go to our website.*

Sunday, Feb 26

- 7:45 a.m. Worship with Communion (Chapel)
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Seminar (Parish House)
- 8:45 a.m. Sunday School (Parish House)
- 10:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 a.m. Deacons at Spring Hills
- 12:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (Parish House)

Monday, Feb 27

- 4:00 p.m. Tax Prep Assistance (Church)

Tuesday, Feb 28

- 8:30 a.m. Tax Prep Assistance (Church)
- 10:00 a.m. Tai Chi (Parish House)
- 11:00 a.m. Bible Study (Parish House)
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal (Church)

Ash Wednesday, Mar 1 (Lent Begins)

- 7:00 a.m. Worship: Imposition of Ashes (Chapel)
- 12:00 p.m. Worship: Imposition of Ashes (Chapel)
- 4:15 p.m. Middle School Youth Group
- 4:15 p.m. Midweek (Parish House)
- 6:00 p.m. Midweek Family Dinner (Parish House)
- 6:15 p.m. High School Youth Group Dinner (Parish House)
- 7:00 p.m. Worship: Imposition of Ashes (Chapel)
- 7:00 p.m. High School Youth Group (Chapel)
(Youth Group will conclude at 8:30 p.m. at Parish House)

Thursday, Mar 2

- 8:30 a.m. Tax Prep Assistance (Church)
- 9:15 a.m. Christian Yoga (Parish House)
- 1:00 p.m. JAM (Parish House)

Friday, Mar 3 – Office closes at noon

- 9:00 a.m. AAA (Parish House)
- 9:30 a.m. Bulletin Volunteers (Parish House)
- 6:00 p.m. Fri-YAY! for Middle School Youth (Parish House)

Saturday, Mar 4

- 11:00 a.m. Evelyn Morris Memorial Service (Chapel)

Sunday, Mar 5

- 7:45 a.m. Worship with Communion (Chapel)
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Seminar (Parish House)
- 8:45 a.m. Sunday School (Parish House)
- 8:45 a.m. Men's Lenten Study (Parish House)
- 10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion (Sanctuary)
- 11:15 a.m. Inquirers' Class (Church)
- 12:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (Parish House)

Wel come

We are a historic church, part of a historic denomination, and we celebrate this history while exploring ways to bring passion and freshness to our worship and congregational life. Join us as we seek to discover Fresh Traditional ways to **proclaim, gather, and nurture**, all toward continuing Jesus Christ's earthly ministry of building God's Kingdom.

Visitor's Information brochures are in the stands at the entrances to assist you in finding your way around our campus.

Visiting with Children?

- **Activity materials** for young worshippers are in the drawers of the literature chests in both vestibules.
- **Infant and child care** is provided during the service in Howard House, the building to the right of the sanctuary.
- **Restrooms:** Please accompany children (under age 10) to the restrooms. (Located through the left door by the bell tables.)

Special Needs?

- **Feel free to ask** ushers and greeters for assistance if you have any questions or special needs. **Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices** are available from the ushers in the narthex at the back of the church.

Please come again

- **Sunday Worship Schedule:**
7:45 a.m. Worship with Communion
10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- **Wednesday Bible Study & Worship will resume this week on Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017.**
Bible Study: 10:30 a.m. in the Choir Room
Worship Service: Noon in the Chapel



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