

*** CHARGE AND BLESSING**

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Arise, your light is come!
The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God,
Which shines on you today. (Tune: Hymn #411)

*** POSTLUDE**

* The congregation may stand.

THE CONGREGATION'S MISSION:

"First Presbyterian Church of Red Wing is a congregation that seeks to grow in the love of Jesus Christ and to share that love with the community and the world."

PARTICIPANTS

In Ministry	The Congregation
Choir Director	Peter Dulak
Pianist	Lynn Dulak
Organist	JoAnne McNamara
Pastor	The Rev. Greg Bolt
Pastor	The Rev. Heidi Bolt
Lay Leader	Brenda Hendrix

FRIENDS AND GUESTS: Welcome to First Presbyterian Church. May God's presence be with us and God's blessings be upon us as we worship together today. Please join us for refreshments at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall (lower level).

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Blue Prayer Request cards may be completed and given to an usher or placed in the basket at the Sanctuary door

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT ED DISCUSSION GROUP... meets every **Sunday morning at 9:15** (until 10:00) in the Conference Room. Each week a different topic is discussed, based upon relating current events, life issues, or theological topics to Christian faith. Come by and join in to deepen, broaden, and refresh your faith in Christ.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

503 West Sixth Street PH: 388-9584

February 26, 2017—10:30 a.m.

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

WORDS OF PREPARATION

To the connoisseur, not just sunsets and starry nights but dust storms, rain forests, garter snakes, the human face, are all unmistakably the work of a single hand...Glory is what God looks like when for the time being all you have to look at him with is a pair of eyes. —Frederick Buechner

PIANO PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Up on a hill, far, far away, Peter, John and James went with Jesus.

All: A dazzling sight, a moment of transfiguration, heaven and earth kissing.

Leader: And then a voice. 'My Son, whom I have chosen, listen to Him.'

All: Come ready to listen, come ready to bow down, come ready to worship.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

No. 68

“What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright”
(Prayer Request cards are collected by the Usher.)

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

Light of the world, Your patience with us is never ending. You have shown us wonders, yet we are so often complacent. You have showered us with mercy, yet we withhold mercy from others. You have given us everything, and we act as though we were entitled all along. Forgive us these and all our secret sins. You know our hearts; we implore you to make us whole again. Amen.

***SILENT PRAYER**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: The words of Jesus’ pardon are trustworthy and true: Your faith has made you well.

People: **May our hearts overflow with gratitude at the gift of God’s mercy,**

Leader: and may we also be merciful in our turn.

All: **In the name of Christ, Amen.**

***PRAYER RESPONSE - 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

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 36:5-10 (read responsively)

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”— arr. Marchionda & Rachelski

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 9:28-45

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Rev. Heidi Bolt

***HYMN OF HOPE** “Who Is This Man?” (Insert)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Declaration of Faith, 4.1)

We affirm that Jesus was born of a woman as is every child, yet born of God’s power as was no other child. In the person and work of Jesus, God and a human life are united but not confused, distinguished but not separated. The coming of Jesus was itself the coming of God’s promised rule. Through his birth, life, death, and resurrection, he brings about the relationship between God and humanity that God always intended. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Petitions

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

(p. 16 in hymnal)

Response

WORSHIP THROUGH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory:

***Doxology**

No. 591

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Leader: We lay before you all that we have, O God, even if at times it is merely confusion and awe.

All: **Take all our frailties and make of them something beautiful: a humble starting point for a lifetime of faithful discipleship with Jesus, our Lord. Amen.**

*** HYMN OF TRUST**

No. 73

“Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory”

LUKE 9:28-45

28 Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now 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. ³³Just 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. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' ³⁶When 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. ³⁸Just then a man from the crowd shouted, 'Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. ³⁹Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It throws him into convulsions until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. ⁴⁰I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.'⁴¹Jesus answered, 'You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.'⁴²While 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. ⁴³And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

While everyone was amazed at all that he was doing, he said to his disciples, ⁴⁴'Let these words sink into your ears: The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into human hands.'⁴⁵But they did not understand this saying; its meaning was concealed from them, so that they could not perceive it. And they were afraid to ask him about this saying.

