

MARCH 3, 2019

*TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD*

*HOLY COMMUNION*

9:00AM McMILLEN CHAPEL

11:00AM SANCTUARY



First Presbyterian Church

TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH  
THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

**Welcome to First Presbyterian Church!** We are so glad that you are here. We hope that joining us for worship today will nurture your heart and transform your mind. Here at First Pres our mission is transforming lives through the love of Jesus Christ, that simple and that challenging. We realize we need each other and commit to pray for each other. We reach out in love and compassion to a world in need, and we know we are a work in progress.

**If you are new to First Pres, we hope you will join us again and consider attending any of our mission, fellowship and education opportunities.** If you would like to learn more about us, please fill out the visitor information on the blue card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. **You are also more than welcome to contact any of our pastors over the phone or by email. God's peace to you today.**

— Rev. Dr. Anne Epling, Rev. Dr. Youngsoo An, Rev. Ann Pitman

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† *Those who are able please stand*

**PRELUDE** 9:00am Sonata No. 4: Allegretto Felix Mendelssohn  
11:00am I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light setting by Wayne Wold

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Come to the mountain, you people of God.

**All: We come to hear God's Word.**

One: Come to proclaim God's greatness,

**All: for the Lord is righteous and just!**

One: Come to proclaim God's goodness,

**All: for the Lord is the Holy One!**

One: Come to proclaim God's brilliance,

**All: for the Lord is clothed with light!**

One: Come to the mountain, you people of God,

**All: for we are gathered to worship our Lord!**

† **HYMN** No. 12 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

## † **CALL TO CONFESSION**

One: Jesus said, "those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it." Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, we admit before God and one another our faults and failings. Let us pray.

## † **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All: You know, O God, how often we set our mind on human things instead of divine things. You know the ways we try to force your Spirit to fit our**

agenda, to manipulate your grace for our own ends. You know that we are prone to thinking of our desires long before we ever consider yours. We confess these things to you, praying that saying them out loud might make us aware of our own brokenness, so that we can also be more aware of your ever-present grace. Startle us with your truth and your love. Set our minds and hearts on you, and lead us on your way. Amen. *(silence)*

### †ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: The grace of God is always doing a new thing—whether we are prepared, or worthy, or not. Let yourself live and believe this good news:

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### †SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Let us greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

### †CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymn No. 155 Raise a Song of Gladness

JUBILATE DEO

Raise a song of glad-ness, peo-ples of the earth. Christ has come,  
bring-ing peace, joy to ev-ery heart. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia,  
joy to ev-ery heart! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, joy to ev-ery heart!

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### TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES 11:00am

*Children are encouraged to come forward at this time. Parents may accompany their child if they wish. Afterwards, children 5 or younger may go to childcare in Room 101; older children stay in worship. If you need assistance, ask an usher.*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Exodus 34:29-35, p. 81

9:00am Sally Swihart

11:00am Ron Kohart

**ANTHEM** 11:00am Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

Jaroslav J. Vajda/Carl Schalk

*Jesus, take us to the mountain, where, with Peter, James, and John,  
We are dazzled by Your glory, light as blinding as the sun.  
There prepare us for the night by the vision of that sight.*

*What do You want us to see there, that Your close companions saw?  
Your divinity revealed there fills us with the self-same awe.  
Clothed in flesh like ours You go matched to meet our deadliest Foe.*

*What do You want us to hear there, that Your dear disciples heard?  
Once again the Voice from heaven says of the Incarnate Word:  
"Listen, listen, every one, This is my beloved Son!"*

*Take us to that other mountain where we see You glorified,  
Where You shouted "It is finished!" where for all the world You died.  
Hear the stunned centurion: "Truly This was God's own Son!"*

*We who have beheld Your glory, risen and ascended Lord,  
Cannot help but tell the story, all that we have seen and heard;  
Say with Peter, James, and John: "You are God's beloved Son!"*

### NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 9:28-43, p. 69-70

### SERMON

*"Transfiguration"*

Rev. Dr. Annie Epling

### †AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(Unison)*

**Our hope is God, our holy Parent, who makes all things and from whom all blessings flow. God's faithfulness is the anchor of our hope. Our trust is in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. More than a teacher, his life, death, and resurrection give meaning to our existence. Christ's faithfulness tethers us to holy mystery. Our trust is in the Holy Spirit. Blowing over and through creation, unexpected and untamed, the Spirit stirs forgiveness, and fruitfulness. The Spirit's faithfulness ties together past, present, and future. Holy Trinity, One God, we believe you transfigure our faith. Amen.**

†HYMN No. 156 Sing of God Made Manifest

SALZBURG

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** *Please sign and pass the friendship pad to those in your pew.*

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** 9:00am Thy Table I Approach  
11:00am Meditation

setting by Jan Bender  
Michael Fischer

## SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### GREAT THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to you, Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**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.**

### SHARING OF COMMUNION Breaking of the Bread, Sharing of the Cup

*Communion this morning is by the ancient practice of intinction. (Take a piece of bread and dip it in the cup.) All are invited to partake. Please come forward as the ushers open your pew doors and guide you. If you prefer not to come forward for communion, please let us know and it will be served to you in your pew.*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(Unison)*

**Lord Jesus, we have seen you shining in glory on the mountaintop and joining us in bread and cup here at this table. Strengthen us by these glimpses of your glory, that your kingdom might be known and your love be shown shining brightly in our lives and in our world, until the day of your full appearing. Alleluia! Amen.**

†HYMN No. 192 Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

## †BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE 9:00am Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise setting by J. Bert Carlson  
11:00am Shine, Jesus, Shine arr. Marilyn Ham

**Anthem Note:** This morning's anthem "Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain" tells the story of the transfiguration. This is an arrangement of a hymn written by Jaroslav J. Vajda (text) and Carl Schalk (tune) in 1991. Jaroslav J. Vajda (1919-2008) is a Lutheran poet who wrote over 200 hymn texts and translations throughout his life. Carl Schalk (b. 1929) is a Lutheran composer, author and lecturer who has written over 100 hymn tunes. Vajda and Schalk have collaborated on several hymns including "God of the Sparrow" and "Before the Marvel of This Night."

## WORSHIP THIS MORNING

**Greeters:** 9:00am Tom and Sally Swihart  
11:00am Dave Bash, Sarah Savage, Heidi Schultz, Mike Shim

**Ushers:** 9:00am Tom Swihart  
11:00am Deb Ward, Chair; Dave Beer, Wendell Cree, Dan Serban,  
Elias Shaheen

**Communion Servers:** 9:00am Sarah Savage, Bill Patterson  
11:00am Nancy Gerow, Marsha Heller, Jean Linville,  
Scott McMeen, Laurie Satter, Tom Sites

**Chancel Choir Members:** (soprano) Christa Cook, Susan Dorion, Marta Hilworth, Joan Jackson, Antoinette Lee, Gretchen Lee, Patricia Pierce, Marianne Platt, Sandy Shearer; (alto) Jane Beer, Virginia Coats, Mary Jane Ormerod, Fran Page, Jill Therrien, Mary Winters; (tenor) Kathie Bishop, Scott McMeen, Marj Sapp; (bass) David Beer, Jim Mergenthal, Dan Michnay, Kip Ormerod

**Chancel Flowers** are given in loving memory of Joan McNagny and Mr. & Mrs. Charles H. Buesching by William F. McNagny.

## TODAY

**All parents and their children** (infant-high school), are invited to lunch in the Parlor after the 11:00am worship service to meet Jen Rannells, our new Family Ministries Coordinator. Jen will share preliminary plans for spring and summer activities, and you can share with Jen your hopes and dreams for family ministry at First. Please **RSVP to** [cyf@firstpresfortwayne.org](mailto:cyf@firstpresfortwayne.org). We hope to see you there!

The **Fair Trade Cart** will be open a half hour before and after 11:00am worship **today in McKay Hall**. Supporting Fair Trade is a tangible contribution to putting people and the health of the environment first, and to fight against poverty, climate change, and economic crisis in developing countries. Questions? Contact Joan Coslow at 260-424-2430.

