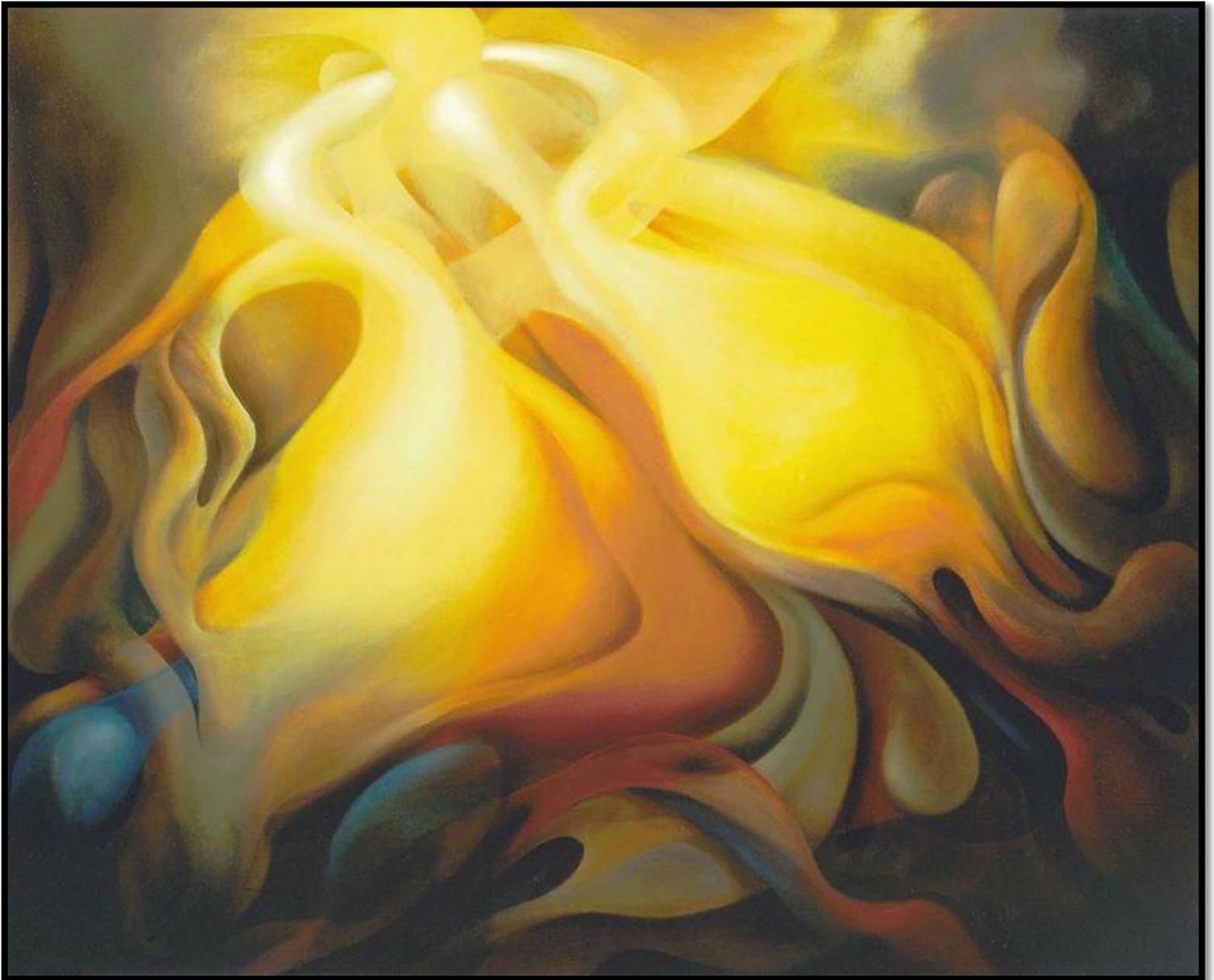


First Presbyterian Church of Naples

In the Heart of Naples with the Love of God



The Transfiguration of Jesus by Armando Alemdar

LITURGY BULLETIN
March 3, 2019
8:30 and 10:15 a.m.

