

Transfiguration of the Lord

February 14th, 2021

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Fairest Lord Jesus

arr. Diane Bisch

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 118

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

All: And his steadfast love endures forever.

One: This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: And it is marvelous in our eyes.

One: This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

HYMN OF PRAISE

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS' HYMN

**Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature
O thou of God to earth come down
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown**

**Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands
Robed in the blooming garb of spring
Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer
Who makes the woeful heart to sing**

**Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight
And all the twinkling, starry host
Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heaven can boast**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of the world. Although we claim to know the peace of Christ, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. We are a people of faith; but we put our faith securely on a shelf as if it were just something beautiful to be admired. Lord, have mercy on us; heal us and forgive us. Help us to see your Spirit at work in the world, restoring our faith and leading us to faithfulness. Set us free to be your servants, embodying your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: The God who challenges us is also the God who encourages us.

All: The God who confronts us is also the God who accepts us.

One: Be assured that God is with us even now, accepting, guiding, and forgiving.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE

Fairest Lord Jesus
Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration
No and forevermore be thine!

CRUSADERS' HYMN

PASSING OF THE PEACE

During this time, we invite you to pass the peace by texting or emailing a fellow church member, family member, friend, relative, or loved one.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Psalm 118:19-24

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 3:1-10

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Tim Reynolds

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from The Theological Declaration of Barmen

Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death. As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that it is solely his property, and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance.

TIME FOR REFLECTION

Give Me Jesus

arr. Mark Hayes

Tuesday Reynolds, soprano

Oh, When I come to die, oh, Give me Jesus.
You may have all this world; give me Jesus
Dark Midnight was my cry, Give me Jesus.
You may have all this world; give me Jesus.
You may have all this world,
With its troubles and cares, for of this I am sure,
Give me Jesus.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION AND 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.

Go to the world! Go into all the earth
 Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth
 Baptizing as the sign of our rebirth
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

Go to the world! Go into every place
 Go live the word of Christ's redeeming grace
 Go seek God's presence in each time and space
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray
 The nights of tears give way to joyous day
 As servant church, you follow Christ's own way
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send
 For I am with you till the age shall end
 When all the hosts of glory cry, "Amen!"
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

*God Among Us: Toccata**Olivier Messiaen*SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Bruce Foster – Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

David Stultz – Asst. Director of Music/Organist

Emily McTyre – Media Coordinator

2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir**Technicians:** Matt Casey (video), Paul Sexauer (audio)**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Amy Cross, the Rose family, the Levy-Tatum family, Pam Maples,
 Mary and Frances Johnson, Imogene Posey, and Aggie Bell

*Please notify the office if you are sick, in the hospital, or have a prayer request.
Names remain on the prayer list 4 weeks unless requested to keep them on longer.

WORSHIP & CELEBRATION

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: We are currently in a year-long sermon series on the book of Acts. Upcoming sermon texts/topics are:

Feb 14	Acts 3:1-10	Miracle in the Temple
Feb 17	Acts 3:11-26	Repent and Turn to God (Ash Wednesday)
Feb 21	Acts 4:1-22	Peter & John Arrested
Feb 28	Acts 4:23-31	A Prayer for Boldness

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given in to the glory of God and in memory of Tina Wu, by her family.

THE SEASON OF LENT BEGINS THIS Wednesday, February 17th. We will have a drive-thru Imposition of Ashes between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon under the portico. If you would like to have a pastor impose ashes on your forehead and share a brief prayer, come anytime during those two hours and bring any family or friends you like. We ask that you please wear a mask. At 6:15 p.m. there will be a virtual Ash Wednesday worship service via live stream. As we usually do on Sundays, a link will be on our website and sent out via email.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP AND BUILDING CLOSURE UPDATE: We will continue virtual-only worship at least through the end of February. The Session will discuss a timetable for returning to in-person worship at its next meeting this Tuesday, Feb. 16th.

LENTON CONCERTS FOR REFLECTION: Beginning February 24th, and continuing each Wednesday during Lent, 2nd Presbyterian Church will present a noontime concert for reflection. Music will be provided by Matthew Mimbs, David Stultz, and guest musicians from the community. Log on to our YouTube Channel (or click on the link that will be sent) each Wednesday at noon (or anytime thereafter) for music to help you reflect on your Lenten journey.

FELLOWSHIP & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

A PASTORAL CARE UPDATE PAGE is on our website under the 'About Us' tab. For the password to access, please contact the church office.

COMPASSIONATE CUISINE meals for the homebound: If you are interested in joining a cooking team to prepare meals for some of our homebound members, please contact Leslie Matthews at flowlilly@gmail.com or 865.765.0549.

LENTEN LETTER WRITING: Often, we think of giving things up for Lent, but this year we encourage you to take on writing one letter a day during Lent. We will publish a list of letter recipients that will be available on the website. Blank notecards will also be provided for those who would like to have them for their letter writing. They will be available in the vestibule beginning Monday, February 15th for pick up between the hours of 9-4. Be sure to get them by February 18th, when the letter writing will begin! If you need notecards delivered, please let us know.

DISCIPLESHIP

JOIN THE TRIPLE P (Presbyterian Prayer Partners). The Discipleship Team is extending this spiritual growth opportunity of having a prayer partner as we enter the "winter of our discontent." For many reasons, it is important that we stay in contact with each other. Communication can be accomplished by phone, Facetime, Zoom, or snail mail. To participate, go to the homepage of the church website to sign up, or call/email the church office to sign up and leave your name with Audrey (865.523.2189, ajohnson@2ndpres.org).

BIBLE STUDY: Pastor Tim is leading us in a virtual study of the *Major Messages of the Minor Prophets*. A new lesson will be posted on our YouTube channel and on our website each Thursday and we invite you to study the lesson at your leisure. Then on the 2nd Wednesday of each month (Mar 10, Apr 14, May 12) we will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom to discuss the lessons from the previous month. This will be a time to bring your questions, comments, and insights and share them with the group.

FAITH, SCIENCE AND THE FUTURE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS meets at 9:30 a.m. by conference call.

SERVICE & OUTREACH

FISH FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. Second has participated in the Fish Food Pantry for decades. To continue to effectively carry out this long-time mission of the church, we are very much in need of more participants. We will evaluate the local health and safety factors in early March and hope to restart on Tuesday, March 23rd. Please consider joining the effort. Contact Dick Dodson, rdodson52@gmail.com or 865-414-7413 to volunteer.

PRESBYTERY HABITAT BUILD: Our congregation will be participating in a Presbytery of East Tennessee Habitat build in Knox County beginning March 20th along with several other local churches. Joe Clarke has volunteered to be the Project Coordinator for Second Presbyterian Church and we are excited to have his leadership! Our Friday email now includes a link to the Build Schedule for this project. We will soon be recruiting volunteers for leadership positions, as well as people who can work.

STEWARDSHIP

THE 2020 ANNUAL REPORT is posted online under the “Publications” tab. The page is password protected, but the password for the Church Directory and the Annual Report *are the same*. If you still need the password, contact the church office via email (ajohnson@2ndpres.org) or by phone (865-523-2189) during normal office hours. Hard copies will also be available in the vestibule beginning February 8th for anyone who wishes one.