

First Presbyterian Church
Lake Park, Iowa
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10:30 a.m.

February 23, 2020

Transfiguration of our Lord

Musical Prelude-Time to prepare your heart for Worship

Announcements

Passing of the peace

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 16)

L/ You will keep us safe O Lord for you are our refuge. Apart from you I can do nothing. You have called me and assigned me my portion and cup. You have made my lot secured.

C/ Let us praise the Lord who guides us even in the darkest night. Let us praise the Lord who is our Light and Salvation!

L/ I have set the Lord before me and I will stand fast. I have changed my song to joy as God has changed my heart to gladness. God has himself shown us the path; God has himself shown us the Light; God himself has burst forth into the world with eternal life for all who follow!

C/ Let us praise the Lord who guides us even in the darkest night. Let us praise the Lord who is our Light and Salvation!

Hymn of Praise: #293 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness
(stand if able)

Prayer of Confession *(please remain standing)*

ALL/ God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the Light of your glory. You have told us of the Light in the season of Epiphany, calling us to ministry in all parts of our lives. We confess that we turn away, preferring our own plans and the distractions of our own desires. We confess that we speak when we should listen, stand by when we should act, act when we should wait, and fail to speak when we should proclaim your justice and law. Forgive our misguided enthusiasm. Grant us wisdom to live in the Light, to hear your voice calling---“This is my Son, my beloved---listen to him!”

Gloria Patri #812

Reading of Scripture

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 2 (page 844)

Canticle: #571 Trust and Obey

New Testament Reading: Matthew 17: 1-9 (page 1524)

Sermon:

Affirmation of Faith – Confession of Belhar (1982---Book of Confessions 10.1 – 10.4)

All/ We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects, and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of world and will do to the end. We believe in the one holy universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that Christ’s work of reconciliation is made manifest by this church and that the unity of the church is a gift from God that through the Spirit binds us together and calls us to continually guard this gift of love. We believe this unity is a visible sign to the world, not a unity of humans but of Christ’s unity binding us together though different. We believe that this unity is shown in how we love one another, how we pursue and build community with all, and in our willingness to take on in obligation the giving of ourselves with joy and blessing to be of benefit to each other and all we meet. We share one faith, one baptism, one call in this Christ Jesus our Lord to share each other’s burdens and to build each other up, pray together, and fight injustice together no matter our external differences.

Offertory;

Doxology

#815

Prayer of Dedication

Deacons

Prayers: Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayer of Thanksgiving (from our Reformed heritage)

L/ God of Jeremiah, we know that it is not for a man to direct his own steps (Jeremiah 10:23). Father God of Jesus, we come to you and place our paths into your hands. Let the lightning of your glory strike through the clouds and disclose to us your plan and your path as light into darkness.

C/ Put an end to our infinite confusion, our never ending stumbling's, our unprincipled society, our church without community, our Christianity without living the Christian Life! Speak into us as you spoke into the cloud at the transfiguring of the One you sent and push us along the paths you have laid out.
(Adolphe Monod, 1841, Reformed Pastor in France)

Benediction

Closing Hymn: #359 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks *(stand if able)*

Ministry Leaders

Deacons:

Greeters: Jeanie Hawn and Linda Nissen

Worship Music: Denise Lev

Worship Leader: Katie Sereck

All members are ministers of Jesus Christ

Attendance 02/16/20: 18

Offering 02/16/20: \$2050.00

Per Capita for 2020 is \$41.00

Per Capita for 2020 paid: 15

-Birthdays this week: None this week

-**The church is in need of cleaning supplies:** Bowl Cleaner, Angel Soft Toilet Paper and paper towels for the kitchen...if you'd like to donate any of these items please bring them to the church.

-If you have Pastoral Needs, please call the Church Office.

-Bible Study Group continues every Friday morning at 10 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Everyone is welcome.

-It's not too late to get your information updated for the 2020 Church directory. Contact the office if you need to make changes. The new directories will be available **March 1st**.

-Reminder: Per Capita for 2020 is \$41.00. Also, we've seen a rise in the cost of the Offering Envelopes. Please be aware that the tan envelope in the front of your box is to be used to help offset these costs.

-Wednesday, February 26th at 9:30 a.m. will be Morning Circle and at 2:00 p.m. will be Afternoon Circle.

-Ash Wednesday will be held on Wednesday, February 26th at 6:00 p.m. over at the Harris United Methodist Church.

-At time of printing NO Sunday Night Lenten Services scheduled.

-Just a small note to remind everyone that Confirmation class will begin March 4, 2020.

