

# First Presbyterian Church

Organized May 25, 1822

*With Christ as our Savior and Guide  
We seek to know God's love and share it  
With each other, our community, and the world.  
We invite you to join us in this journey  
of discipleship.*

*Rev. Dr. Gregory L. Glover, Pastor*

## Transfiguration Sunday

March 3, 2019

*Celebrating the Sacrament of Communion*

*GATHERING AROUND THE WORD*

PRELUDE "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

The LORD be with you.

**And also with you.**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather together to worship God.

**We gather because we have seen:**

the bush was aflame,

**and yet was not consumed.**

There were just five small loaves,

**and yet there was bread leftover.**

We gather because we have heard God's voice in mighty  
thunder,

**and in sighs too deep for words.**

God called Jesus "Beloved" on a mountaintop,

**and God has called our names.**

We have seen. We have heard. God is here.

Let us worship God together!

\*HYMN #193 "Jesus, Take Us To The Mountain"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsive)

Your reign is marked by justice and peace; you are on the side of those who are oppressed.

**Our lives are marked by comfort and avoidance; we choose what is fair instead of what is just.**

You seek transformation and compassion in this world, yet we are content to wait for the promise of heaven.

**Forgive our failings, Lord, and convict us by your spirit. Move us beyond our shallow faith to know the depth of your life among us.**

**Now hear our silent, personal prayers of confession...**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI, Hymn #581

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 34:29-35 (p. 71)

ANTHEM "I Will Sing With The Spirit"  
John Rutter

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

INTERLUDE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 9:28-36 (p. 843)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

SERMON "For Once, Then Something"  
Rev. Carol Tate

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN #366 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed, pg. 35*

**I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY "Christ Upon the Mountain Peak"

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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 ... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Response #552 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,  
In the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours,  
eternal God, now and forever.

Response #601 "Amen"

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\*HYMN #12 "Immortal, Invisible"

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE/POSTLUDE "Improvisation on St. Denio"

WORSHIP NOTES

Sarah Hedstrom is today's liturgist. Eric Salyer is today's audio-visual specialist. Mark Ring is Director of Music/Organist. Matt McNeill, Accompanist. \*Please stand if you are able Note on Psalm 99: This short enthronement psalm puts the prayer/singer in the stance of a royal subject, an attendee at a coronation, placing the crown on the king's head, placing the scepter in his hand, and bowing before him. The "king" in this case is God; the place where the LORD rules is Jerusalem (in Zion, his throne room being the holiest inmost room of the temple). As one might do at the inauguration of a president or the coronation of a human king (or queen), the psalmist, as Israel's "poet laureate," celebrates God's attributes (God is "holy, holy, holy" [vv. 3, 5, 9], a lover of justice) and God's deeds (establishing equity, executing justice and righteousness). The poem/song demonstrates publicly that God is worthy of this honor and of our allegiance. The psalmist also names the "Founding Fathers" of the faith, famous people who have served God well as members of the divine court on earth in more rustic times, in the tabernacle/tent in the wilderness (Moses, Aaron, Samuel). God the King rewarded their faithful service by always dealing faithfully with them, so their example should prod us in this later age--when God's rule has been widely recognized by people(s) beyond the borders of Israel--to the same quality of service. The psalm culminates with the King's statutes and laws, first given in the desert, which are still enforced with a firm but loving hand, with forgiveness. The last line is a call for all the people(s) (vv. 1-2, 9)--people of every nation--to assemble at God's throne in Jerusalem to worship. For Christians in Clarksville, this universal call is heard today in the call to welcome everyone at the table where Christ Jesus is our host. Let us worship God!

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, March 3 9:00am Children/Youth/Adult Sunday School Classes 9:00-9:15am Children's Music 2:00pm Showers of Love (see announcement) Youth return from NaCoMe Retreat (no group meeting) Monday, March 4 5:00pm Theology on Tap at Don Pablo's on Riverside Tuesday, March 5 5:00pm Yoga Wednesday, March 6 Ash Wednesday 10:00am Bible Study 6:00pm Ash Wednesday Service 6:30pm Youth at CFA on Madison Thursday, March 7 8:30am Yoga

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST SUNDAY SHOWERS OF LOVE Today FPC opens its doors to share our facilities so that people who are homeless can have a warm shower in a safe place. Join us at 2pm, lower level of the AOC/gym to fellowship with some wonderful folks! PANCAKE BREAKFAST Saturday, March 9, Insight Counseling Centers is having a pancake breakfast to benefit the Pastoral Counseling Center. Breakfast is served 7-11am at the Fellowship Hall of Grace Lutheran Church, 2041 Madison St., Clarksville. The cost is \$5 per ticket and are available through David Goder (931-320-4814) or in the church office. ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT If you have any questions, please contact Rhonda Banasiak at (931) 980-8184. The sign-up sheet is outside the church office on the table. LOAVES AND FISHES CAPITAL CAMPAIGN Please join us for tea and biscuits, hats and pearls at the Ladies Tea Party Saturday, March 30 at 2pm at F&M Bank's Franklin Room. Cost is \$50.00, checks are payable to L&F Capital Campaign, P.O. Box 3241, Clarksville 37043. For more information, contact malinda@loavesfishescampaign.org or call 931-648-9529. MISSIONS COMMITTEE welcomes any males who are interested in joining our group as we seek to serve both local and international missions. We also want to thank Jennifer Ellis, David Goder, Ella Hay and Craig Schryver for assisting as Inn Keepers in February; and thank you all who contributed clothing and linens this past month!!

MEMBER/VISITOR INFORMATION CARD

Please complete and place in offering plate 10:00am Service

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  Member(s)  1st Time Visitor(s)  Visitor(s)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Members indicate if this is a change in information.

I am interested in membership, baptism, or a meeting with the pastor (please circle which one(s)).

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer Requests: \_\_\_\_\_

LOOKING AHEAD:

March 9, Pancake Breakfast (see announcement)

March 10, Daylight Savings Time Second Sunday Lunch Family Trip to Nashville Zoo (see announcement)

March 13, Room in the Inn

March 15, Women's Retreat (see announcement)

March 16, NaCoMe Work Trip Room in the Inn

March 25-29, Spring Break!

March 30, Room in the Inn

April 2, Men's Quarterly Breakfast

April 14, Palm Sunday

April 20, Easter Egg Hunt

April 21, Easter

April 26, Men's Work Trip

FPC Social Media Links: Instagram: fpcclarksvilletn Facebook: @FPCClarksville Twitter: clarksvillefpc

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION will have a VBS sign-up table for students and volunteers at Second Sunday Lunch, March 10! VBS is June 23-27. Immediately following lunch we will go to the Nashville Zoo. Cost is \$18.00 for adults and \$13.00 for children 2-12. Please see Dianne York for more information.