

First Presbyterian Church



TRANSFIGURATION

March 3, 2019
8:30 & 10:45 a.m.
Communion

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Transfiguration of the Lord

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Prelude

Largo

G. F. Handel

**Processional

Bailey Bowles

Greetings

*Call to Worship

Leader: Beloved, we are God's children now;

People: what we will be has not yet been revealed.

Leader: What we do know is this:

People: When he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*Prayer of the Day

Holy God, present in our midst yet beyond all comprehension, by your light, we see light; by your healing, we are made whole; by your mercy, we know your greatness. Turn your gaze upon our weakness and show us the way of your love that we may live with unveiled faces, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Hymn

Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

No. 73

Call to Confession

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. Amen.

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Thanksgiving

Gloria Patri

No. 579

*The Peace

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

First Readings

Luke 4:40-44; 9:28-36

Second Readings

Luke 11:1-11; 22:39-45



Welcome, Visitors!

We extend a special welcome to those who are visiting First Presbyterian Church this morning. We are glad you are here!

Large print bulletins and hymnals are available from an usher. Transistor hearing aids are also available for your use. Please ask any usher for one and feel free to sit wherever you wish in the Sanctuary while using one.

All persons are encouraged to sign the Ritual of Friendship Pads as they are passed to you in the pews. Please include your address, email address, and telephone number. **Please remember to turn off your cell phone before worship this morning.**

Children's Information-Children are welcome in worship. We do not mind a little fidgeting and fussing in the pew. We offer children's worship bags with various quiet activities in cloth bags located just outside the Sanctuary doors. But if you feel that your child is having a difficult time sitting through church, you are welcome to worship in *The Well*. Remember, quiet play in *The Well* is appropriate so as not to disturb others who are trying to worship. Also, the McComb room is available as a Cry room. And, finally, we encourage you to consider the Nursery, which is located in the South end of the Case Building, where we have trained Staff to look after and engage your child from Birth to Kindergarten. If we need to contact you during worship, just give us your cell number and we will text you. You and your child's (spiritual, emotional, and social) needs are important to us. (Liz Norris—Director of Children's Ministry)

A quick reminder: Under the Child Protection Policy **children are not allowed to leave the Sanctuary or *The Well* without an adult escort.** Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Flowers-The flowers for our services this morning are given to the glory of God and in honor of the wedding of Michael McHugh and Theresa Perrini by Jane Pike McHugh.

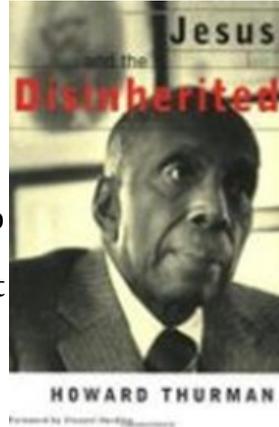
Praying for the Church Family-As a congregation we weekly focus our personal and corporate prayers upon a selection of church members and friends. Let us remember in prayer this week the following: Emily Halton, Roseann & Howard Waller, Marilyn Kuhns, Donna & Wade Brodin and Elizabeth & Steve Wilkes.

If you need a Stephen Minister, or would like more information about the Stephen Ministry, please contact Dr. Brent Johnston at 263-0248 or Louise Farmer at lfarmer4164@gmail.com.

Activities & Announcements

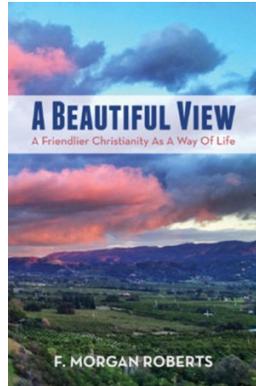
NEWS FROM THE JOURNEYS CLASS SIGN UP FOR LENTEN STUDY GROUPS

For Lent we will be studying Howard Thurman's classic, *Jesus and the Disinherited*. It is a little book, but it is filled with insight about what the Gospel might say to those "who stand with their backs against the wall." Thurman believed this was the situation that Jesus lived in when confronting the powers-at-be calling for repentance and it is certainly speaking to the African American experience. But it also speaks to anyone or any group that feels helpless against the forces that are lined up against them. All are welcome! (No reading is required, but if you want the book, it is available in the church office for \$16.) **Sign-up sheets are located in *The Well*.**



Lenten Wednesday Night Adult Book Study

This past year at age ninety Presbyterian Church ((USA) pastor, the Reverend F.



Morgan Roberts wrote a summary of his view of Christianity in the endearing book, *A Beautiful View: A Friendlier Christianity As A Way Of Life*. Tom Church will facilitate the study and conversation of this book at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor for the Wednesdays of Lent, beginning March 10. The book provides a regenerative spirit with which to view and practice faith. Books are available in the church office for \$15.00 or you may purchase a copy on-line on amazon.com. A review of the book as published in a recent issue of *The Presbyterian Outlook* is posted on the bulletin board adjacent the office. Come join us.

Wednesday Night Clubs

Wednesday night clubs are at 5:30 p.m. We have a sign up sheets available in *The Well* on Sundays to help contribute to our weekly meal. Thank you to all who have been a part of our Wednesday nights. We are excited to see what 2019 will bring for our children and their growing faith.

