

WELCOME TO
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF BISMARCK, ND

“TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD”



February 11, 2024

10:00a.m. Service

Our Mission

We are a community called to love God through worship and prayer, receiving and serving our neighbors with the compassion of Christ, open to new beginnings and the spiritual growth of children, youth and adults.

WE WELCOME OUR GUESTS THIS MORNING AND
INVITE YOU TO MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME!



PLEASE FEEL FREE TO JOIN US FOR
COFFEE HOUR FOLLOWING WORSHIP.

Worship Participants:

Rev. Dr. Leanne Simmons, Pastor

Debi Rogers, Chancel Choir dir.

Lael Hoerauf, Westminster Chimes dir.

Arvy Smith, Keyboards

Shari Orser, Lay Reader

Josh Stokka, Audio/Visual Specialist

Mark Jensen, Youth Ministry dir.

Cathy Kinnischtzke, Anita Fru, Karmen & Darin Svihovec, Connor
Svihovec, and Donna Arneson ~ Ushers

TODAY, FEBRUARY 11 - FOLLOWING WORSHIP

**PLEASE REMAIN IN THE SANCTUARY FOR A
SHORT CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO ELECT A DEACON.**

ATTENDANCE BOOKS

You will find an Attendance Pad at the end of each pew.
Please fill it out and leave it in pew for the church office to
collect. (please include any updated address information)

Thank you to everyone for helping us with collecting
attendance and statistics we submit to the Presbytery.

“Transfiguration of the Lord” 10:00am
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Prelude “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” arr. Howard Starks

Welcome and Announcements

Introit “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

Gathering in God’s Name

***Call to Worship** (responsively)

Leader: It is by God’s grace that we gather for worship.

People: And it is by God’s grace that our lives are changed.

Leader: We are counting on the active and amazing grace of God today.

People: By your Holy Spirit, enliven our worship.

Leader: Help us by our actions to be faithful followers of Jesus.

People: For this, we give you thanks and praise.

***Opening Hymn** “Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory” Hymnal #73

Call to Confession “Sanctuary” Thompson/Scruggs

Lord Prepare me to be a sanctuary

Pure and holy, tried and true

With thanksgiving I’ll be a living

Sanctuary for you.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Eternal God, we are amazed by the abundance of your provision. You have cared for us lavishly and extravagantly. We confess that we have not trusted your abundance when faced with media reports that challenge our faith. However, the good news is you have given us an opportunity to strike a blow against fear and to emulate your extravagant generosity through our actions. Help us move beyond our tendency to see only the headlines of doom and gloom and risk extravagant care for others that the world might be healed, that the world might be saved. (Silent Individual Confession) Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***Gloria Patri and Passing of the Peace of Christ** Hymnal #579

Young Disciples Message

***Prayer of Gratitude for the Grace of Giving**

***Doxology and Dedication of Gifts**

Hymnal #592

Proclamation of the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Romans 8:31-39

Anthem

“O Wondrous Type, O Vision Fair”

arr. Scholz

ringers: Alice Nix, Judy Tschider, Kara Richter

Second Scripture Reading

2 Kings 4:38-41

Sermon

“Never Let a Prophet Make You Soup”

Confession of Our Faith - from Heidelberg Catechism

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death— to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.

He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven;

in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

Three things:

first, how great my sin and misery are;

second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery;

third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Responding to God’s Word

***Closing Hymn**

“Come to the Mountain”

see attached

Sending Forth in God’s Name

Benediction and Blessing

Benediction Response

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

Graham Kendrick

Postlude

“Breathe”

Marie Barnett

First Scripture Reading

Romans 8:31-39

31 What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? 33 Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. 34 Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? 36 As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Second Scripture Reading

2 Kings 4:38-41

38 Elisha returned to Gilgal and there was a famine in that region. While the company of the prophets was meeting with him, he said to his servant, “Put on the large pot and cook some stew for these prophets.”

39 One of them went out into the fields to gather herbs and found a wild vine and picked as many of its gourds as his garment could hold. When he returned, he cut them up into the pot of stew, though no one knew what they were. 40 The stew was poured out for the men, but as they began to eat it, they cried out, “Man of God, there is death in the pot!” And they could not eat it.

41 Elisha said, “Get some flour.” He put it into the pot and said, “Serve it to the people to eat.” And there was nothing harmful in the pot.

Calendar

- Mon., Feb. 12 - **NO W&M** (joint meeting with CE 2/20)
5:30pm Suzuki
6:30pm Scouts
- Tues., Feb. 13 - 11AM Balance & Strength Class
5:35pm CCC Board
- Wed., Feb. 14 - **“Ash Wednesday”**
5:30pm Soup Supper
7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service
- Thurs., Feb. 15 - 11AM Balance & Strength Class
NO Yoga
7:00pm Deacons
- Friday, Feb. 16 - *No Activities Scheduled*
- Sat., Feb. 17 - *No Activities Scheduled*
- Sun., Feb. 18 - 10am Worship- 1st Sunday of Lent
Communion - Installation of officers

CCC Needs List for February

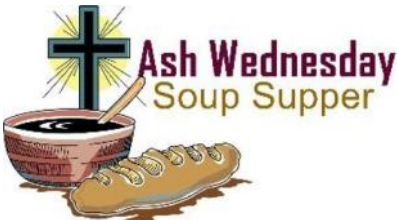
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LAY READERS NEEDED:



Please sign up to be a **Lay Reader** on the bulletin board.



Ash Wednesday

Wed., February 14

5:30pm Soup Supper

7:00pm worship service

Please sign-up on the bulletin

board if you can bring a pot of soup or dessert to share!



1 Je - sus took Pet - er, James, and John
 2 "This is my Son!" said a voice from the cloud.
 3 We will be changed like Je - sus our Lord,



up to the moun - tain to be a - lone.
 "Lis - ten to him and do what he says!"
 and live with him in heav - en a - bove.



While they were watch - ing Je - sus was changed;
 Soon as it came that vis - ion was gone,
 But while we live on this earth - ly home,



and they saw Mo - ses face to face.
 and they saw Je - sus stand - ing a - lone.
 our work as ser - vants nev - er is done.

Refrain



Come to the moun - tain to see the light.



Come to the moun - tain to hear God's word.



Go to the val - ley, it is your home.



Go to the val - ley to serve the Lord.

STAFF

Rev. Dr. Leanne Simmons, Pastor

Maureen Chrest, Administrative Assistant

Carol Thompson, Financial Assistant

Carmen Bryhn, Parish Nurse

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