

First Presbyterian Church

**Welcomes you for Worship
March 3, 2019**

**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

March 3, 2019

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Emilia Jacobs

“The Lord is king; let the people stand in awe.

The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and worship upon God’s holy hill;

The Lord our God is the Holy One.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY



Holy God, present in our midst yet beyond all comprehension, by your light, we see light; by your healing, we are made whole; by your mercy, we know your greatness.

Turn your gaze upon our weakness and show us the way of your love that we may live with unveiled faces, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



*HYMN 229 (Blue Hymnal)

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION



Merciful and gracious God, we bow before your unending compassion. We have not loved as you command. We have not spoken truly. We have not cared for creation, including ourselves. What we intend, we have not pursued; what we mean to avoid, we embrace. Help us to know the mind of Christ, that in all thoughts, words, and deeds, our lives might come to honor you.

PERIOD OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

When one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed.

God sees us as we are and God forgives all our sins.

We turn to God and offer praise as children of 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



FIRST SCRIPTURE

Exodus 24:12-18
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

OT 70

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Peter Sour



ANTHEM

“I Will Sing With the Spirit”

John Rutter

Chancel Choir

I will sing with the spirit: Alleluia, Alleluia!
And I will sing with the understanding also: Alleluia, Alleluia!
I will sing with the spirit: Alleluia, Alleluia!



SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 17:1-9

NT 18

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Christ!



THE CHILDREN’S SERMON

Brad Thomas

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“Witnesses to Justice”

The 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.

Give Thanks To God



*HYMN 75 (Blue Hymnal)

“O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair”

DEO GRACIAS

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS (*Visitors, we invite you to share your contact info on a Welcome Card.*)



OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

No. 592 (Blue Hymnal)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION



O God, bless these gifts that we have given as expressions of our love for you and our neighbors, that they may bring closer your reign of peace and love; through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign. Amen.

The Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

“Great Thanksgiving,” Page 124, *Lift Up Your Hearts* (White Hymnal)

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION



THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Communion will be served.

A plate with bread will be passed first. Please take a piece of bread and partake. All the bread is gluten free. The tray with juice will be passed next. Please take a cup and hold it. We will partake together.

THE AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Grant us your peace.



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (*We use ‘debts’ and ‘debtors.’*)

We give you thanks, Lord Jesus Christ, for the gifts of grace we have received from your hand. Now send us forth to reflect your light, proclaiming your saving death and resurrection until you come again in glory. We pray using the words Jesus taught, “Our Father . . .”

Go In God's Name



*HYMN 73 (Blue Hymnal) “Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory”

GENEVA

*DISMISSAL AND BLESSING



*RESPONSE

“Alleluia!”

Al-le-lu-ia! For the Lord our God, the Al-might-y, has come in-to his king-dom!

Let us re-joice, let us be glad with all our hearts.

Let us give him the glo-ry for-ev-er and ev-er. A-men.



POSTLUDE

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

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN! If you are visiting, we would welcome the opportunity to tell you more about our church family. We invite you to use one of the Welcome Cards you will find in the pew racks to share your information with us.

WE WILL CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER TODAY. ALL FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST ARE WELCOME AT THE TABLE. This sacrament in the Presbyterian church calls to mind Christ’s sacrifice for us, offers thanksgiving to God for the gifts and goodness of creation, acknowledges the real presence of Christ as we gather at the table, and anticipates the fullness of God’s kingdom.

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS TODAY are given to the glory of God in celebration of Gib and Marilyn Moody’s 64th anniversary.

DURING THE PEAK OF THE FLU SEASON WE HAVE ALTERED THE PASSING OF THE PEACE. Following the verbal passing of the peace, we will sing the response. Greet one another following the service but please be respectful of any who may wish to avoid close contact.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS:

WORSHIP LEADER: Emilia Jacobs

CHILDREN’S SERMON: Brad Thomas

JUNIOR CHURCH: Maria Berner

SOUND SYSTEM: John Lee

FLOWER DELIVERY: The Congregation

LIVESTREAM: Randy Urbaniak

SIP N CHAT: Gib & Marilyn Moody

USHERS: Stacy, Mike and Andrew Elliott

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE CHANCEL CHOIR FOR SHARING THEIR MUSICAL TALENTS THIS MORNING!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CAME OUT TO HELP WITH THE COMMUNITY MEAL ON TUESDAY. A thank you to Stephen Carr for treating those who came to work or to eat with your piano music. A good meal, good music, good fellowship; can't beat that!