THE TIME OF GATHERING

Welcome and Life Together

REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

SERVICE OF PREPARATION

*Call to Worship

Leader: Blessed is the Lord our God,

People: *who revealed the law to Moses.*

Leader: Blessed is the Lord our God,

People: *who has spoken through the prophets.*

Leader: Blessed is the Lord our God,

People: *who came to us in Jesus Christ.***All: *Let us worship God!*****A TIME FOR PRAISE AND CONFESSION**

*Hymn of Praise #62

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, unchanging, 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 as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish — but naught changeth thee.*
4. *Great Father of glory, pure Father of 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

8:30 A.M. GARY ROOT

10:15 A.M. SCOTT MACDONOUGH

Jesus said: Nothing is hidden that will not be disclosed, nor is anything secret that will not come to light. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin together.

Prayer of Confession

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

Congregational Response

**All: *Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.***

MERBECKE

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: ***The one who calls light out of darkness now shines in our hearts to reveal the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. Believe the good news and give thanks: 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

Isobel Buchanan, Edward Lutz, Sally Lutz, Judy Meyniel, Diane Miller, Richard Miller, Karen Newton, Roxanne Sherry, Barbara Simons, Roger Simons, Bob Walkenhorst, Nancy Walkenhorst

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

God of shining splendor, your voice makes the earth tremble in wonder. Overshadow us with your Spirit so that we may hear your Word and live as faithful disciples and covenant people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

First Reading

Exodus 34:29-35

PEW BIBLE PAGE 71

Our first reading this morning comes from Exodus, chapter 34. Hear now what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³² Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³ When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴ but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵ the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Choral Response

Christ Upon the Mountain Peak

MOWSLEY

Second Reading

Luke 9:28-43

PEW BIBLE PAGE 843

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a

voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

³⁷ On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸ Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. ³⁹ Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. ⁴⁰ I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." ⁴¹ Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." ⁴² While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ⁴³ And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Mountain and Valley

REV. REX CHILDS

*The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Please pass the Friendship Pads so everyone in your row may sign in and so that you can see who is worshipping with you this morning. Let us pray.

The Psalmist tells us that the earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it; the world and those who live in it. We are called to give praise and thanksgiving to God both from the mountaintop and down in the valley. So regardless of where we may find ourselves, let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth. We will now receive the morning offering.

The Offertory

God So Loved the World

JOHN STAINER

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.

*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

Gracious Giver of all gifts, in this holy moment make us aware, not so much of what we have given, as of all we have received and so have yet to share. Let your generosity flow through us, that our lives will be gifts given freely and abundantly in joy and thanksgiving. Amen!

TIME OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Communion Hymn #772 ***For the Bread Which You Have Broken***

FOR THE BREAD

1. *For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured, for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.*
2. *By these pledges that you love us, by your gift of peace restored, by your call to heaven above us, consecrate our lives, O Lord.*
3. *In your service, Lord, defend us, help us to obey your word; in the world to which you send us let your kingdom come, O Lord.*

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: ***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy...Let us pray together as Jesus taught us, saying:

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.

Words of Institution and Distribution

Communion Music

***Benedictus
Rhosymedre
(Three Preludes on Welsh Hymn Tunes)***

ALEC ROWLEY
RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

Prayer of Blessing

GOING FORTH

*Hymn of Commitment #532

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

1. *Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*
2. *Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word,
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my Treasure thou art.*
3. *High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.*

*Benediction

Postlude

Recessional in D

BERTHOLD TOURS

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Stephen Ministry

If you feel the need for someone to hear your problems and/or walk a difficult journey with you, please visit the Stephen Minister table in Spencer Hall or call 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 note on the hospital paperwork that you are a member of First Presbyterian Church of Naples.

Lunch Bunch

Don't go home or out to eat alone! Join other FPC single men and women for lunch every Sunday after worship for a fun-filled Dutch-treat lunch at one of Naples' selected restaurants. You will get to know some nice people and have a wonderful meal. Best of all, you are not eating alone. Sign up in Spencer Hall after the service.

