

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**February 11, 2018**  
**TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY**

*Welcome: It's time to celebrate, we are in the presence of God. We invite you to joyfully prepare your hearts to receive God's love and to feel connected to the Body of Christ this day. Please take a moment to sign the pew pads. We'd like to keep you informed of what we are doing, so please give us your email, too.*

\*Please stand as you are able.  
† 8:45 Worship Only      †† 11:00 Worship Only

**EIGHT FORTY-FIVE**

**ELEVEN O'CLOCK**

**GATHERING AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

**VOLUNTARY**                      **Fairest Lord Jesus**      James Woodman  
(Five Variations for Organ Manuals)      (b. 1957)

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY)**

Leader: Get ready! A miraculous thing is about to happen!

**People: What is it!**

Leader: The powerful light of Jesus will transform your lives!

**People: But we are unworthy to receive this light.**

Leader: Jesus himself has proclaimed you worthy and beloved. Come, and live in the light.

**People: Praise be to God and to Jesus Christ who has healed and redeemed us. Amen.**

† **PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 173**

**Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies**      **RATISBON**

†† **PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 260**

**Christ, upon the Mountain Peak**      **SHILLINGFORD**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Our God is waiting to be gracious to you, yearning to have pity on you. Blessed are all who wait for the Lord. In faith, let us make our confession to God.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)**

**Lord of infinite mercy, we are in such a hurry to memorialize everything that the power and meaning of an event becomes pale or altered in our life. Help us look at the Transfiguration of Jesus with new eyes, those eyes that see him in light of the witness of the ages; eyes that see Jesus as the One who comes to set people free, to heal, to bring hope and peace. Forgive us for the times when we fail to be faithful disciples. Help us to offer ourselves; for we kneel before you, imperfect, but willing to serve. Amen.**

**PERSONAL CONFESSION AND MEDITATION (IN SILENCE)**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Leader: Rejoice! You have been blessed by God to be witnesses; to proclaim God's love to all. Be at peace! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

**All: Glory to God. Amen.**

**SUNG RESPONSE**                      **Christ, Be Our Light!**      Bernadette Farrell  
(b. 1957)



**\* PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**MISSION MOMENT**

† Charlene Johnston  
†† Betty Huneycutt

†† **TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES**

All children are invited to join the pastor at the chancel steps.  
Children ages 4 – first grade may then depart  
for Children's Church in Room 304.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (IN UNISON)**

**O Lord, on this Sunday of Transfiguration, we pray that your light would pour over these pages and illumine these old, old words – that they would dance with newness in our hearts and minds. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**                      **2 Corinthians 4:3-6**                      NT Page 180

†† **ANTHEM**

**Dazzling as the Sun**                      Gwyneth Walker  
Chancel Choir                      (b. 1947)

Dazzling as the sun, the face of Jesus on the mountain, like the face of Moses coming down from Sinai ready, strong to lead his people out of bondage into freedom, to the promised land. Transfigured for disciples' eyes, God's servant who would suffer as Isaiah prophesied. Revealed in garments glistening white, the glorious Son of Man whom Daniel had foretold. Then then cloud of presence, then the voice of witness: "This is my beloved Son on whom my favor rests. Listen to him." Hear him! Gazing on the Lord by radiant light transfigured, see the pattern of our lives: cross embraced to Easter splendor. Claim the Gospel vision wondrous: we are God's beloved ones. Claim the transformation promised: destiny of glory! "This is my beloved Son."

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

**Mark 9:2-9**                      NT Page 44

**SERMON**

**"Transfigur-what-tion?"**      Rev. Ross Carter

**CALL TO PRAYER**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Let us pray.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

† **OFFERTORY**

**Schönster Herr Jesu**      Hermann Schroeder  
**("Fairest Lord Jesus")**                      (1904-1984)

†† **OFFERTORY**

**My Eyes for Beauty Pine**      Herbert Howells  
Chancel Choir                      (1892-1983)

My eyes for beauty pine, my soul for Goddes grace, no other care nor hope is mine, to heaven I turn my face. One splendor thence is shed from all the stars above: 'tis named when God's name is said, 'tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love. And every gentle heart that burns with true desire, is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.

**\* DOXOLOGY**

**LASST UNS ERFREUEN**

**All Singing:** Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia!      UMH No. 94

**\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (IN UNISON)**

**Holy God, we are in awe of you and your miraculous power! Your glorious light shone around Jesus as he prayed on the mountain. Thank you for this glimpse of Jesus' divinity before his resurrection. The world may see just a humble teacher who died on a cross. Your Spirit gives us faith to recognize Jesus as the holy Savior of the world. Fill us with joy in sharing that good news, so that those who are far away will be drawn to you. Receive our offerings through your beloved Son Jesus. Amen.**

**\* HYMN No. 258**

**O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair**      **WAREHAM**

**\* PRONOUNCEMENT OF BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

**Recessional on 'Shine, Jesus, shine'**

David Blackwell  
(b. 1961)

**WORSHIP NOTE:** "Christ, upon the Mountain Peak" (UMH No. 260), which is being sung for the processional at the 11:00 a.m. service, is an example of a hymn that paints the text through the music. Peter Cutts' tune eloquently depicts Brian Wren's text by striding up the mountain peak and at the Transfiguration, striding down again transposed ("transfigured") to another key. The distinctly twentieth-century harmonic context is reminiscent of the music of Paul Hindemith (1895-1963).

