

First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn

What Can Happen on a Mountaintop



**Transfiguration of the Lord
Sunday, February 11, 2024
10:00 a.m.**

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Prelude *Allegro* (First Symphony)

Louis Vierne

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Mission

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: It is easy to stand here in the valley of our comfort.

People: We know what to expect and what is expected of us.

Leader: But Christ calls us to the mountain top to receive a new vision.

People: We are not sure we are ready for that.

Leader: Place your hope and trust in Christ, for He is your guide.

People: Let us open our hearts to Christ, ready for the vision he places before us. AMEN.

***Opening Hymn #193** *Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: We want to celebrate. We don't want to listen. We want to stay on the mountaintop with Jesus and set up a festival where everyone can come and play and have a good time. We want our faith to be one of entertainment. But you have called us to "Listen to Him!" You have asked us to be ready for the journey. We cannot stay where we are, comfortable and snuggled down in the familiar. There is much to be done. Forgive us, Lord, when we are stubborn and willful. Remind us that you are with us, wherever we are. You call us from the mountaintop to go to the valley where there are struggles and strife; where healing is needed. Prepare us, Lord, for the journey. Help us to listen to you. Heal us, Lord. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen (A time of silent, personal prayer.)

Assurance of Pardon *by Lisa Ann Moss Degrenia*

Leader: Hear the good news!

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us; Christ rose for us; Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us. (Romans 8:34)
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***Response** *Alleluia*
Sanctuary Choir

Randall Thompson

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading 2 Kings 2:1-12

Children's Message

Scripture Reading Mark 9:2-9

Sermon What Can Happen on a Mountaintop

***Hymn #192** *Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining*

***Affirmation of Faith** based on Ephesians 4:1-16

There is one hope, one calling, to which we are called.

The hope in our lives is Jesus.

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The call we must answer is God's.

There is one faith, one hope, one Lord of us all.

The Lord of our lives is Jesus.

There is one baptism, one Father, one Lord of all.

The creator who calls us is God.

We are one body, one family, one church,

woven by the Spirit with bonds of peace.

With Christ's children throughout all of this earth,

we are one body in unity and love.

***Gloria Patri #189** *O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair* (verse 1)

Call to Offering

Offertory Hymn #189 *O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair* (verses 2– 5)

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn #260

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

***Charge and Blessing**

Postlude

Annual Meeting

About the Music... After today, the church universal will “Bury the Alleluia” during our penitential six weeks of Lent. The next time we break forth in heavenly Alleluias will be our glorious Easter acclamation! Thus, Sanctuary Choir is offering Randall Thompson’s lovely “Alleluia” at the beginning of worship today. Thank you, choir, for your talent, love for God, and dedication. ALLELUIA!

Participating in this morning’s service are Gordon Seiler CRE
Liturgist Sue Ingram; Children’s Ministry Director Emily Kaltz;
The Sanctuary Choir and Director of Music Brenda Ferguson

**FPCD**

Announcements

Annual Meeting : The annual meeting of the congregation and corporation will be held today, February 11 immediately following worship at 11:00 a.m. Among the matters to be addressed at the meeting will be amendment of the By-laws of the congregation and of the corporation. Copies of the proposed amended by-laws are available for review in the narthex.

Stick around after the meeting for our Family Lunch. We are serving beef chili, cornbread and apple crisp and beverages.

Eighth Annual Souper Bowl: St. Paul Lutheran challenges Cherry Hill Presbyterian, Good Shepherd United Methodist, FPCD and First United Methodist to collect the most cans to stock the pantry for families in need. The trophy is knowing we helped out those in need. The contest ends Super Bowl today, February 11, 2024. Monetary contributions are also welcome. Each \$1 will count as one can. Please help FPCD win this challenge. Thank you!

Ash Wednesday: We will not be hosting a Ash Wednesday service this year, but you are welcome to join the services at Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church at 12:00 p.m. or at 7:00 p.m.

Your Favorite Hymns:

“O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High” was requested by Jeremy Hughes.

“I Will Come to You” (You Are Mine) is a favorite of Bunny Barr.

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (Beethoven) is one of Brenda’s 800 favorites.

Do you have a favorite hymn? Brenda will gladly include it in worship. There is a Favorite Hymn gold box in the Narthex for you to submit your choice. Please include your name!

Join the Adult Education Class beginning February 18, as we study the book No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ’s Passion.

No Greater Love is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. The study guides you through the last hours of Christ's life. You will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Mount of Calvary. Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love as you draw closer to Jesus than you ever have before. Class will meet at 9:00 a.m. for 5 weeks.

The Personnel Committee would like to remind the congregation that if you have any questions or concerns during this time of transition at church, please direct those questions or concerns to Jim Barber jbarbercavu@hotmail.com who is Clerk of Session. He will direct your questions or concerns to the proper person or committee at church. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Calendar

Sunday, February 11

9:00 a.m. Adult Education
9:20 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
9:45 a.m. Nursery
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
11:00 a.m. Annual Meeting
12:00 p.m. Family Lunch

Monday, February 12

11:00 a.m. Dearborn Garden Club
6:00 p.m. Mat Making for the Homeless

Tuesday, February 13

Shrove Tuesday

1:00 p.m. Card Ministry
7:00 p.m. Outreach and Mission

Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday

Valentine's Day

10:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m. Treasure Chest
12:00 p.m. Bulletin and Media Deadline
6:30 p.m. NAMI
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 15

10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women's Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Men's Hope and Love Class
3:30 p.m. Bells of Heaven
4:30 p.m. Youth Music

Sunday, February 18

9:00 a.m. Adult Education
9:20 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
9:45 a.m. Nursery
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
11:15 a.m. Finance Committee



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