

# **First Presbyterian Church**

**Welcomes you for Worship  
February 11, 2018**

**Rev. David Smith  
Minister**



## **Our Vision**

**By the grace of Jesus Christ,  
We will strive to share the  
Good News with the world,  
To nurture our faith, and to  
Go into the world sharing  
Christ's love and mercy.**

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**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**Transfiguration Sunday**

February 11, 2018

10:15 am

**Assemble in God's Name**

BIBLICAL AND INFORMAL GREETING

*Following brief announcements, the congregation is invited to prepare in silence for worship.  
Please use this time to pray, to meditate, or to read the Scriptures for today.*

PRELUDE

"O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair"

R. Hillert

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jane Hutchinson

The glory of God shines like a consuming fire.

***We have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.***

The voice of God thunders like a mighty storm.

***Out of the cloud, God speaks: This is my beloved Son; listen to him!***

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

***Holy and mighty God, gather us among your faithful ones, the people of your covenant, to stand in the light of your glory and listen for the word of the Lord, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.***

\*HYMN NO. 75 (Blue Hymnal)

"O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair"

DEO GRACIAS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***God of all glory, beauty, and grace, we have tried to hide from you—to hide our faces, to hide our sin—yet you have never hidden your love for us. We have tried to search for you—in temples, in clouds, mountaintops—yet you have already revealed yourself to us in the face of Jesus Christ. Forgive us, and transform us so that our lives may shine with your glory, beauty, and grace.***

PERIOD OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our God comes and does not keep silent; God speaks to us with grace and love, saying:  
You are my beloved child.

***This is the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!***

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the Peace of Christ be with you!

***And also with you!***

\*RESPONSE

"Gloria Patri"

No. 579 (Blue Hymnal)

**Proclaim God's Word**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor David

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 50:1-6  
The Word of the Lord.  
***Thanks be to God!***

OT Pg. 519

The Lord shall come and not be slow; his light is soon appearing.

Prepare, you sinners, here below who are these tidings hearing:

Arise, O sleepers, trim your lamps!

Their flames so swiftly burning reveal the path to hope and peace,  
the dawn for which you're yearning.

Come forth you weary, meek and poor! Forget your strife and labor.

Messiah comes to those who toil, bestowing God's own favor.

Your king eternal, Lord on high, in humble form and lowly,  
transforms a simple oxen stall into a throne most holy.

For Christ shall come and not be slow; his light is now appearing.

Rejoice, you saints on earth below! His reign of love is nearing.

## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 9:2-9

NT Pg. 44

The Gospel of the Lord.  
***Praise to you, Lord Christ!***

## THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“The Perfection of Beauty”

Rev. David Smith

## \*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 again 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.***

## \*HYMN NO. 73 (Blue Hymnal)

“Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory”

**Give Thanks To God**

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Let us pray.

*The congregation will be led in prayer, concluding with our Lord's Prayer (traditional, page 16 of the hymnal).*

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*We use “debts” and “debtors.”*)

## OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

*Please sign the Fellowship Register and pass it on.*

## OFFERTORY

“Hallelujah! Praise the Lamb”  
Joyful Hearts

Arr. M. Lister/T. Fettke

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them up to God.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right to give you thanks and praise. Gracious God, we give you thanks for the light of love around us and the fire of faith within us. As we go forth from this place let our lives reflect the One who is the image of your glory: Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.*

**Go In God's Name**

\*HYMN (Black Binder)

“Revive Us Again”

\*DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“The Old-Time Religion (Toccata)”

G. Young

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*\*Indicates those who are able, please stand.*

**WE EXTEND A WARM FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WELCOME** to all visitors who are worshiping with us this morning. If you are visiting, we would welcome the opportunity to tell you more about our church family. Please sign the Fellowship Register in your pew and include information that will enable us to be in touch.

**WE HAVE ALTERED OUR TRADITION OF THE PASSING OF THE PEACE FOR A FEW WEEKS.** Due to the severity of the flu season this year, we will proceed directly to the sung response after the liturgy.

**THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS TODAY** are given to the glory of God by Helen Crago.

**THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS:**

WORSHIP LEADER: Jane Hutchinson

CHILDREN’S SERMON: Pastor David

JUNIOR CHURCH: Brad Thomas

SIP N CHAT: Carr

SOUND SYSTEM: John Lee

FLOWER DELIVERY: The Congregation

ACOLYTE: Becker Van Dyk

USHERS: Nancy McCartney, Ted, Julie, Carrington and Becker Van Dyk

**SPECIAL THANKS TO JOYFUL HEARTS AND TO THE CHANCEL CHOIR FOR SHARING THEIR MUSICAL TALENTS THIS MORNING!**

**WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US DOWNSTAIRS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AFTER WORSHIP FOR SOUP N CHAT.** We also invite you to take part in the life of this congregation by participating in any activity that can help you on your spiritual journey. Regular Sunday activities are:

9:00 – Sunday School

10:15—Worship Service

11:30—Sip N Chat in Fellowship Hall

**LENT BEGINS ON THIS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14.** There will be a congregational potluck at 6 pm in fellowship hall. An Ash Wednesday service will take place at 7 pm in the sanctuary, and will include imposition of ashes and communion. Child care will be provided.

