

First Presbyterian Church of Naples

*In the Heart of Naples with the Love of God:
we worship, we love, we grow, we serve*



Transfiguration, by Dorothea Pierce

Transfiguration of the Lord
February 23, 2020
LITURGY BULLETIN

*Let us quiet our hearts, minds, and voices for the beginning of worship.
At this time, please silence all cell phones.*

The Prelude

EDWARD L. GOOD

Prelude on “Fairest Lord Jesus” and “O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing”

THE TIME OF GATHERING

Welcome and Life Together

REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

SERVICE OF PREPARATION

*Call to Worship

Leader: Do you see it?

People: *In fire and cloud our God appears: the glory of the Lord settles over us.*

Leader: Do you hear it?

People: *A voice thunders from heaven: “This is my Son, the Beloved, listen to him.”*

Leader: Open your eyes; unstop your ears.

All: *We are gathered on holy ground. Let us worship God!*

A TIME FOR PRAISE AND CONFESSION

*Hymn of Praise #12

Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

- 1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.*
- 2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.*
- 3. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.*
- 4. Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, we search for you amidst the grand and glorious, the sacred and serene. We are eager to bask in your splendor and dwell with you in sanctuaries that shelter us from the sorrow of this world. We forget you are also present in the ordinary and profane, the desperate and despised. You send us back down the mountain to proclaim your law of grace and live your command of love—to tread the path that Jesus tread. Transform us, embolden us, and free us from fear, that we might be beacons of your light.

A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

** Please stand if able*

Congregational Response

I LOVE YOU, LORD

**All: I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you,
O my soul, rejoice! Take joy, my King, in what you hear:
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.**

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Receive God's forgiveness and be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to 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!

Children's Time (10:15 A.M.)

NANCY VAN FLEET

Presentation of New Members (10:15 A.M.)

SARALENE OLDHAM, CLERK OF SESSION

Brenda Brode, Richard Brode, James deGraffenreid, Charles Garber, Robin Garber, Pamela Goldsmith, Gerald Lanz, Janet Scott, William Scott

Questions of Members

Question of the Congregation

Elder: Do you as members of the church of Jesus Christ promise to guide and nurture these members by word and deed with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of Christ's church?

Congregation: We do.

Welcome

All: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in Christ.

Prayer

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

8:30 A.M. GARY NORDBROCK

10:15 A.M. SHIRLEY HAGERSON

Speak to us, living God, as you have spoken to our ancestors: through the voices of your prophets, the breath of your Spirit, and the life of your Son, so that we may live according to your word; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen!

First Reading

Exodus 24:12-18

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Our first reading this morning comes from Exodus, chapter 24. Hear now what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." ¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Jesus, take us to the mountain, where, with Peter, James, and John, we are dazzled by your glory, light as blinding as the sun. There prepare us for the night by the vision of that sight. We who have beheld your glory, risen and ascended Lord, cannot help but tell the story, all that we have seen and heard; say with Peter, James, and John: "You are God's beloved Son!"

Second Reading

Matthew 17:1-9

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Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸ And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Transfigured and Transformed

REV. REX CHILDS

Affirmation of Faith (*from A Brief Statement of Faith—PCUSA 1983*)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve... We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal... With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of Thanksgiving and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

On this Transfiguration Sunday, we celebrate the glorious mountaintop experience where God is revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In gratitude for this wondrous gift and all that we have received from God, let us generously return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth. We will now receive the morning offering.

*The Doxology

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*Prayer of Dedication

Loving God, we give you thanks for all the ways you care for us. May these gifts, as well as those given online, be a sign of our devotion to you and your Son, Jesus. May your Spirit transform us through this giving so that we might work for the building up of your kingdom here on earth. Amen!

GOING FORTH

*Hymn of Commitment #192

Shine, Jesus, Shine

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

1. *Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us; set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me; shine on me.*

*Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.*

2. *Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness. Search me; try me; consume all my darkness.
Shine on me; shine on me. Refrain.*

3. *As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness;
ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me; shine on me. Refrain.*

*Commission and Benediction

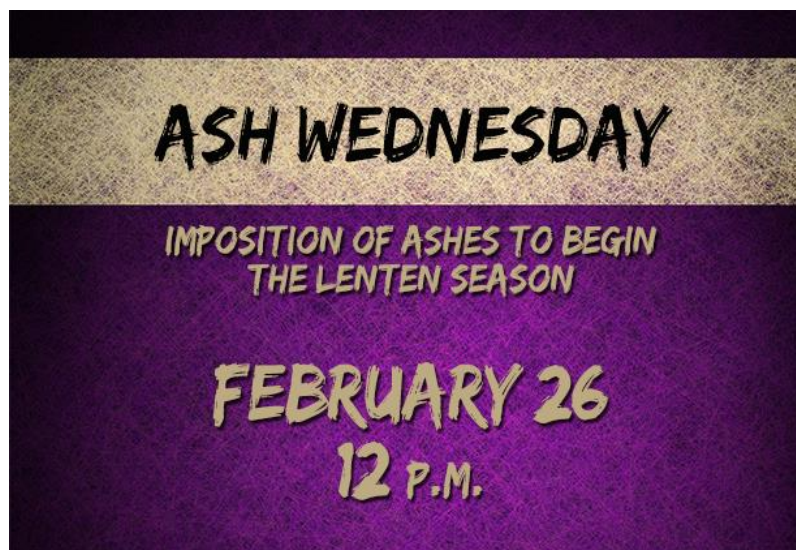
Postlude

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ALEXIS CHAUVET

Flower Dedication

The Chancel Flowers are given by Melissa and William McClayton
in gratitude for the Goodrich Family.



CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Stephen Ministry

Are you in need of prayer? Stephen Ministry is a one-to-one lay caring ministry we have at FPCN. Our lay caregivers, called Stephen Ministers, have been trained to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are going through a difficult time. To learn more or to pray with a Stephen Minister, visit the Stephen Ministry table in Spencer Hall or contact the church office.

Hospital Ministry

Will you be hospitalized or know of someone in the congregation who is? Please contact Sharman Pfaus so she can notify the pastor of your hospital stay. Also, please remember to inform the hospital that you are a member of First Presbyterian Church of Naples.

Lunch Bunch

Don't go home or out to eat alone! Join other FPCN single men and women for lunch every Sunday after worship for a Dutch-treat lunch at a local restaurant. There is a table in Spencer Hall to sign up after worship service giving you the time and place.

PRAYER LIST

* Dick Barkley
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NEWS & EVENTS



A Season of Music

Join us this afternoon when we welcome the Florida Gulf Coast University Chamber Choir. Recognized for their remarkable versatility, the ensemble performs choral music from the Renaissance to newly commissioned works. The concert begins at 4 p.m. Doors open at 3 p.m. There is no charge for the concert. A free-will offering will be taken.

Church Library

The church library is now open! The Library is located in the church Parlor. The library will be open on Sundays between the services and after the second service, and on Thursday from 3 to 5 p.m. We will be holding a drawing for two free books! Simply complete a registration form and check out a book. If you would like to suggest a book, please send an e-mail to library@fpcnaples.org.

Speakers Forum

On Monday, February 24 we welcome Robert Ramsay, Senior Vice President and Private Wealth Advisor for FineMark National Bank and Trust. Coffee and refreshments will be at 10 a.m. with the program beginning at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome to join us in Spencer Hall.

Centering Prayer Sessions: a time to focus on scripture, share with each other and experience silent centering prayer. Join with others on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Chapel. Facilitated by David and Jan Witman. It will be a time to make ourselves available to hear what God is saying to us. The next gathering will take place on Thursday, February 27.

Misión Peniel Collection

The following items will be collected for Misión Peniel in Spencer Hall through March 15. Men: long pants (no shorts), sizes 28-36 only, sneakers, work boots, light jackets. Women: sneakers, shirts, sweatshirts, light jackets, pants. Children: clothing, diapers sizes 4,5,6. Toiletries: shampoo and conditioner, (not hotel size), toothbrushes, toothpaste, disposable razors, soap, lotion. Linens: lightweight blankets, sheets, full size bath towels

Presbyterian Women's Gathering

Everyone is invited to join us on Wednesday, March 4 at noon for our luncheon and program. We will be celebrating our birthdays with cake and the gift of the PW Birthday Offering. The program, "History Carved in Stone: Mt. Rushmore, Gift for a Nation" will be given by Carolyn Mollers. Luncheon reservations (\$7), may be made in Spencer Hall following the services. Menu: Caesar salad with chicken or salmon.

Lenten Organ Concerts

Each Wednesday during Lent, beginning on Wednesday, March 4 the spectacular Ruffatti pipe organ is featured in Lenten organ recitals offered by our Director of Music, Dr. Brice Gerlach. In these informal concerts Brice takes the time to explain some of the mechanical workings of the organ and offers some musical insights about the pieces on the program. Each concert opens with a piece that highlights the magnificent horizontal trumpets protruding from the front of the organ case.

A work by J. S. Bach is always featured and arrangements of Lenten hymn tunes are presented, allowing for some of the diverse solo stops and softer sounds of the organ to be heard. The concerts will end with a rousing toccata, allowing the audience to hear the full power of the organ.

After the recital, the audience is invited to view the console, to ask questions and to see the beautiful woodwork and craftsmanship of the Ruffatti. Tours of the pipe chambers are also offered each week.

Wednesdays at First—Spiritual Practices for Lent and for Life

- March 4— "Why Practice? An Overview" led by Craig Goodrich and Rex Childs
- March 11— "Walking as a Spiritual Practice" led by Jonathan Stalls
- March 18—Congregational Dinner
- March 25— "The Labyrinth as a Spiritual Practice" led by Nancy Van Fleet
- April 1— "Taizé Worship" led by Brice Gerlach and Craig Goodrich

Dinner (\$10) begins at 5:30 p.m. and requires a reservation. Program begins at 6 p.m. **In order to have an adequate amount of food for everyone, please make your reservations by noon on Monday.** You can either sign up in Spencer Hall or contact Ashley Hancock at ashley.hancock@fpcnaples.org

HUDDLE

The Men's noon-time Bible Study continues every Thursday in Spencer Hall. Bring your lunch and Bible and join them for discussion and study. All men are invited.

Meals of Hope

Our annual meal-packing event is Saturday, March 7! Join us from 8:45 to 11:30 a.m. as we measure, weigh, seal and label nutritional meals for those in need in Collier County. Our goal is to have 100 volunteers, but we won't stop at 100. Sign up in Spencer Hall and anticipate a fun filled event with cheering and friendly competition as we work together in teams to help others. If you are interested in helping set up for the event on Friday, March 6, at 2 p.m., please notify David and Jan Witman at jmwitman@hotmail.com. Set up will take about one hour.

Congregational Dinner - "St. Patrick's Day Plus One"

Join us on Wednesday, March 18, for an evening which will include a time to come together and have fun! Entertainment will include good old favorite Irish music by Brice Gerlach on piano, Colin Gerlach on violin, a sing-a-long and a performance by the Celtic dancers from Marco Island. Tickets are on sale in Spencer Hall following worship and in the church office. Ticket cost is \$22.00 per person. Checks may be made payable to "First Presbyterian Church" and a notation on the memo for Congregational Dinner.

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