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

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

People: 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.

Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty. . . . Great is the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us. . . . all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God,

People: Thanks be to God.

Communion Music

Penitential

Peter Pindar Stearns

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn

We Come as Guests Invited

No. 517

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

**Recessional

*Postlude

Postlude

David Johnson

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

**signifies 10:45 service only

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor

Parish Associate

Director of Music

Organist

Brent O. Johnston

Judy Connors

Steve Bixler

Mark Sweeney

News & Upcoming Activities

C.R.E.W. Christians Ready Equipped and Willing

Beginning in February, the youth group is doing Sunday school differently. After attending the APCE (Association of Presbyterian Church Educators) our Youth Director, Geri Doll, decided to bring an idea back to the youth group. The youth will meet in *The Well* at 10:30 a.m., then sit together in the Sanctuary for worship. The scripture readings and sermon will be our subject for discussion each Sunday and our discussion notes will be given to the pastors for them to review. Our new time together will be called C.R.E.W. and we hope this will be a meaningful way for our young people to think about and unpack God's word. Following the discussion, the youth will have time for fellowship.

Women's Retreat at Westminster Woods

Women of the area are invited to a Women's Retreat at Camp Westminster Woods on April 5 & 6. The women only week-end filled with fun, food, crafts and fellowship will feature Katherine Holmgren as worship leader and Julie Jaderston, a Chapel leader at Sterling College. The theme is THRIVE! Julie will be teaching about how God can bring us to a place where we not only survive as women of faith but thrive. Brochures are available on the table outside the office; registration deadline is March 20. For additional information: 316-253-4783, wmwcamp@gmail.com.

Two Cemetery Lots Available

The Presbytery Trustees have inherited a certificate of interment rights for two lots at the Old Mission/Wichita Park Cemetery, 3424 East 21st Street in Wichita. They come from the closing of the Calvary church and are available for a total of \$425, the cost to transfer the title. These lots are being made available to anyone in the Presbytery who might have an interest in them. For additional information contact Ken Coryell, ken.coryell@att.net or 316-641-8759.

2019 is the 70th Anniversary

One Great Hour of Sharing

The offering received on Palm Sunday, April 14, will support:

- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
- Presbyterian Hunger Program
- Self Development of People

Calendar

<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, March 3 <i>Communion</i></p> <p>8:30 Worship (Chapel) 9:15 Coffee Fellowship (<i>The Well</i>) 9:30 Journeys Class (WDR) 10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) 10:45 Worship (Sanctuary) 10:45 Youth C.R.E.W. (<i>The Well</i>) 10:45 Refugee Worship (C201 & C204) 12:00 Melodrama Rehearsal (EDR) 3:00 Angulo Concert w/Friends University Quakers (Sanctuary) 4:00 Reception for Angulo Concert (EDR)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, March 5</p> <p>10:00 Pastoral Staff Mtg (Hobbs) 11:00 Staff Meeting (<i>The Well</i>) 5:00 Camp Committee Mtg (<i>The Well</i>) 5:30 Facilities/Stewardship Mtg (WDR) 5:30 CE/Commission Mtg (<i>The Well</i>) 6:00 Deacons Meeting (C109)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, February 6</p> <p>9:00 Dorcas (C105) 5:30 Wednesday Clubs</p>	<p>7:00 Ash Wednesday Worship (Sanctuary)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday, February 8</p> <p>12:00 Lectionary Bible Study (WDR)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, February 9</p> <p>10:00 Women's Empowerment Fair (EDR) 9:00 Garden & Grounds 9:30 Transportation Mtg (C109)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, February 10</p> <p>8:30 Worship (Chapel) 9:15 Coffee Fellowship (<i>The Well</i>) 9:30 Journeys Class (WDR) 9:30 Stephen Ministry Supervision (C103) 10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) 10:45 Youth C.R.E.W. (<i>The Well</i>) 10:45 Worship (Sanctuary) 10:45 Refugee Worship (C201 & C204) 11:45 Worship & Music Comm Mtg (McComb)</p>
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Sermon Series on "The Questions of Existence and Meaning"
Week 6: "Does Prayer Work? If Not, Why Pray"
The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

*Affirmation of Faith Excerpt from Confession of 1967
The church responds to the message of reconciliation in praise and prayer. In that response it commits itself afresh to its mission, experiences a deepening of faith and obedience, and bears open testimony to the gospel. Adoration of God is acknowledgement of the Creator by the creation. Confession of sin is admission of [our] guilt before God and [our] need for forgiveness. Thanksgiving is rejoicing in God's goodness to [everyone] and in giving for the needs of others. Petitions and intercessions are addressed to God for the continuation of [God's] goodness, the healing of [our] ills, and [our] deliverance from every form of oppression. The arts, especially music and architecture, contribute to the praise and prayer of a Christian congregation when they help one to look beyond themselves to God and to the world which is the object of [God's] love. Amen.

Call to Stewardship

Offertory Peter Williams
Agnus Dei
Gretchen Bixler, Soprano
Agnus Dei, qui tollis pecatta mundi
(Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world)
Miserere nobis
(Have mercy on us)
Dona nobis pacem
(Grant us peace)

*Doxology No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table