## MINISTRIES

**Rescue Mission Meal Donations**—The Missions Team received a request for volunteers to make corn bread—in addition to cookies. Both donations are needed every third Sunday of the month, and can be baked or purchased. If you are able to donate these items, please sign up in the Church Office. The next Rescue Mission meal will be served on March 17. Questions? Contact Bill Patterson at 260-426-7421 x104 or [bpatterson@firstpresfortwayne.org](mailto:bpatterson@firstpresfortwayne.org).

**Ditty Bag Project** —The Deacons are in need of approximately 150 “Ditty Bags” in order to assemble them in June. **Pick up the sewing instructions, which includes a list of hygiene products, located in the brochure rack outside of the Church Office.** Bags and donations can be placed in the blue bin labeled “Deacon’s Ditty Bags” in the Small Dining Room. Contact Vicki Davis at 260-466-5116 or Judy Hayhurst 260-341-6008 with questions.

## LEARN, STRATEGIZE, ENGAGE

### Seeking the Heart of God in the Heart of the City: Learn, Strategize, Engage

Learn more about all of the exciting things happening in our community and how each of us can help to enhance the lives of those who live, work, and play in downtown Fort Wayne. Feel free to join us Wednesday evenings. Dinner (optional) starts at **5:30pm**, and is followed by the one hour program that begins at **6:00pm in McKay Hall**. **Please sign up in the Church Office.**

- March 13** United Way; featuring David Nicole, CEO
- March 20** Washington Elementary School; featuring DaNeme Neff, Principal
- March 27** Downtown Improvement District; featuring Bill Brown, Executive Director of the Downtown Improvement District
- April 3** Downtown Development; featuring Geoff Paddock, Councilman Ward 5
- April 10** What’s Next? Strategy discussion

# CULTIVATING & LETTING GO

This year for Lent, our theme is “Cultivating and Letting Go.” The materials were written by the Sanctified

Art Creative Team consisting of four women – artists and Presbyterian ministers from North Carolina, Virginia and Georgia. The team writes: *Lent is a season of spiritual gardening, of inviting God to unearth in us what lies fallow, what needs to be tended, and what needs to die for new life to emerge. This Lent, we’re embracing the literal and spiritual practices of cultivating and letting go.* We will be using their visual art, prayers, devotional and coloring calendar. The devotional and coloring calendar will be available beginning March 3.

**Ash Wednesday Worship Service—March 6, 7:00pm, Chapel**

**Palm Sunday—April 14, 9:00am English Worship, Chapel; 11:00am English Worship, Sanctuary; Korean Worship, Chapel**

**Maundy Thursday Worship Service—April 18, 7:00pm, McKay Hall**

**Good Friday Worship Service—April 19, 7:00pm, Chapel**

**Easter Sunday—April 21:**

7:30am—Sunrise Service, Sanctuary Narthex

8:30am—Youth Breakfast Fundraiser, McKay Hall

10:00am—Easter Egg Hunt, Courtyard

10:45am—Festival Prelude, Sanctuary

11:00am—English Worship, Sanctuary

11:00am—Korean Group Worship, Chapel

**FPC Missions committee will host Scott and Elmarie Parker, March 24, at the 9:00am and 11:00am Worship Services. Following the 11:00am worship, a Luncheon and Power Point presentation with questions and answers will be held in McKay Hall.** The Missions Committee and our congregation support these missionaries in the Middle East, doing the work we cannot. **We encourage everyone to attend these events.** **Scott Parker** serves with the Middle East Council of Churches (MECC) as PCUSA Associate for Ecumenical Partnerships and Communications. Elmarie Parker, also a PCUSA Associate for Ecumenical Partnerships, serves as Regional Liaison to Iraq, Syria, and Lebanon. Scott uses written story-telling to communicate the experiences and views of the Middle East Church and peoples with Presbyterian constituents in the United States and MECC partners in both Europe and the United States. In addition, Scott has been asked by MECC to lead their efforts in



