

ORDER OF SERVICE

**(All who are able, please stand)*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *(To prepare our hearts for worship)*

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Turn our thoughts away from the busy-ness of the world;

All: Turn our minds to you, O Christ.

One: Turn our hearts away from the desires of this world;

All: Turn our love toward one another and you, O Christ.

One: Turn us to love, compassion, and justice, O Christ.

All: In this time of worship, may we be one in spirit, mind, and body, worshiping Christ Jesus, who calls us to love. Amen.

***HYMN 401,** *"Here In This Place"* GATHER US IN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Holy God, we confess that we do not trust you fully. We continue to put our hope in worldly gain and in human promises, and find ourselves defeated and lost when things fall apart. You have given us a love more complete than anything we could experience in this world, but we fail to seek it. Instead, we look to our own means of assurance and security. Forgive us. Call us back to you that we may put our trust in you and not be afraid. Let your love radiate through our lives again, we pray, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(Silent prayer and private confession)

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*Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***ALLELUIA** Hymnal, 587

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

A TIME WITH CHILDREN KC Warren

THE WORD OF GOD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination: Randall Shepard

Scripture: Randall Shepard

Epistle Lesson, II Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Responsive Reading, Psalm 99

Gospel Lesson, Luke 9:28-36

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Julie Bailey

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostles' Creed

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***HYMN 104,** *"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"* VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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 our thanks and praise.

Sung response: Hymnal, 552

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.*

PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *"Transfiguration"* Martinson

*We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy place,
Where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God's grace.*

*Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain,
Searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.*

*Light breaks in upon our darkness; splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word,
Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard.*

Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the law and prophets meet:

*Christ, with garments drenched in brightness, stands transfigured and complete.
Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline,*

*We like Peter find it tempting to remain and build a shrine.
But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess,
That our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.*

***DOXOLOGY** Hymnal, 606

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN,** *"The Church Forever Sure"* LAUDES DOMINI
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*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

(To ponder how we will take God's love out to the world)

DATES AND MEETINGS

Today	12:00 pm	SOUPER BOWL OF CARING
		"Souper Bowl of Caring" Lunch in the Soup Kitchen
	2:00 pm	Birth Certificates
	2:30 pm	Soup Kitchen, Clothes Closet
Mon., Feb. 8	9:00 am	Food Stamps Outreach
Tue., Feb. 9	8:30 am	State IDs
Wed., Feb. 10		ASH WEDNESDAY
	9:00 am	Food Stamps Outreach
	12:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
	6:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Soup Dinner at First Methodist Church
	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship at First Methodist Church
Sat., Feb. 13	9:30 am	Presbytery Meeting at Balmoral
Sun., Feb. 14		FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT, "UNDIE SUNDAY"
	9:55 am	Children & Youth Worship Workshop
	10:30 am	Coffee & Fellowship, Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 am	Worship
	2:00 pm	Birth Certificates
	2:30 pm	Soup Kitchen, Clothes Closet

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2016:

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND CONSIDERATION

TO OUR VISITORS – Welcome to this service of worship! We hope you experience God’s presence among us today. To learn more about First Pres., speak to any member after today’s worship service or contact the church office during the week at 525-5619. Come back soon!

LENTEN WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL – Pastor Julie has prepared a series of weekly booklets for your daily devotions during Lent. The booklets for this week are available from an usher or on the round table in the chapel.

TODAY IS SOUPER BOWL OF CARING SUNDAY, and our youth will hold Soup Pots at the church doors to collect donations. All of the money collected will go to the First Presbyterian Soup Kitchen – none of the money is sent to the Souper Bowl of Caring headquarters. Please support the youth of our church in this effort to “love our neighbors” by dropping a few dollars in the soup pot as you leave the worship service this morning.

Immediately following worship, we will meet in the fellowship hall and enjoy the soup prepared by our hard-working Soup Kitchen staff. They will make extra just for us, and they enjoy serving us the delicious soup and sharing their stories of helping and ministering to the homeless each week. Please plan to stay, share the meal and meet our Soup Kitchen staff and volunteers. It is a good time to say thank-you for the work they do in the name of Christ each Sunday afternoon.

“**UNDIE SUNDAY**” will be on February 14 this month, with a bit of a twist! You can bring packages of socks and underwear to put in the collection bin for our Soup Kitchen guests, as always. BUT, if you’d prefer, we’ll have a table in the chapel where you can make a cash donation to the Undie Fund, and we’ll buy the undies in bulk at a discounted price. We’ll do the shopping for you – what a deal!

FORUM ON ISLAM - Rhodes College religious studies professor John Kaltner will conduct a two-part Forum on Islam during the Sunday school hour on February 21 and 28 from 9:40-10:30 a.m. Dr. Kaltner is the Virginia Ballou McGehee Professor of Muslim-Christian Relations at Rhodes, where he teaches courses on the Bible, Islam, and the Arabic language. A nationally recognized expert and lecturer on Islam, he is the author of several books on the Qur’an, and on the beliefs and relationships of Christianity, Judaism, and Islam.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION – Sunday, February 28, 2016 at 3:00 pm at Parkway Gardens United Presbyterian Church, 1005 E. Shelby Drive. The speaker will be The Reverend Carla Meisterman. Everyone is invited!

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

THE PRAYER FAMILY OF THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7: TOM AND TONYA PRIGGEL AND REAGAN JONES. Each person in the congregation is asked to pray for them during the coming week.

THE CONCERNS OF OUR CONGREGATION:

Briana Binnie and Family	Barbara Bonner
Elizabeth Cooper	Ella Emery
Starla Emery & son	Stephanie Evans
Jackie Howard	The family of Deborah Garner
Karen McDaniel	Craig Parker
Harriet Schneider	Chuck & Jeannette Polinski
Carol Worthington	Trent & Courtney Wilkerson
Kristina Yarbrough	Angie York
Our members who are homebound	Our neighbors who are homeless

THE CONCERNS OF OUR SOUP KITCHEN GUESTS:

- An anonymous friend prays for his children and grandchildren.
- David is thankful to God for getting here another week.
- Jermel prays for his family.
- Perry prays for a job.
- An anonymous friend prays for his sister & her children.
- John prays that he and his family will get back together.
- Rico thanks God for Jesus Christ and for being alive, and prays for money for a hotel room and to meet a nice lady.
- Willie prays for our city, that we come together as one and show respect and love for one another.
- James prays for everyone in the world.
- Daniel prays for his family, and for a safe and great week.

Pastor: The Reverend Julie Bailey

Spiritual Director: The Reverend Dr. Stephanie Bussey-Spencer Patton

Pastor Emeritus: The Reverend C. V. “Bo” Scarborough

Director of Music and Organist: Robert Klingbeil

Children’s Sermon: KC Warren

Lay Reader: Randall Shepard

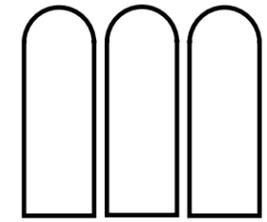
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SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

Transfiguration of the Lord

Sunday, February 7, 2016

WE WARMLY WELCOME YOU TO FIRST.

We are a caring community of all kinds of people from all over Memphis who believe that we are all God’s children. With joyful hearts and open arms we welcome everyone to our church regardless of age, race, gender, sexual orientation or economic or family status.

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