

Wednesday Night Fellowship

February 26, 2020 5:45 pm

Menu: Soup, slaw, salad bar, bread, dessert

Program: Ash Wednesday Service

Reservations by Tuesday, 2/25 at noon

Indicate # of people:

___ Adults & children over 12

___ Children age 3-11 (meal above)

___ Children 3-11 (PBJ/applesauce)

___ to go orders (reservation required)

Cost: All meals are paid by donation. A minimum of \$6.50 is requested for anyone who can pay for the meal. Anyone who can pay extra either each week or as a lump sum donation to cover the costs of meals for those who are not able to pay are encouraged to do so. Thank you!

NAME: _____

Pay online (thru QR code), via website or pay at the door. To register, tear off this tab and place in offering plate, call the office or go online.



He was transfigured before them ...
and his clothes became dazzling white ...
Mark 9:2-3 NKJV

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 23-29, 2020

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

9:15 Sunday School

10:30 Worship Service

4:30 Youth & Children's Activities

5:30 Youth & Children Snack Supper

6:15 The Branch

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

7:00 Boy Scouts

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

4:30 Staff Meeting

6:00 Outreach Meeting

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

3:45 Youth Piano & Guitar

4:30 Youth Choir

5:30 Fellowship Dinner & Program

6:15 Children & Youth Activities

7:30 Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

6:00 Wayfinders

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

10:00 Oh, the Places You'll Go! 5K

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:

USHERS: David Denny, Art Eckerson, Alan LeClair, Ben Peeples

GREETERS: Deborah & Marcus Grant*, Art Eckerson, Pat Faber,
Mark & Polly Crowder (*Indicates person(s) at Welcome Table)

PRAYER: Johnny Qualls **CROSSBEARER:** Chloe DeWitt

ACOLYTE: Sammi Uelhof **BEADLE:** Madelyn Wardeska-McGuire

AUDIOVISUAL: Karl Kapoor



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Worship Guide & Church Life Information Bulletin

Welcome to 1st Church! We are glad you are here.

Please sign the blue registration pad at one end of each pew. Information about 1st Church can be found inside the front cover. Please help yourself to any of these materials. If you are a new visitor today, please stop by the Welcome Station immediately following the service, in the room at the rear of the sanctuary.

We have a gift for you and want to meet you!

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 23, 2020

Transfiguration Sunday

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

PRELUDE "Be Thou My Vision" (Slane) Setting by Craig Phillips

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Our God has called us to go to the mountaintop.

People: In faith, we will follow where God would have us go.

Leader: Our God offers us words of wisdom and healing love.

People: With gratitude, we open ourselves to God's truth and guidance.

Leader: Our God offers us hope and abundant life.

People: With joy, we offer our hearts and lives to the living Christ.

INVOCATION

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" No. 103

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Our Father, You have revealed Yourself to us, and called us to radiate Your glory and love through our words, our deeds, our expressions, and our disposition.

People: We confess, however, that our attitudes often conceal rather than reveal Your glory.

Leader: If we conceal Your truth through our lack of credible witness, please forgive us.

People: If we conceal Your love because our eyes are veiled through prejudice and intolerance, please forgive us.

Leader: If we conceal Your truth by reflection of our own self-interest, please forgive us.

People: If we conceal Your justice through our failure to empower those who are powerless, please forgive us.

Leader: If we conceal Your mercy through hard and unforgiving attitudes, please forgive us.

People: If we conceal Your compassion through our indifference to those who are hurting and wounded, please forgive us. Cleanse us of any shameful attitudes of mind and heart. May our thoughts, our words, and our actions reveal Your glory to all Your children.

(a time of silent prayer and reflection)

Leader: God knows us better than we know ourselves. God forgives us and calls us to shine brightly in our dark and troubled world. My friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel:

All: By God’s love, we are forgiven; by God’s mercy, we are made whole; by God’s grace, we are equipped to serve others. Thanks be to God! AMEN

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

MORNING PRAYER AND 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 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. AMEN

HYMN OF REFLECTION “How Great is Our God” Words on Screen & Supplement No. 3003

Children 2nd grade & younger are welcome to meet the adult leader at the door at the front of the sanctuary as the offertory begins to go to Children’s Church.

OFFERTORY “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” J.S. Bach/Arr. By Jan Sanborn

DOXOLOGY No. 94

GOSPEL READING Mark 9:2-8

ANTHEM

“Shine On Us”

*On to the mountain we must go, and for a moment stay
Where time slows down and love draws close, as Jesus kneels to pray.
Then holy mystery, light breaks forth, outshining bright of day.
His robe a pure and glimmering white; the sun reflects His face.*

*Oh, shine on us, dear Lord and Christ; and let Your light be known.
We soon shall come down from the mount; and lean on You alone.*

*Elijah, Moses soon appear; they stand with Christ the King!
Their glory shines all around as they speak on heavenly things.
Then gathered 'round a radiant cloud, the voice of God within,
“This is my Son, Beloved One. You should listen to Him.”*

*Oh, shine on us, dear Lord and Christ; You’ve let Your light be known.
Let us tarry on this mountaintop; reside with You alone.*

*No angels gather 'round this mount. No song echoes in the air.
As Jesus starts to lead us down, our hearts are calling clear:
“Oh, shine on us, dear Lord and Christ; and let Your light be known.
As we climb down from the mount, we lean on You alone.”*

SERMON

“Mountain Top Experience”

Rev. Jodie Ihfe

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT** “God of Grace and God of Glory” No. 664
Verses 1, 2, & 3

***BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
Let the search for Thy salvation be our glory evermore.*

*Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving Thee whom we adore.
Serving Thee whom we adore.*

GO IN PEACE, GREET ONE ANOTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST, AND TAKE THE LOVE OF CHRIST WITH YOU THIS WEEK TO SHARE WITH ALL YOU MEET.

OH, THE PLACES YOU’LL GO!

The Early Learning Center is sponsoring a 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, February 29 at 10:00 a.m. There will be a 100 yard dash for kids beginning at 9:45. Runners/walkers, volunteers, and sponsors are needed! For more information, contact Kathie Battista at 926-0700. To register, visit runtricity.net

February 23, 2020 Prayer Requests

Publish in bulletin? Y ___ N ___

Requested by _____

Prayer list:

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| Barbara Marrs | Eddie Deakins |
| Elizabeth Bailey | Patricia Brantley |
| Nancy Jewell | Susan Gray |
| Elizabeth Wells | Bob McGuire |
| Catherine Cartus | Viola & Bobby Seay |
| Tom Palmer | Fred Parke |
| Kevin Jones | Tom Holmes |
| Bob Lentz | Cynthia Vance |
| Evelyn Moore | Willow Ridge Women’s Recovery |
| Jo Cross | Bob Bennett |
| Jerry & Judy Rust | Diane Downes |
| Gary J. Harkins | Cindy Burleson |
| Magnolia Ridge family of recovery | Kristen Borthwick Johnson |
| Roy & Sharyn Lessly | David Tucker |
| Betty McGaha | Dora Tucker |
| Steve Wilkinson | Doris Bowles |
| Rev. Bill Carter | Marian Cocke |
| Gary Roberts | Laken Tidwell & family |
| Noah Cook | Doris Welch |
| Lou Thornberry | |
| Luke Holmes | |

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday, which is this week, marks the beginning of the season of Lent. We will have a meal beginning at 5:30 and a special worship service at 6:30. Make plans to attend this important service as we enter the season of preparation for the celebration of Easter.

Use this QR Code to access **online giving.**