responding to children traumatized by the unrest and war in either Iraq or Syria and now seeking refuge in Lebanon. Out of this invitation has come the “Strong Kids, Strong Emotions” program. The heartbeat of **Elmarie’s** work is to help deepen and strengthen the relational ties between the church in her region, and the church in the United States, to develop the practical ministries that are birthed from these relationships. She facilitates Presbyterian Church (USA) support for partner programs, relationships and activities and implements partnership strategy. She seeks to strengthen healthy, effective and appropriate relationships among entities of the PC(USA), and those of partner denominations and organizations in the region. This often takes shape through PC(USA) group solidarity and learning visits facilitated by Elmarie to Syria/Lebanon or to Iraq. Additionally, Elmarie supports other PC(USA) Associates serving in this region.

## MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thank you** for a wonderful ice cream bar reception last Sunday and all the cards and gifts. It touched my heart and I will remember you fondly. I do encourage you to keep on dancing, and to share your life and faith with each other. God bless each one of you.  
With love, Pastor Bill Lane

**Congratulations!** Nickolin Byer has earned the Boy Scouts of America National Eagle Scout designation. This is the highest rank a Boy Scout can earn.

***DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS MARCH 10—“SPRING” CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR.***

## CHILDCARE AND CHURCH SCHOOL

**Childcare** is in **Room 101** from **9:45am to 11:15pm**. **Room 105** is available for those who need a **Quiet Room** to attend to your baby/young child.

**10:00am Adult Education: Wired Word** in the **Parlor**. Each week we will discuss a current event and analyze it in a biblical context.

**No Youth Bible Study** (6th grade through 12 grade) this week.

**11:15am – No Children’s Church School this week**, Kindergarten through 5th grade stay in worship. Children 5 or younger may go to childcare in Room 101.

## RELIGIOUS ARTS



**“Abstractions”:** Michael Poorman and **“Throw, Slap and Pinch”:** Steve Skinner. February 1-March 24, 2019. Michael Poorman began his career around the age of four drawing cartoon characters. In high school, with two of his buddies, they produced comic books. He went on to pursue his love of art as an abstract painter. Steve Skinner, of New Carlisle, Indiana, makes contemporary sculpted and functional stoneware and porcelain pottery, informed by his interests in American Regionalism and art from ancient cultures, especially Mayan pottery. Gallery hours are 9:00am-5:00pm Monday-Friday; 8:30am-12:30pm Sunday.



**Ashu in Concert—April 7, 2:00pm, Sanctuary. Free Will Offering.** Concert saxophonist Ashu is returning to First Presbyterian Church. Ashu is known for his ability to communicate with audiences through charismatic and emotive performances. Over the years, he has won several international awards that are typically won by pianists and violinists. Learn more at [ashuonline.com](http://ashuonline.com).



***Twelfth Night* by William Shakespeare—March 8, 9, 10\*, 15, 16, 2019** “If music be the food of love, play on.” Love and revelry and gender identity turn the world topsy-turvy in one of Shakespeare’s most popular comedies. Anything can happen when you assemble a cast of the bard’s most memorable characters. Call 260-426-7421 ext. 121, or go online at [firstpresbyteriantheater.com](http://firstpresbyteriantheater.com) to purchase your tickets. All evening shows begin at 7:30pm. \*Sunday Matinee curtain at 2:00pm.

For info, contact Thom Hofrichter at 260-426-7421 x103, or [thofrichter@firstpresfortwayne.org](mailto:thofrichter@firstpresfortwayne.org).

**Celebrate FPT’s 50th Anniversary, April 6.** Arrive at 5:00pm, dinner at 5:30pm, and a program in the Theater at 7:00pm. Cost is \$10 for entertainment, buffet, and Silent auction. **Silent Auction items are needed.**

**2019 Theatre Tours—Stratford, June 21-23**, 4 spots available; **Ohio Theatre Tour—July 25-July 26.** On Friday, see *The Pirates of Penzance* and *Into the Woods* at the Ohio Light Opera in Wooster, OH. Then see Thom’s production of *Macbeth* at Shakespeare at the Castle in Alliance, OH on Saturday, July 27.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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8:30am - 12:30pm Sunday

## HOSPITAL VISITATIONS

If you or a loved one is having surgery or is admitted to the hospital, please notify the Church Office or a pastor so we can provide care as you prefer: hold you in prayer or pay a visit — if desired.

