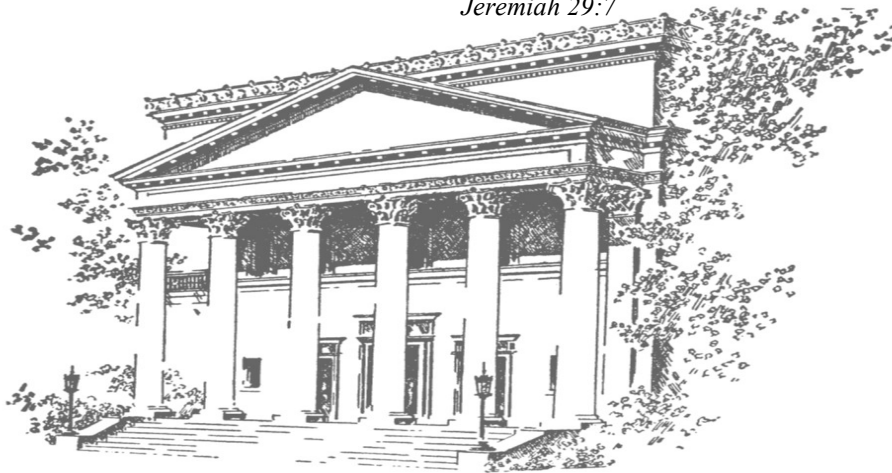


Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you...
And pray to the Lord on its behalf

Jeremiah 29:7



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The Worship of Our Lord

Transfiguration of the Lord
February 11, 2024
10:30 AM

Welcome to First Presby! We are grateful you chose to worship with us today. Please take a moment to sign in via the Friendship Pads located at the end of the pews. We use this information for contact tracing and to keep in touch about church events. We hope you will take a moment to read the electronic newsletter "First Presby Press" and the weekly Green Sheet. Please share news and notes with your friends and neighbors. Thank you!

REFLECTION FOR WORSHIP

The following scriptures are provided for silent Meditation during the Prelude.

2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6 2 Cor. 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9

"When I found I had crossed that line, I looked at my hands to see if I was the same person. There was such a glory over everything; the sun came like gold through the trees, and over the fields, and I felt like I was in Heaven." Harriet Tubman

* indicates congregation standing, as able

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO . . .

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING HYMN #193	Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain (vs. 1 & 5)	UNSER HERRSCHER
PRELUDE	Herr Jesu Christ, wahr Mensch und Gott	J.S. Bach
INTROIT	God, Reveal Your Presence	Joachim Neander, Gerhard Tersteegen
WELCOME		Pastor Macy
CHIMING OF THE TRINITY		

PRAISE ALMIGHTY GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sallie Daugherty

One: You are with us, God of sunrises:

All: you awaken us with each bright new day, overflowing with promise.

One: You are with us, Inviting God:

All: calling us to respond to all the chances to share the spirit of grace and hope.

One: You are with us, Glory of God:

All: gathering us into the presence of your peace, listening to the deep sighs of our hearts.

CONFESS TO OUR FORGIVING CREATOR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Macy

One: God of the blazing chariots, the whirling wind, the sacred silence, listen softly to the confessions of our hearts. You came bathed in light, dazzling, and radiant...

All: Forgive us, God, for accepting mediocrity in your name and calling it good enough. When we linger too long by the waters and on the mountain tops, enthralled with the glory that flows from you, forgive us.

One: You came appearing with Elijah and Moses...

All: Forgive us, God, for demanding exclusive expressions of faith even in the face of your expansive vision. When we fail to listen to your voice leading and guiding us, shake us from our contentment and send us forward endowed with your power.

(Silence is kept for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Macy

One: He came while a voice was shouting, "this is my Beloved; listen!" On mountaintops and in valleys, in our homes and in our hearts, God knows us better than we know ourselves, and God forgives us when we cannot forgive ourselves.

All: By God's mercy, we are forgiven; by God's mercy, we are made whole; by God's mercy, we are equipped to serve others. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #286 Breathe on Me, Breath of God (vss. 1 & 2)

TRENTHAM

*Breathe on me Breath of God; fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.*

*Breathe on me Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.*

*SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Pastor Macy

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Kings 2:1-12 (OT p. 332)

Sallie Daugherty

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Robert Lee, Charles Wesley

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 9:2-9 (NT p. 44)

Pastor Macy

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Pastor Macy

(Children in grades 1-5 are dismissed to Children's Church in Room E-117 or they may remain in the sanctuary with their parents.)

SERMON

"Keeping Company with Prophets"

Pastor Macy

*HYMN #825

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

SWING LOW

DEDICATE OUR LIVES TO GOD

JOYS & CONCERNS

Pastor Macy

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Macy

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.

SUNG RESPONSE TO PRAYER #286 Breathe on Me, Breath of God (vss. 3 & 4)

TRENTHAM

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.*

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory

Adagio

J.C.H. Rinck

(Please bring your offering forward during the offertory.)

*Offering Response #607 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

*HYMN #838

Standing on the Promises

PROMISES

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Macy

*POSTLUDE

Marche

J.L. Battmann

Our worship continues in our service to others.

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship today.
May the gift of worship we offer today honor God and serve as a blessing to you.
Worship is broadcast at 11AM on WCHS-580AM
Worship is also available on our YouTube channel.

All children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship.

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Marietta Macy
Sallie Daugherty

THE MUSIC TODAY

Jayson Keeton, Director of Music and Organist
The Sanctuary Choir

ALSO SERVING TODAY

Chiming the Trinity: David Cottrell
Greeters: John, Kiley and Jack Mitchell
Micki Black

Audio & Video: Byron Goodew & David Cottrell
Custodial Services: David Feibelmann

WORSHIP NOTES

Please remember that we worship every **Sunday Sabbath Day**, and that is available via YouTube and the radio broadcast. Thank you for connecting for worship with First Presby.

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