

March 3, 2019

Eleven O'clock

**Transfiguration of the Lord
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

WELCOME HOME

We're delighted that you're here! With the open arms of Christ, we welcome those of every age, ability, income, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and gender identity fully into the life of the church, just as we have been welcomed.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

We begin worship with the musical prelude and lighting of the candles, reminding us of Christ's presence with us. Please use this time to make the transition from getting here to being here.

PRELUDE *Great is Thy Faithfulness* arr. D. Wagner

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Blessed is the Lord our God,
who revealed the law to Moses.

All: The Lord our God is holy!

One: Blessed is the Lord our God,
who has spoken through the prophets.

All: The Lord our God is holy!

One: Blessed is the Lord our God,
who came to us in Jesus.

All: The Lord our God is holy!

One: The one who spoke and called light out of darkness
now shines in our hearts.

All: The Lord our God is holy!

One: The one who comes and does not keep silence
now speaks in our midst.

All: The Lord our God is holy!

One: Now we have seen the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ.

All: The Lord our God is holy!

Let us worship God.

*HYMN 12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST. DENIO

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by other plans. We speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait.

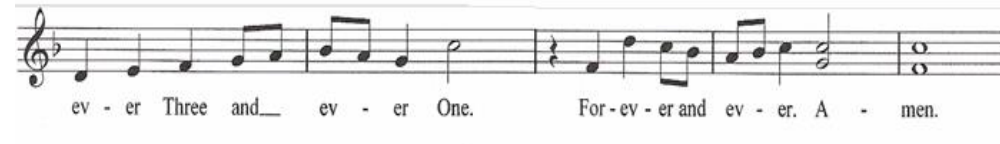
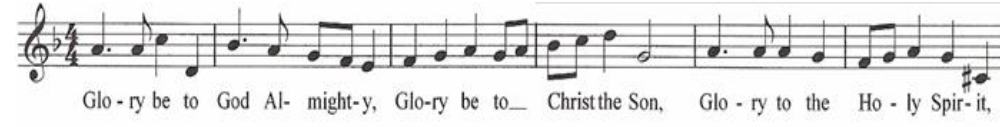
Forgive our aimless enthusiasms, we pray. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, as in silence, we open our hearts to you...

*KYRIE 576 *Lord, Have Mercy* SINGAPURA



*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA



PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

FOCUS ON CHILDREN Patti Winter

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of dazzling beauty and overshadowing majesty, in Jesus Christ your beloved, we glimpse the image of your glory. Open our ears by your Spirit that we may listen to him, and follow. Amen.

FIRST TESTAMENT READING Exodus 34:29-35

One: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Panis angelicus* César Frank

SECOND READING Luke 9:28-36

One: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *A Glimpse of the Big Picture* Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

DEDICATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*HYMN 450 *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "A Brief Statement of Faith" (parts 5 & 6)

**With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

FOCUS ON MISSION More Light Presbyterians Emily Burt

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Part of your offering today is the gift of your presence. Please acknowledge your presence by signing the welcome book at the end of your row. If you would like to make a gift electronically, scan here to be directed to our online giving site:



OFFERTORY *Violin Concerto No. 5 in A major, II. Andante* W. A. Mozart
Honney Kim, violin

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise....

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.

CHORAL RESPONSE

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & POURING OF THE CUP

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

To receive, please come forward to the station nearest you, take a piece of bread, dip it in the juice, and eat. For those with dietary concerns, the far station on the pulpit side contains Udi's gluten-free, dairy free bread.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, Lord Jesus Christ, for the gifts of grace we have received from your hand. Now send us forth to reflect your light, proclaiming your saving death and resurrection until you come again in glory. Amen.

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 853 *We Are Marching in the Light of God* SIYAHAMBA

*CHARGE and BENECTION

*CHORAL BENECTION

*POSTLUDE *Violin Concerto in D minor, III. Allegro ma non troppo* J. Sibelius

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*Please stand as you are able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME GUESTS and celebrate that you are worshiping with us today. Your presence enriches our community. We hope the service held meaning and beauty for you. If you are returning to a distant home, we wish you the Lord's grace and a safe journey. However, if you live in the area and are seeking a faith community, we hope you will return soon so that we may get to know you better. To learn more about opportunities for spiritual growth and service, visit us on the web at www.fpcbham.org. May God's peace and blessing be with you.

IF YOU ARE SEEKING A CHURCH HOME, our Session will meet next Sunday, March 10th in the Chapel following the 11:00 worship service to welcome new members. If you are looking for a faith community, we hope you will make First your home.

FOR CHILDREN: Children's bags and bulletins are available in the Narthex (ushers can locate them for you). Please empty and return the bags after worship. While all children are welcome in worship, the following alternatives also are available: *Nursery* is provided for infants (at least six weeks old) and toddlers. After the *Focus on Children*, children ages 3-7 will go to the balcony, where they experience a little of what worship is like while doing learning activities related to the scripture with coloring, puzzles, books, children's bulletins and more. When the sacraments of the Lord's Supper or Baptism are celebrated, children will return to the sanctuary. We invite those in second grade and above to remain in the sanctuary and participate in the entire worship service.

PRAYER REQUESTS Please use the Prayer Request and Information Change cards, found in the pew rack, to relay information to the church office. Print your name and any other information you may need to relay to the office and place it in the offering plate.

LET THE BELLS PLAY! Our 37-bell Rushton Memorial Carillon was the first such instrument in Birmingham and the third in the United States, when installed in 1924.

SERMONS are available from our website at www.fpcbham.org.

The LITURGIST for today is Susan Davenport.

The ACOLYTE for today is Patricia Gauntt.

MISSION CENTERS OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FIRST LIGHT, INC. is a mission center of FPC, giving shelter and support services for homeless women and children. If you would like to help, speak to our pastors or call Ruth Crosby, Executive Director (323-4277). First Light's website: www.firstlightshelter.org

RUTH AND NAOMI SENIOR OUTREACH (RNSO) has as its mission to become spiritual companions to isolated older adults and to call, equip, and support others to do so as well. Contact chaplain@ruthandnaomi.org.

THE RUSHTON CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER provides quality childcare in a loving, nurturing environment – accredited by NAEYC and licensed by the Department of Human Resources. Call the CDC office at 322-8310. The Center's website is www.eprcdc.com

FAITH IN ACTION ALABAMA, a faith-based community-organizing effort FPC shares with faith communities throughout the city, works to improve quality of life for all our citizens. Faith in Action is a PICO network affiliate and can be reached at daniel@faal.org.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOUNDATION provides support to First Presbyterian Church for the maintenance and upkeep of this historic sacred space built in 1889. 10% of the Foundation's annuity payment aids mission selected by session. Contact Mark Aldridge for more information.

THE REV. TERRY HAMILTON-POORE, Pastor and Head of Staff

THE REV. CATHERINE GOODRICH, Associate Pastor

THE REV. JIM STANFORD, Parish Associate

MS. PATTI WINTER, Director of Christian Education

DR. HYE SOOK JUNG, Organist

MS. ROBIN VINES, Carillanist

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MS. LAURA H. ROBERTSON, Office Administrator

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MS. KANDIE WILEY, Sexton

THE REV. DR. ROBERT S. CRUTCHFIELD, Pastor Emeritus

Have you remembered the church in your will?