PSALM 36:5-10 (Read responsively)

- ⁵ Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.
- ⁶ **Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgements are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.**
- ⁷ How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
- ⁸ **They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**
- ⁹ For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.
- ¹⁰ **O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
and your salvation to the upright of heart!**

GREETERS: Pam Paulus

USHER: Chris Rayner

FLOWERS: Kay and Jack Strobel in honor of all the "Music Makers"

FELLOWSHIP: Kay and Jack Strobel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST PREZ HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK:

TODAY, 9:15 a.m. – Sunday School
10:30 a.m. -- Worship
11:30 a.m. – Fellowship

Mon., 02/27, 10:00 a.m.—Coffee @ Mandy's Café

Tues., 02/28, 6:55 p.m.—JuBELLation Ringers

Wed., 03/01, 6:15 a.m. – Men's Book Study
7:00 p.m. – **ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**

Thur., 03/02, 7:30 a.m.—Women's Book Study @ St. James

Fri., 03/04, 9:30 a.m. – PEO Gathering in Fellowship Hall/Kitchen

LENTEN SUPPER will be served at our church on March 15 immediately following the worship service. Worship will be at 5:00 p.m. More information will be coming as to who to contact if you would like to help serve and/or bus tables.

WOODBURY CHORUS AND ORCHESTRA will be performing here at First Presbyterian today at 4:00 p.m. A free will offering will be taken and all proceeds will go to the Red Wing Area Food Shelf.



KIOSK: Please be sure to check the kiosk outside of the church office to see what events are taking place in the community, services that are provided by various groups in and around the Red Wing area, or to sign up for the flower calendar or to host Fellowship. Thank you!

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!! If you are able to help out on Sunday mornings by either being an usher, greeter or lay leader, please let Susan Crocker (Usher coordinator), Bonnie Lohmann (Greeter coordinator), or Chris Rayner (Lay leader coordinator) know. Also, there is a sign-up sheet for hosting Fellowship located on the kiosk next to the flower calendar for anyone wishing to help out. Your help is much needed and greatly appreciated!

FOOD SHELF NEWS: February's goal is to collect 75 tubes of toothpaste. Please leave your donations on the shelf in the lounge. January's food shelf donations included 55 cans of baked beans and 9 miscellaneous items. Thank you all for your kindness and generosity in helping others in need!

REMINDER: This is a gentle reminder asking when checks are made out for the Sunday flowers or the Book of Golden Memories (for example), please make the check out to "First Presbyterian Church" and on the memo line of the check, please write the date the flowers were donated or write "The Book of Golden Memories" and who the donation was in memory of. Checks can be mailed to the church, **put in the collection plate or left in Tom Erickson's (treasurer) mailbox.**

CALLING ALL GRANDPARENTS!

We offer Grands Camp programs for you to come with one or more of your incredible grandkids! Participants will enjoy a half-week of activities for grandparents and grandchildren to enjoy together, as well as separated activities for each age group, all led by our incredible summer staff! We are also asking grandparents who are willing to share some of their own talents and experiences. Are you passionate about knitting, fishing, crafts, or a sport? We'll have time during the afternoons to share that skill with others. Please sign up early as we know these will be popular programs and they will fill up! Contact us at www.clearwaterforest.org for more information or by calling (218) 678-2325.



WEEKLY LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES

First Presbyterian Church will hold an **Ash Wednesday** service on **March 1st at 7:00 p.m.** Please join us for weekly Lenten worship services at 5:00 p.m. which will take place on the dates listed at the following churches:

March 8—United Lutheran Church with Pastor Heidi Bolt

March 15—First Presbyterian Church with Pastor Clay Oglebee

March 22—St. Paul's Lutheran Church with Father Tristan English

March 29—Christ Episcopal Church with Pastor Artie Sharot

April 5—First United Methodist with Pastor Kristen Schlauderaff