**CHANCEL CHOIR WILL HAVE A SHORT REHEARSAL** immediately after the Ash Wednesday service next week, February 14th.

**THE COMMUNITY MEAL IS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27** and the sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board at the foot of the stairs if you would like to help. The menu is beef stew, biscuits or bread, tossed salad and blueberry sauce over cake for dessert.

**THE SIP N CHAT CALENDAR FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 2018 HAS BEEN POSTED. PLEASE SIGN UP!** We have plenty of open dates. Simple snacks are fine.

**SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED:** On Friday, April 13th, FPC will once again host a Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction to help raise funds for the Neighborhood Jam outreach project. Tickets will go on sale soon, but action can be taken now! E & D is currently collecting items, theme baskets, and certificates for the silent auction. They may be dropped off in the church office. Thank you in advance for your donation.

**PAPER BAGS** - The multiple long weekends away from school have greatly depleted GoPacks' paper bag supply! Donations of gently used paper grocery bags are greatly appreciated and can be placed in the red bin in the Donation Station. Thank you.

**THE 2018 FLOWER CALENDAR HAS BEEN POSTED.** You can sign up to purchase flowers for a Sunday. The cost is \$15. Please email or call the office with the message you would like to appear in the bulletin for that Sunday. Dates that are still available in the next few months are: April 1, May 6, 13, 20, and 27.

**THE LIST OF BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES ON THE PRAYER LIST** are drawn from the church database. If you want yours listed, please provide that information to Karen. For privacy reasons the church will not accept birthdays and anniversaries from third parties.

**ALL MUSIC ENSEMBLES ARE BACK TO REGULAR REHEARSAL SCHEDULES! THEY ARE:**

**PresbyPraise:** Sundays 9-9:15

**Westminster Bells:** Wednesdays 5-6

**Joyful Hearts:** Wednesdays 6:30 - 7:15

**Chancel Choir:** Wednesdays 7:15 - 8:15

**Glorify! (Vocal)** Sundays after Church

**Glorify! (Combo)** practices on Tuesdays from 5-6

We'd love to have you be a part of these wonderful ensembles! Any questions, please see Peter at Sip N Chat.

**GIVING ENVELOPES FOR 2018 ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX.**

**THE 2018 PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT** is \$29.34 per communicant member. This covers our share of administrative costs and mission for Muskingum Valley Presbytery, Synod of the Covenant and the General Assembly. Members are invited to make a contribution for this to help insure the success of the budget. The church's assessment is more than \$7000 annually. An envelope for the Per Capita is available in your offering envelope box, or simply make a check payable to the church with "Per Capita" on the memo line.

**LIVE GENEROUSLY – TREAT YOURSELF WITH GENEROSITY!** Just as we are commanded to love others, scripture reminds us we need to love and care for ourselves. The New Year often brings plans to improve. As you make resolutions, be generous with yourself by:

- Setting attainable and realistic goals. For example, start with 10 minutes a day of time in devotions or 20 minutes of exercise. Achieve those attainable goals first before moving to the large changes.
- Include fun, joy, and laughter in your life. The cold and the dark can leave many of us struggling with depression. Seek out others for fellowship. You will help them and yourself.
- Start the year by listing your gifts and strengths. Thank God for them and work on improving a skill where you have excellence or bless someone else with a gift you have. Doing things we are good at can be exhilarating.
- Spend time with those folks who love you the way God made you. They help inoculate us against the negative messages that fill our world.

**MEMORIAL GARDEN WINS STATE WIDE ACCOLADES!** Al Laing of Greenleaf submitted the Memorial Garden project to the annual contest run by the Ohio Nursery and Landscape Association. The project won Grand Prize in its category and Project of the Year! Thank you to all who contributed to make this garden possible. And thank you to the members of the church's planning group that worked closely with Al and his team.

**ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF  
February 11 – February 18**

**Sunday**

9:00 – Adult SunSch  
9:00 – PresbyPraise  
9:15 – Youth/Child. SS  
10:15 – Worship  
11:30 – Sip N Chat  
11:45 – Glorify!  
5:00 – Youth Group

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

11:30 – Pioneer Preschool  
Board  
4:45 – GoPacks Board  
5:00 – Glorify! Combo  
5:30 – Mid-Ohio Valley  
Interfaith  
7:00 - Session

**Ash Wednesday**

3:20 – Scholars  
5:00 – Westminster Bells  
6:00 – Potluck Dinner  
7:00 – Ash Wednesday  
Service

**Thursday**

5:30 - Girl Scouts  
6:00 - Finance  
7:00 - AA

**Friday**

8:00pm– Youth Lock-In

**Saturday**

8:00 – Men's Fellowship  
9:00 – Youth Lock-In ends  
9:00 – AA  
10:00 – SDA Church School  
& Worship

**Next Sunday –**

Scripture – Psalm 25:1-10  
Mark 1:1-9  
Sermon – “Retreat”