

# The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ

## Transfiguration of the Lord

### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sunday, March 3, 2019 • 10 AM • Rev. Drew Harrison

#### For Prayer & Contemplation

“The serious Christian, set down for the first time in a Christian community, is likely to bring with him a very definite idea of what Christian life together should be and try to realize it. But God’s grace speedily shatters such dreams... By sheer grace, God will not permit us to live even for a brief period in a dream world... Only that fellowship which faces such disillusionment, with all its unhappy and ugly aspects, begins to be what it should be in God’s sight.”  
- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude “O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee” - arr. Wood

#### Call to Worship (Adapted from Psalm 67)

One: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

**All: For God judges the peoples with equity  
And guides the nations upon earth.**

One: Let us all praise you, O God.

**All: For God has blessed us with Creation.**

One: May God continue to bless us;

**All: And may we bless God’s creation.**

\*Hymn No. 738 “O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee”

#### Prayer of Confession

O Lord of Mercy,

we confess that we have often failed to put our faith into action.

You have washed our feet,

but we are hesitant to get our hands dirty.

We keep our heads in the clouds,

but leave our hands idle.

We refuse to accept discomfort for our neighbor.

Forgive us, Lord. Show us how to live together in faith and trust. Grant us grace to treat each other with forbearance. Teach us to serve as Jesus served, that we might bear the fruit of faithful discipleship, and dwell fully in your Kingdom.

#### Moment of Silence

#### Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Hear God’s words of assurance coming to us from the prophet Ezekiel:

A new heart I will give you,  
and a new spirit I will put within you;

and I will remove from your body the heart of stone  
and give you a heart of flesh. (Ezekiel 36:26)

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

\*Hymn No. 582 “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

“Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen. World without end, without end, Amen, world without end, without end, Amen, world without end, without end, Amen, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.”

#### \*Passing of Peace

Anthem “Creator, Open Our Hearts” - arr. Birling - Sanctuary Choir

**Text:** *Creator, open our hearts to peace and healing between all people. Creator, open our hearts to provide and protect for all children of the earth. Creator, open our hearts to respect for the earth, and all the gifts of the earth. Creator, open our hearts to end exclusion, violence, and fear among all. Thank-you for the gifts of this day and every day.*

#### 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. Jeremiah 17:5-10 | OT 719   | LP 879-80 |
| 2. Luke 9:28-36     | NT 69-70 | LP 85     |

#### Prayer of Illumination

Sermon “Down the Mountain” — Rev. Drew Harrison

\*Affirmation of Faith (From the Confession of 1967)

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church’s mission. His life as man involves the church in the common life of men. His service to men commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of mankind so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of men in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God’s judgment on man’s inhumanity to man and the awful consequences of its own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God’s renewal of man’s life in society and of God’s victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

Minute for Mission *Habitat for Humanity, Bruce Roesler*

#### Invitation to Offering

Offertory “They’ll Know We Are Christians” - arr. Held

\*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 (Worship Sourcebook)

Lord, we humbly offer our gifts as signs of thanksgiving for your gifts to us. Use them and use us to proclaim your good news for the world. Amen.

#### The Sacrament of Communion

#### Invitation to Communion

#### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

#### Pastoral Prayer

One: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**All: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

#### 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.

**Words of Institution** Rev. Drew Harrison

**Communion Hymn No. 499** "Bread of the World In Mercy Broken"  
(Communion Servers, please come forward.) *Ushers will direct the congregation to come forward by pews, forming two lines to receive communion through intinction.*

**The Sharing of the Supper**

**Prayer after Communion**

Thank you for bread, wine, and the Word that nourish us with your grace. Strengthen and unite us to be a community of grace for the world. Send us out to proclaim the Good News in Jesus Christ. Amen.

\***Hymn No. 300** "They'll Know We Are Christians"

\***Benediction**

\***Benediction Hymn No. 853** "We Are Marching In the Light of God"  
"We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God. We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God. We are marching...oo OO we are marching in the light of God. We are marching...oo OO we are marching in the light of God."

**Postlude** "Pasticcio" - Langlais - Linda Davis, organist

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

*Thank you to our Worship Servers*

<b>Communion Servers</b>	Patty Januszewski, Dave Nicastro, Vicki Downing, Darlene Jacobson
<b>Liturgist</b>	Barry Owen
<b>Greeter</b>	Peggy Price
<b>Ushers</b>	Cathy Russo, Karen Daly, Linda Waller
<b>Tellers</b>	Glenn Stevick, Steve Langlios, Karen Daly
<b>Coffee Hour Host</b>	Cicely Enright

*This Week's Birthdays*

<b>March 3</b>	Laurel Contarino
<b>March 4</b>	John Foster
<b>March 10</b>	Matthew Gerace



*Music Notes*

Today's anthem is Andrew Birling's 2018 setting of a Native American (Micmac) prayer written by Alycia Longriver. She participated in the "Sunbow 5 Walk," starting in Cape Cod, Massachusetts and ending in California. The journey covered over 3000 miles and took more than seven months to complete. Ms. Longriver shared how this prayer came to her: "In 1995 I walked with a group across the US, speaking to other groups, and praying all the way (15 million steps) for the healing of people and the earth. I prayed asking Creator 'to bring,' but after the walk realized we already have these things. It is a matter of opening our hearts to the gifts within." According to Jean Langlais, celebrated French organist and composer of the postlude, a *pasticcio* is "a composition derived from other works." It reflects the similar meaning of a dramatic *pasticcio*, whose parts have been borrowed and pieced together from many sources. We thank the Sanctuary Choir and Linda Davis for sharing special music with us this morning.

*This Week's Calendar*

March 3 to 10

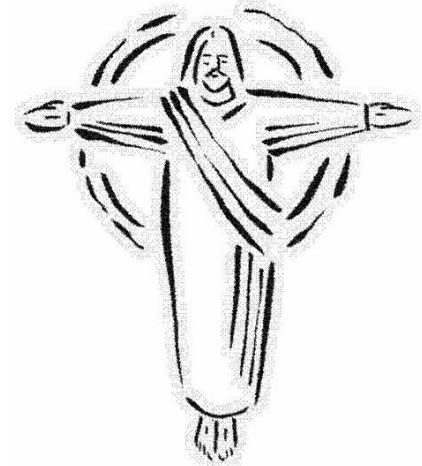
<i>Sunday</i> March 3	<b>Boston College Week-Long Stay Begins</b> 8:30 AM Deacons Meeting - Memorial Lounge 10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers Practice 4:30 PM Confirmation Class - Memorial Lounge
<i>Monday</i> March 4	7 PM Session - Memorial Lounge
<i>Tuesday</i> March 5	
<i>Wednesday</i> March 6	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> 4-7 PM Imposition of Ashes/Drop-In Prayer - Sanctuary 7 PM Handel's "Messiah" Discussion - Music Room
<i>Thursday</i> March 7	7 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 8 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
<i>Friday</i> March 8	7 PM Theology on Tap - Sanctuary/Human Village Brewing Company, Pitman
<i>Saturday</i> March 9	11 AM Celebration of Life Service for Don Zimmerman
<i>Sunday</i> March 10	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> Daylight Savings Sunday 10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers Practice - Music Room 4:30 PM Confirmation Class - Memorial Lounge



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**Transfiguration of the Lord**

*Sunday Worship Service @ 10 AM*

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