

St. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2017



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Sunday, February 26, 2017

9:00A.M.

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

PRELUDE: How Can I Keep from Singing arr. Nancy Raabe

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God.

People: His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth.

Pastor: We ponder Your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of Your people.

All: Your name, O God, like Your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth. He will be our guide forever. (from Psalm 48)

*HYMN 24 The God of Abraham Praise Leoni

CALL TO PRAYER, PRAYER, AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, we confess our sinfulness and seek forgiveness. We confess that we have too often focused on material things and not on the things of the spirit. So often our lives are dominated by doubt, fear and despair, as if You and the love of Christ did not exist.

We confess that we hear only what we want to hear, and choose to turn a deaf ear to the changes we know You want us to make. We confess that we are so often victims of our own limited vision, and fail to see the opportunities You lay before us which would enable us to play our part in the bringing in of Your kingdom. Mercifully pardon us now... (moment of silent reflection) Pastor:
Through Christ, our Lord, we pray. **People: Amen.**

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND THE PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Corinthians 4: 1-6

SPECIAL MUSIC: Open My Eyes arr. Larry Shackley

GOSPEL LESSON: St. Matthew 17: 1-9

HYMN 452 Here I Am, Lord

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SERMON: MOUNTAIN GLORY Rev. Ernest Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*HYMN 359

The Apostle's Creed

Apostolic Affirmation

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY: Listen, God is Calling, Neno Lake Mungu, Kenyan
arr. Anne Kreutz Organ

*THE 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.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CALL TO PRAYER AND PASTORAL PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: and also with you.

Leader: Let us pray...

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*using trespasses*)

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

*HYMN 595

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

BENEDICTION (unison)

Let us depart in the joy of Christ's spirit, and go forth into the days of this week, in our times of labor and leisure to speak lovingly in His name and to live in His power. May His peace be ours forever. Amen.

POSTLUDE:

Trumpet in Dialogue

Louis N. Clerambault

WELCOME NOTES

LET US GIVE THANKS FOR THIS GRAND AND GLORIOUS DAY

THIS IS TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY. Everyone is invited to appreciate its significance. It commemorates the occasion when Jesus took His closest friends, Peter, James and John, up to a solitary mountain where His glory was revealed to them.

WE ESPECIALLY WELCOME ALL GUESTS AND VISITORS and invite them to sign the visitors' guest book located at the entrance of the sanctuary, and to join us for a light reception in the lounge after worship.

COME AND PARTICIPATE IN OUR EMPTY BOWLS MISSION PROJECT TODAY IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. This will be the fourth year that our St. Andrew's will be helping to support St. Vincent de Paul's statewide effort to fight hunger in Maryland. We are invited to pay \$10 for each bowl to be painted. The bowls will then be fired and returned at a later date. This will be a most enjoyable activity for everyone, including children and grandchildren.

OUR ASH WEDNESDAY GATHERING will be held this coming week, on March 1, 2017. A souper-supper meal will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. Sign up sheets for those attending are to be found on the lounge piano. Please call Rev. Carol Cook at 410-435-1506 with any questions. At 7:00 p.m. we will hold a worship service with the other congregations who worship here.

OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE SHARE at this time with the family and friends of Jane Nes who died very suddenly and unexpectedly on February 14, 2017 at her home on Upland Road. Jane had a most interesting and varied career as a real estate developer with many friends in the community and church. A funeral service for Jane was held here in church on Friday, February 24.

PASTORAL NEEDS? Please do not hesitate to contact our pastor, Ernest Smart, either for yourself or someone you know. Best number is 410-893-9470.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

"Life is the flower of which love is the honey." -
Victor Hugo-