

**McKEESPORT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WORSHIP SERVICE**

Transfiguration of the Lord

February 11, 2024

WE ENTER INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

PRELUDE

Faye D'Ippolito, Organist

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

OPENING PRAYER

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(L) Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing.

(C) yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

(L) Holy God, Your compassion illumines the world.

(C) Transform us into the likeness of the light and love of Christ.

(L) Holy God, You have renewed our humanity so that we may share in Your divinity.

(C) Free us from our fears, so that we can live into the Light.

(ALL) Open our eyes, our hearts, our minds, to receive Your Glory!

***HYMN**

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

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***PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (In Unison)**

Merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength. Nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have resisted seeing Your divine presence with us and around us. We have insisted on focusing on what we are told we need, on what we are told we are not. We "run" to idols instead of "remaining" with You. In Your mercy, forgive what we have been and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways.

In Jesus Christ's name we pray.

Amen

(paraphrased/edited prayer from BCW)

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (Psalm 103)**

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. God does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's love for those who trust Him.

Hear the Good News—as far as the east is from the west, God has removed our sins from us.

(ALL) Thanks be to God!

**Glory be the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

JOYS

Leader: "For (joy), Gracious God..."

All: "we give you thanks"

CONCERNS

Leader: "For (concern), Merciful Lord ..."

All: "hear our prayer."

Let's pray together the Lord's Prayer:

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Please contact the church by email or phone with your prayer requests during the week.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Please welcome the youth to the front of the sanctuary.

ANTHEM

"It is Well with My Soul"

(Chancel Choir)

Arr. Larson

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mark 9: 2-9

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² In Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³ and his clothes became dazzling bright, such as no one on earth could brighten them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷ Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

SERMON

Rev. Michael Stanton

**THE RESPONSE
WE COMMIT TO THE WORK OF GOD**

OFFERTORY

"Jesus Christ, God's Only Son"

**Edward Moore, Soloist
Arr. J. S. Bach**

***DOXOLOGY**

***HYMN**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (Vv. 1, 3, & 4)

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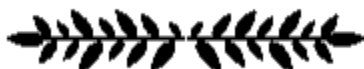
WE ENGAGE THE WORLD OF GOD

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

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**All those who are able, please stand"*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE:

On February 14th, Ash Wednesday, there will be a potluck dinner at 6:00 pm and Service at 7:00 pm.

IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE, please contact the church office.

TAKE CARE, THE FLU AND COLD SEASON IS UPON US:

Please help keep everyone healthy. If you have a cold or flu, please consider joining us virtually or utilizing the masks available at the entrances. We all thank you.

HATS, SCARVES, GLOVES AND SOCKS:

We have been collecting hats, scarves, gloves and socks in all sizes, for our community for the winter. If you have any extras of these items please drop them off at the church office. Thank you.

EYEGASSES, HEARING AIDS:

Lions Club of White Oak is collecting old eyeglasses, hearing aids, and used, clean, non-labeled prescription bottles. If you would like to dispose of any of these items, please give them to Carol Lasch or drop them off at the church office.

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