COME SEE THE LITTLE MERMAID AT MARIETTA HIGH SCHOOL TODAY FOR THE MATINEE AT 2PM. Several youths from our church are involved in the show and would love to have you come and see them perform! Tickets are \$10 and will be available at the door.

LENT BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6. There will be a meal at 6 pm hosted by Worship and Music supported by Endowments. The Ash Wednesday Service will be at 7 pm.

HONDURAS MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER. Saturday, March 9 there will be a pancake breakfast fundraiser at Applebee's in Marietta to help raise funds for a Mission trip to Honduras. If you have any questions or would like to purchase tickets please see Judy Peoples. Tickets are \$5.

MEMBERS, WE INVITE YOU TO HELP DEFRAY THE COST OF PER CAPITA. Per Capita is a per member apportionment the church makes to the denomination to support expenses at the local, regional and national level. This year's per capita is \$30.56. Please consider a donation to help with this \$6700 line-item in the budget. Please mark your contribution "per capita".

THE 2019 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. **The next available Sundays are March 17, May 19 and May 26.**

THE SIP N CHAT HOSTING SIGN UP FOR THE FIRST SEVERAL MONTHS OF 2019 IS POSTED. The next few open dates are **March 17, 24 and 31.** Simple snacks are fine.

WELCOME AND PRAYER REQUESTS CARDS, AND DONATION ENVELOPES ARE IN THE PEW RACKS.

REDUCING EXPENSES & OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT! We are printing fewer bulletins and inviting those worshipping to share.

PARENTS, WE HAVE BAGS WITH COLORING AND DRAWING SUPPLIES FOR CHILDREN TO USE DURING WORSHIP. These are in the narthex (the entryway to the sanctuary) on one of the pews. Ushers can help you locate these. Included are a children's bulletin and a coloring page.

HAVE INPUT FOR OUR CHURCH LEADERS? *Open Line to Session* cards can be found on the table at the top of the main stairwell. Cards must be signed when providing input.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING DATES:
March 3, 10, 17, 31 (1-3PM) FOR 6TH THROUGH 12TH GRADE
March 10, 24 (7-8:30PM) FOR HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE

SPECIAL EVENT!!!

March 23 - Winter Jam - 3PM - ?

We are headed to Winter Jam this year! The concert is being hosted in Charleston, WV and we will be traveling from the church on Saturday, March 23rd. We will meet at 2:30PM and leave by 3PM. There will be concessions and merchandise available at the venue and the cost for admission is \$15. After the show, we will make our way back to Marietta, and based on the needs of our concert-goers will stop for food on the way home. Please bring money for the tickets and anything else you may want to purchase. If you would like to volunteer or have questions, please contact Brad.

YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE AND OFFERINGS

Youth Group for 6th through 12th grade – Sundays 1 to 3pm

Fellowship, music, lessons and group games

High School & College Group – Normally biweekly, Sundays 7 to 8:30pm at FPC

Off weeks we will look at some off-campus locations

Signups for volunteers are located on the bulletin board by the Wooster Street entrance

ACTIVITIES FOR MARCH 3 – MARCH 10

Sunday

9:00 – Adult SunSch
9:00 – Presby Praise
9:15 – Children/ Youth
Sunday School
10:15 – Worship
11:30 – Sip N Chat
11:45- Glorify!
12:00 – Lunch & Little
Mermaid
12:30 – Jim W. Praise Band
7:00 – High School &
College Group

Monday

6:00 – Building &
Administration

Tuesday

10:00 – Christian Education
12:00 - Endowments
4:00 – Glorify! Combo
7:00 – AA District 15

Wednesday

3:20 – Scholars on Fourth
5:00 – Westminster Bells
6:00 – Fellowship Meal
7:00 – Ash Wednesday
Service
7:45 – Chancel Choir

Thursday

5:30 – Girl Scouts
7:00 – AA

Friday

Saturday

8:00 – Men's Fellowship
9:00 – AA
10:00 – SDA Church School
& Worship

Next Sunday –

Scriptures –
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Luke 4:1-13
Sermon – “Shelter”