PRAYER LIST

Sue Buck	Jessica Kasten and baby Kerr	Alice Rich
Elsie Connell	Marcia Kempers	H.A. Sumerfield
Ann Crowl	Walter Korntheuer	Maverick Weidmen
Wendy Evans	Gary Krueger	Bill Winfield Family
Preston Ezell	Pam McKahan	The U.S. Military
KC Fox	Mary Oakley	Stephen Ministers and
Gene Fraley	Jane Payne	care receivers

MISSIONS

Feed the 5,000

St. Matthew's House helps change lives for the better in a caring, disciplined, spiritual environment, while providing food and shelter. Please take a Publix bag from an usher as you leave the Sanctuary this morning, and return it with your food gift to the Sixth Street church entrance before the service next Sunday. Please make checks payable to "First Presbyterian Church" with memo marked "Feed the 5,000" and place in the collection plate.

Habitat for Humanity Work Day

Our next work day is Tuesday, March 5. Put on your work clothes and join fellow church members as we help build a home for a family in Collier County. There are jobs for everyone, so don't hesitate to volunteer! Bus transportation will be provided. We leave the church parking lot at 7:30 a.m. and return by 12:30 p.m. Questions? Contact Jim Kier at jkier1947@gmail.com

Mision Peniel Work Day

Join us on Friday, March 8 for a workday at Mision Peniel in Immokalee. We will get hot meals, groceries, clothing and household items ready, and then interact with the farmworkers and their families as we help distribute all that has been prepared. We will travel by church bus, leaving our parking lot by 12:45 p.m. and returning at 7 p.m. Sign up at the Missions table in Spencer Hall. Questions? Contact Sue Vernia at 239.304.3202.

Stay-at-Home-Tea "Stuffing" Party

Volunteers are needed to help Pathways Early Education Center of Immokalee (formerly The Immokalee Child Care Center) Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at Trinity-By-The Cove Episcopal Church Parish Hall – 553 Galleon Drive, Port Royal. We will gather from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided. We have 8,000 envelopes to "stuff." All are welcome, even for a couple of hours. For more information: Administrative Office at 239.261.1774.

Cell Phone Collection

Calling all old cell phones! The Shelter for Abused Women and Children is accepting donations of old cell phones. They will remove the sim cards and reset the phones for 911 use only. The phones are then distributed to women for their use in emergencies. Phones can be brought to the Missions table on Sundays or donated in the church office during the week. Thank you for helping those with emergency safety needs.

Deacons Fund Sunday

Did you know that communion Sunday is also Deacon Benevolence Fund Sunday? Please consider donating to the Deacon Benevolence Fund today using the pink envelopes in the pew racks. Your donation will go directly to one of the three Deacons' partners in their important local outreach: The Salvation Army, Helps Outreach and the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Women's Gathering

Presbyterian Women welcome you on Wednesday, March 6 to their Gathering at 12 noon in Spencer Hall to hear Naples Daily News writer Jeff Lytle's presentation, "Highlights and History of SW Florida." Reservations are required and can be made today and next Sunday (\$7) at the PW table in Spencer Hall. Lunch will be quiche, fruit salad, assorted nut breads, and for dessert - the table centerpieces - birthday cake, plenty to eat and some to take home. We will also collect our traditional PW Birthday Offering supporting 4 amazing mission projects (please make checks payable to PW).

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.

Lenten Organ Concerts

Each Wednesday during Lent, beginning on Wednesday, March 13 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.

Palms Society

Worried about running out of money in retirement, but want to leave something to First Presbyterian Church? Make First Presbyterian Church the beneficiary of your emergency fund or Certificate of Deposit at the bank. If you are interested in learning more about how you can help, either contact Rev. Craig Goodrich or Linda Gadkowski at lgadkows@capecod.net or 508.292.5500.

Flower Calendar

Would you like to memorialize or honor someone close to you? What better way than to provide a flower arrangement on the Chancel during a Sunday service. Not only will they be appreciated by the congregation but the flowers are also separated into individual arrangements and delivered to those having been hospitalized or who are celebrating a momentous birthday. Dedications are \$65. You may sign up on the calendar in Spencer Hall or call Kristen Lucas, Administrative Assistant.

E-mail communications

In an effort to keep parishioners informed of upcoming events, e-mail blasts are being sent out on a weekly basis. If we do not have your e-mail address or if you are not receiving these notices, please contact Kathleen Law, Communications Coordinator.

ASH WEDNESDAY

IMPOSITION OF ASHES TO BEGIN
THE LENTEN SEASON

MARCH 6
11:30 A.M.

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