We thank the following for their service during our worship service:

	8:45	11:00
Liturgist:	Steve Cecil	
Lay Reader:	Julian Mims	Curwood Harrison
Acolytes:	Robert Henry	Grayson Presley & Hallie Smith
Crucifer:	Jack Simpson	Cale Presley

**WELCOME!** We're glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Following the 11:00 service, there is a gathering in the Heritage Center for fellowship and refreshments. Please join us. Our host this week is Carrie Sanders.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in honor of Robert (Bob) Patrick on his 85th birthday by Evelyn Patrick.

**MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD** serving in February are Martha Wimmer, Nancy Bell, Glenda Blue, Hy Harris, Glenda Milligan, and Doris Stadler.

**THE PRAYER REQUEST CARDS** in the pews may be placed in the offering or in the Prayer Request Boxes in the reading area and the narthex area, or you may email the Prayer Ministry Team at [prayer@frontstreetumc.org](mailto:prayer@frontstreetumc.org). We thank team member Vickie Sykes, who will be in the Prayer Room on our behalf at noon to pray for requests given on the Prayer Request Cards.

#### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

There will be an Ash Wednesday Service on **Wednesday, February 14 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary, including the imposition of ashes. Childcare will be provided for children under 5. Please join us.

#### YOUTH OUTREACH PROJECT SUNDAY

The third Sunday of each month is designated as Youth Outreach Project Sunday. To learn more about this project, visit [www.frontstreetumc.org](http://www.frontstreetumc.org). A list of items we are collecting for this project is available on the church website or from the Welcome Center. Please bring items on **Sunday, February 18**, and deposit them on the table in the Welcome Center. Thank you for your continuous support of this youth project.

#### DISCERNING THE VOICE OF GOD BY PRISCILLA SHIVER

##### A SMALL GROUP STUDY FOR WOMEN

Through seven sessions, discover the root to clear and daily communication with God—humble obedience. This class is facilitated by Marlee Beckcom and meets on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. beginning February 21. Space is limited to 20 participants. Learn more and register by visiting [www.frontstreetumc.org/features](http://www.frontstreetumc.org/features).

#### BLOOD DRIVE

Front Street will have a blood drive on **Sunday, March 4 from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** in Aldersgate Hall. Note: donors can go ahead and sign up now online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), sponsor code: Front Street. Also, donors may text or call Gene Fonville at 336-260-8114 or email at [gfonville@triad.rr.com](mailto:gfonville@triad.rr.com) for more information or to schedule your appointment.

#### FILL A DOZEN EASTER EGGS

Want to bring joy to children in our Front Street community this Easter? Fill one or two dozen eggs with candy, and the occasional \$1 bill (no coins please), and bring them to the church office by **March 12**. They will be hidden for the children to find at our Easter egg hunt on **March 17** at Lake Mackintosh. This event is sponsored by our Children's Ministry. Thank you for your support.

#### EASTER EGG HUNT MARCH 17

Everyone is invited to come out for an afternoon of fun and games, including an Easter egg hunt on **Saturday, March 17, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** at Lake Mackintosh (Burlington). Lunch will be provided. There is no cost to attend this event. Invite your friends and neighbors! We look forward to seeing you there! Questions? Contact Marcy McAdams.

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### CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 11, 2018

#### Sunday, February 11

8:45	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:00	Contemporary Worship Service	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Worship Service	Sanctuary
4:00	Children's Choir	Sanctuary
4:00	Youth Choir	Choir Room
5:00	Wesley Ringers	Room 307
5:00	Youth Bells	Bell Room
6:00	UMYF	Ministry Center

#### Tuesday, February 13

7:30	Men's Breakfast Bible Study	Reading Area
9:30	Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study	Room 305
6:00	Finance Committee Meeting	John Wesley Room
6:15	Epworth Ringers	Bell Room
7:00	Circle 5	Heritage Center

#### Wednesday, February 14

7:30	UMYF Breakfast Club	Dr. Cecil's Office 1711 Sykes St.
7:00	Ash Wednesday Service	Sanctuary
7:30	Chancel Choir (after service)	Choir Room

#### Thursday, February 15

9:30	Prayer and Meditation	Prayer Room
10:00	Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting	Room 303
6:30	Missions Committee Meeting	John Wesley Room

#### Sunday, February 18

8:45	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:00	Contemporary Worship Service	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Worship Service	Sanctuary
5:00	Pancake Supper & Silent Auction	Aldersgate Hall
6:00	UMYF	Ministry Center

#### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **March 18 and April 8, 15, 22, and 29**. Please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 or [kpaul5@triad.rr.com](mailto:kpaul5@triad.rr.com) for details or to sign up.

#### LIVE-STREAMING ON FACEBOOK

We are pleased to be able to live-stream our 11:00 a.m. worship each week for the benefit of those who are not able to be physically present. If you have any questions about this service, please feel free to speak with Pastor Ross.

# FRONT STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

#### Our Mission:

*Knowing Christ • Growing in Christ • Sharing Christ*



Transfiguration of Our Lord

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