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### MISSION CO-WORKERS SPONSORED:

Mr. Mark Hare and Ms. Jenny Bent, Haiti and the Dominican Republic  
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# CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

## SUNDAY, MARCH 3

- 8:45am Childcare, 101
- 9:00am English Worship, Communion, CH
- 10:00am Chancel Choir Warm-up, SC  
Korean Group Choir Practice, 201  
Korean Group Fellowship, FH  
Church School, Adults, PR
- 10:20am Korean Group Prayer Meeting, CL
- 10:30am Fair Trade Sales, MH, East
- 11:00am English Worship, Communion, SC  
Korean Group Children's Worship, CL  
Korean Group Worship, Communion, CH
- 12:00pm Hospitality Time, MH  
Fair Trade Sales, MH, East
- 12:15pm Drama Committee
- 1:00pm Korean Group Choir Practice, 201, CH

## MONDAY, MARCH 4

- 1:00pm Smock 3B Walkers, SC
- 1:30pm Smock 3B, MH
- 3:00pm Study Connection, MH
- 6:00pm Children, Youth, Families Committee Mtg., 212

## TUESDAY, MARCH 5

*Prayer Day: John McCall, Mission in Taiwan*

- 1:00pm Stephen Leader Team Meeting, SMO
- 3:00pm Faith, Fibers, and Fellowship, 302
- 5:30pm Day School Board Meeting, 302  
Personnel Meeting, SR

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

**Ash Wednesday**

*Prayer Day: Presbyterian workers in the Middle East*

- 10:00am Table Talk 1, SR
- 1:00pm Smock 3B Walkers, SC  
Women's Bible Study, 302
- 1:30pm Smock 3B, MH
- 2:30pm Table Talk 2, 300
- 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service, CH

## THURSDAY, MARCH 7

- 5:00pm Mission Meeting, SR
- 6:30pm Theatre Rehearsal, *12th Night*, TH
- 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, MR

## FRIDAY, MARCH 8

- 7:30pm Theatre Performance, *12th Night*, TH

## SATURDAY, MARCH 9

- 7:00am KLM Chapel Prayer, CH
- 8:00am KLM Bible Study, SR
- 7:30pm Theatre Performance, *12th Night*, TH

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## SUNDAY, MARCH 10

- 8:45am Childcare, 101
- 9:00am English Worship, CH
- 10:00am Chancel Choir Warm-up, SC  
Korean Group Choir Practice, 201  
Korean Group Fellowship, FH  
Church School, Adults, PR
- 10:20am Korean Group Prayer Meeting, CL
- 11:00am English Worship, SC  
Korean Group Children's Worship, CL  
Korean Group Worship, CH
- 11:15am Church School (K-5th), 208
- 12:00pm Hospitality Time, MH
- 12:30pm Zip Code Dinner 46845/46825, OS
- 1:00pm Korean Group Choir Practice, 201, CH
- 2:00pm Theatre Performance, *12th Night*, TH
- 5:30pm Zip Code Dinner 46804/46814, OS

**CH** - Chapel

**CL** - Chapel Lounge

**CN** - Chapel Narthex

**CR** - Conference Room

**CY** - Courtyard

**FH** - Fellowship Hall

**FO** - Front Office

**GL** - Gallery

**K2** - Kitchen, 2nd floor

**LB** - Library

**LE** - Lobby Elevator

**LK** - Lower-level Kitchen

**LN** - Lobby North

**MF** - McKay Foyer

**MH** - McKay Hall

**MK** - Main Kitchen

**MR** - Music Room

**NX** - Narthex, SC

**OS** - Offsite

**PG** - Playground

**PO** - Pastor's Office

**PR** - Parlor

**SB** - Sanctuary Balcony

**SC** - Sanctuary

**SDR** - Small Dining Room

**SMO** - Stephen Ministry

Office

**SR** - Session Room

**TH** - Theater

**YL** - Youth Lounge  
(209, 212)