

**The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ**  
*Transfiguration of the Lord*  
Sunday, February 23, 2020 • 10 AM • Rev. Drew Harrison

**For Prayer and Contemplation** (*Jason Millwood*)

‘When your mission is to convert someone your strategy becomes a marketing plan. When your mission is to love someone your strategy becomes proximity.’

**Welcome & Sharing Information** Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

**Prelude** “Oh, Sing to the Lord” - arr. Sedio

**Call to Worship** (*Philippians 2:5-11*)

One: Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
who though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,

**All: But emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.**

One: And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself,  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

**All: Therefore God also highly exalted him,  
and gave him the name,  
that is above every name.**

One: So that at the name of Jesus,  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven, and on earth and under the earth.

**All: And every tongue should confess,  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

\***Hymn No. 633** “Praise Ye the Lord”

**Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God,  
we know what is right,  
but we are afraid to do it.  
We live in fear of strangers,  
and refuse to learn to love them.  
We separate ourselves from each other  
and from you.

Redeem us, Lord.  
Fill us with your spirit of gracious love,  
so that we might make friends of enemies and strangers,  
and so reveal the power of your grace.

**Moment of Silence**

**Words of Assurance** (*Psalm 37:23-24*)

One: Our steps are made firm by the Lord, when God delights in  
our way;

Though we stumble, we shall not fall headlong,  
for the Lord holds us by the hand.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

\***Hymn No. 581** “Glory Be to the Father”

**“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.”**

\***Passing of Peace**

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**Anthem** “Psalm 9” – Wiltse – *Tyler Bell Choir*

**Time with Children** (Dismissal to Sunday School)

(*Children will return during final hymn.*)

Pastor: It is time for you to depart.

**Adults: God be with you there.**

**Children: God be with you here.**

**Scripture**

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| 1. John 1:1-14   | NT 91-2 | LP 111 |
| 2. Mark 15:33-41 | NT 54   | LP 66  |

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Sermon** “Being Distinct Part 3: When God Passed as Human”

- Rev. Drew Harrison

**Ordination and Installation**

One: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**All: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord  
who is served.**

One: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God’s  
purpose that is accomplished.

**All: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common  
good.**

One: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

**Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant**

One: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,  
do you turn from the ways of sin  
and renounce evil and its power in the world?

**All: I do...**

One: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and  
Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

**All: I do.**

One: Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying his Word and  
showing his love?

**All: I will, with God’s help.**

One: Together with the whole church, let us confess our faith.  
Do you believe in God the Father?

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven  
and earth.**

One: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**All: I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who  
was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

One: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**All: I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayer of Ordination**

Gracious God,  
pour out your Holy Spirit upon your servants  
whom you called through baptism as your own  
and marked as your own.  
Grant them the same mind  
that was in Christ Jesus.  
Give them a spirit of truthfulness  
that they may show the compassion of Christ  
in the actions of daily living  
and rightly govern your people.

Give them the gifts of your Holy Spirit  
to build up the church,  
to strengthen the common life of your people,  
and to lead with compassion and vision.

In the walk of faith  
and for the work of ministry,  
give to your servants  
gladness and strength,  
discipline and hope,...

humility, humor, and courage,  
and an abiding sense of your presence.

**Invitation to Offering**

**Offertory** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" - arr. Dahl

**\*Doxology No. 606**

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.

**\*Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Faithful God, we are more than grateful for what you've given us. Accept our offerings as tokens of thanks and teach us to be as generous as you are. Amen.

**The Prayers of the People**

**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.

**\*Hymn No. 638** "O Come and Sing Unto the Lord"

**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction Hymn No. 545** (v1) "Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace"  
"Lord, bid your servant go in peace; your word is now fulfilled. These eyes have seen salvation's dawn, this child so long foretold."

**Postlude** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" - arr. Friedrich

\*\*\*\*\* *Please stand as you are able.* \*\*\*\*\*



<i>Thank you to our Worship Servers</i>	
<b>Greeter</b>	Judy Reed
<b>Liturgist</b>	Jim Scanlon
<b>Ushers</b>	Denny Meudt, Pat Meudt, Ed Mitchell, Darlene Powell
<b>Tellers</b>	Bev Donofrio, Liz Degori, Darlene Powell
<b>Coffee Hr. Host</b>	Sandy Lovelace



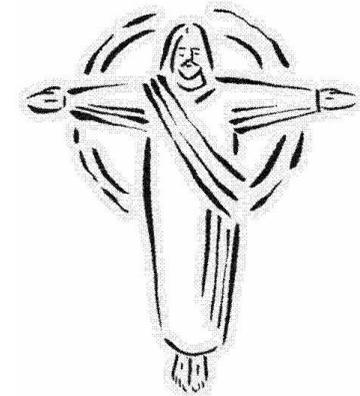
***Music Notes***

Today's prelude is Mark Sedio's contemporary setting of the Brazilian folk hymn, "Cantad al Senor." The offertory is taken from David Dahl's 2013 set of variations on the hymn tune "Lobe den Herren." The postlude features the same tune in an arrangement by Hans Friedrich. We thank the Tyler Bell Choir for sharing special music with us this morning.

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*Sunday Worship Service @ 10 AM*

-  Communion on the first Sunday of the month
-  Sunday School each week from 10:20-11:05 AM