

First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro

February 11, 2018 Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday
Music Director: Jean Gómez Elder of the Month Noble Usherwood
Guest Preacher Rev. Ford G'Segner

PRELUDE

WELCOME

* GREETING EACH OTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

INTROIT *Come, Christian, Join to Sing (insert)*

* CALL TO WORSHIP **Psalm 50:1-6** (The Message)

The God of gods - it's God! — speaks out, shouts, "Earth!" welcomes the sun in the east, farewells the disappearing sun in the west.

From the dazzle of Zion, God blazes into view.

Our God makes His entrance, He's not shy in His coming. Starbursts of fireworks precede Him.

He summons heaven and earth as a jury, He's taking his people to court: "Round up My saints who swore on the Bible their loyalty to Me."

The whole cosmos attests to the fairness of this court, that here *God* is judge.

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

Almighty God, because Jesus Your servant became obedient to death, His sacrifice was greater than all the sacrifices of old. Accept our offering of praise, and help us to do Your will, until our whole life becomes worship in spirit and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* HYMN # 12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ You reveal the light of Your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we too often close our eyes and refuse to see what You would show us. Forgive us. Grant us wisdom to live in Your light and to follow in the way of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Spirit of the Living God (insert)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, You are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Ghost keep you in eternal life. Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI *(insert)*

INSTALLATION OF RULING ELDER CHERI MOORE

PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination		
Old Testament Lesson	2 Kings 2:1–12	Pew Bible p. 332
Gospel	Mark 9:2–9	Pew Bible p. 44
Anthem	<i>You Are My Hiding Place</i>	Choir
Sermon	<i>Continuing The Work</i>	Rev. Ford G'Segner

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed (insert)*

* HYMN # 649 *Amazing Grace*

OFFERING

Invitation to give

Offertory

* Doxology and Lord's Prayer *(insert)*

Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Join me as we pray for our community and the world.

Comfort and relieve, O Lord, all who are in trouble, sorrow, poverty, sickness, and grief, especially those known to us, whom we name before you in silence...

We pray for those who are troubled by confusion or forgetfulness. For those whose increasing years bring weariness. For those who are lonely. Comfort them and make Yourself known to them by the Power of Your Holy Spirit. Amen

* HYMN # 730 vs 1-2 *I Sing A Song Of The Saints Of God*

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

And all God's children said: **Alleluia! Amen!**

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #730 vs 3 *I Sing A Song Of The Saints Of God*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome our friend Rev. Ford G'Segner to our pulpit today.

VALENTINE'S DAY COVERED DISH : Please join us for lunch right after church in the Fellowship Hall.

LADIES' LUNCH: We'll meet for lunch at The Iron Fork on Friday, Feb16th, at 11:30 AM. Please let Julie Thorp know if you can join us. jujuthorp@hotmail.com

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: Join us for Sunday School at 9:45 in the Fellowship Building. Our study is "The Early Church", by Ray Vanderlaan. No homework, no stress.

FLOWERS: To provide flowers for the church, please see the list in the narthex and speak to Eileen Usherwood or Ann Corry.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: PW meets on the third Sunday of each month in the Fellowship Hall at 2:30. All ladies are invited to join us.

FROM THE TREASURER: Our General Giving Budget for 2018 is \$110,020 or \$9,168 per month. January 2018 General Giving, was \$6,551.

Shorter Catechism

Q. 94. What is Baptism? A. The sacrament of Baptism is a washing with water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, which is a sign and seal that we are joined to Christ, that we receive the benefits of the covenant of grace, and that we are engaged to be the Lord's.

Q. 95. Who should be baptized? A. Those who actually profess repentance towards God, faith in, and obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ, are the only proper subjects for this sacrament. ¹ _

Today is Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday. The story is in each of the synoptic gospels.

In today's Old Testament reading we hear about Elijah the prophet as he is taken up into heaven. In the New Testament reading we find Elijah back on the mountain. Wouldn't you like to hear Elijah tell those stories? Why Elijah? Jesus says it is to fulfill prophesy – all that was foretold will come to pass.

In 2 Corinthians 4:6 Paul tells us that we too can see the light of the Transfiguration because "(God) made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ." Thanks be to God.

SERVICE MUSIC AND LITURGY

Come, Christians, Join To Sing

*Come, Christians, join to sing; Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!*

Spirit of the Living God

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, it is now and ever shall be; World without end. Amen, Amen*

The Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only on our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Doxology

*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.*

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

Oh God, grant that what breaks Your heart would break our hearts.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

Veterans and military personnel	Doris Birdsong, Andrew Boswell's sister
Dell Boettger, Jane Epps's cousin	David Blough, cancer recovery
Scotty Brazier	Nancy Jo Durham, Judy Boswell's sister
Lanie Epps Whitt	Becky Dennis
Lindsey Walker	Lucy Lathrop, Vivian Ferland's sister
Orphan Aid Liberia	Adair Moore, Jimmy Moore's brother
Johnnie Satterfield	The Owens Family (friends of Linda Fowler)
Mildred Tietjen	The Wickland Family
Nancy Gloege	Ed Lewis
Stephen Jackson	Chris Sandoval, Beth Lewis's son-in-law
Chris Penna	Susie Pressley
Nick Thomas	Bill Cory
Dylan Webb, a friend of the Hinds, who has a brain tumor	

Our Session: Noble Usherwood, James Graham, Johnnie Satterfield, Brooke Hinds, Jan Brazier, Cheri Moore.

PNC: Duane Blough, Hap Tietjen, Jane Epps, Spencer Hinds and Beth Lewis.

Josh. 1:9 *Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.*

Psalm 27 *The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?*

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

For God will hide me in a shelter in the day of trouble;

God will conceal me under the cover of a tent; and will set me high on a rock.

Isaiah 41:10 *Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God;*

I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.

Matthew 11:28 *I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, And everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.*

John 14:1 *Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.*

John 14:27 *Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.*