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“Transfiguration” refers to a change in form or appearance. At the Transfiguration of the Lord, we celebrate the revelation of divine glory in the human life of Jesus Christ. Jesus’ radiant appearance on the mountaintop evokes the consuming fire of the glory of the Lord at Mount Sinai. Standing with Moses and Elijah, Jesus represents the fulfillment of the law and the prophets. The transfiguration looks back to Jesus’ incarnation and baptism, as God again claims him as a beloved child. It also looks forward to his death and resurrection, as the one who is lifted up on the cross will reveal the glorious victory of God.

Because of the tradition that Jesus’ transfiguration took place 40 days before his crucifixion, the Revised Common Lectionary provides for this festival to be observed on the Sunday before Lent or the second Sunday in Lent (forty days before Good Friday). Some also commemorate the transfiguration on August 6, forty days before Holy Cross day (September 14).

*United Presbyterian Church
of
Plainfield, New Jersey*



March 3, 2019

11:00 AM

Holy Communion

**TO ALL THOSE WHO ENTER HERE, be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent.
Before the Service speak to God, during the Service let God speak to you, after the Service speak to others.**

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair Deo Gracias

OPENING HYMN GTG 192 Lord, the light of Your Love is Shinning

CALL TO WORSHIP

Triune God, glorious and faithful,

to those who seek You with a sincere heart

You reveal the beauty of Your face.

Strengthen us in faith

to embrace the mystery of the cross.

Open our hearts to its transfiguring power;

As You did for Peter, James and John.

May we may walk the path of discipleship

as followers of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, forever and ever. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Triune God of compassion,
in Jesus Christ You reveal the light of your glory;
but we turn away, distracted by our own plans and passions.
We confess that we speak when we should listen,
and act when we should wait.
Forgive our lack of Kingdom mindedness.
Grant us wisdom to live in Your light
and to follow in the way of your beloved Son,
Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.*

PERSONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

UNISON ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*God's Holy Spirit gives us faith to rejoice in His forgiveness.
Strengthened by His grace, we are changed daily into the
glorious likeness of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God.*

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE

CHILDREN/YOUTH MESSAGE

George Hansen

ANTHEM Transform Us

Sylvia Dunstan

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT Exodus 34: 29-35

Pages 101-102

NEW TESTAMENT Luke 9: 28-43

Page 85

SERMON

“Extreme Makeover of Our Souls”

Rev. Dr. Kenneth J. Macari

***GLORIA PATRIA**

THE RESPONSE

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

BRINGING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Jesus on the Mountain Peak

Mowsley

***DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)**

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Hymn 708)**

*We give Thee but Thine own, What e’er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord from Thee.*

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles’ Creed

GTG Hymnal Page 35

COMMUNION HYMN GTG 193

Jesus Take Us to the Mountain

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

*You are holy, O God of majesty,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.*

On a lonely mountain

his human body was transfigured by your divine splendor.

In his face, we have glimpsed your glory.

The world was dark at his death,

but the light of his life could not be extinguished.

From the grave he rose like the sun,

with blinding power and radiant peace.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Distribution of Bread / Distribution of Cup

UNISON PRAYER of COMMISSIONING for MISSION

Illumine our lives, O God, with the radiance of Christ's love.

And inspire us to shine in faith and witness as His holy disciples.

Transfigure us and transform us by Your Holy Spirit. May Your

love shine in all we say and do. May the whole world see Your

radiant light in the face of Your Son through us. Amen.

THE SENDING

**PARTING HYMN GTG 169* Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

**CHARGE & BENEDICTION*

CHORAL RESPONSE 568

POSTLUDE Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessings Sicilian Mariner

Assisting in today's Worship:

Liturgist: Marcia Marsh-Hinds

Greeters/Ushers: Neekah Hinds and Mobolaji Falowo

WE WELCOME YOU IN JESUS' NAME! Let us come before the Lord our maker. And may God grant us the humility to be receptive to God's life changing grace.

Nursery Care is provided for infants and toddlers.

Again, thanks for coming out today!!! Large Print Bulletins are available from an usher.

If you are interested in becoming a member of United Church, please see the pastor or an usher. You are invited to the Fellowship Room after worship for refreshments and conversation.

REMEMBER WITH YOUR PRAYERS, CARDS, AND CALLS:

At Home: Ronn Daniels, Carl & Helen Foerster, Barbara Hyney, Richard Lecky, Jan Boot, Fred Robinson.

Rev. Dr. Aloyo and Esperanza Aloyo: Victor's mother

Jennie Salas and Eneida Concepcion: Jennie Salas mother

Freda Lenzo: friend of Jeanne Ashanky

Frank Klikus: BJ Klikus husband

Ginny Mayer-Brown: former member

Jamie Sweeney: Helen Foerster's cousin

Stanton White: Morena White's husband

Bob Neumann and wife Jean: Helen Forester's nephew

Joseph Belin: Zorina's friend

Greg and Cyndi Tufaro: friends of: Kathy Luisi's

Brandon Williams: friend to George & Ginni Hansen

Lillian Willing: Michelle Wildridge's mother

Helen Pridgen: Audrey Smith's mother

Gail Stokes, and Izaiyah Stokes: Gail Stokes grandson

Truth Sutton: Gail Stokes grandson

Cecilie Martinez-Brown: Gail Stokes sister

Sylvia Denson: Gail Stokes friend

Kevin Brown: Yolanda Braswell's friend

Prayers for our students: Joy Awobue, Kay Falowo, Crystal Awobue, Izaiyah Stokes and Gean Bernard.

Prayers for peace and end to gun violence throughout our country. U.S. Armed Forces in Afghanistan and citizens of these places. People of Syria.

FROM OUR PRESBYTERY'S CALENDAR OF PRAYER:

Lord of Hope Presbyterian Church, Edison, Rev. Chang Woo Lee and Minister-at-Large: Rev. Jennifer Butler

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

- 3/1 Desirae Hemans
- 3/6 George Hansen
- 3/6 Pete Hansen

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WE WELCOME Rev. Ken Macari:

Ken Macari is an Honorably Retired Teaching Elder of Elizabeth Presbytery. He retired in 2016 after 21 years from the Community Presbyterian Church in Edison

BINGO NIGHT PRIZES NEEDED

Boy Scout Troop 5 is running the bingo night at Arista Care at Norwood Terrace the first Monday night of the month. They are looking for prizes for the residents. They can use toiletries, jewelry, lotions, shampoo, razors, or any small items they can give as gifts to their loved ones. There is a box in the Narthex for any Donations. Any questions contact: Carl or Wanda.

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PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT IS DUE, as follows: General Assembly **\$8.95**, The Synod of the Northeast **\$4.10**, The Presbytery of Elizabeth **\$27.40**. **Total Per Capita is \$40.45**. Per Capita is a member assessment used to fund the operating expenses of governing bodies. (Book of Order; G-9.0404 d).



Begin the New Year
With God

SCHEDULE – March 3 - 10, 2019

Sunday	10:00am	Youth/Adult Bible Study
	11:00am	Holy Communion Service
	12:15pm	Refreshments, Lind Room
	7:30pm	A/A Meeting, Friendship Hall
Monday	7:30pm	Boy Scout Meeting, Friendship Hall
Tuesday		
Wednesday	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday
	7:00pm	A/A Meeting, Friendship Hall
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday	11-6pm	
	6:30pm	A/A, Hansen Room

YOUTH SUNDAY

Sunday	10:00am	Youth/Adult Bible Study
	11:00am	Worship Service
	12:15pm	Refreshments, Lind Room
		Deacons Meeting, Hansen Room
	7:30pm	A/A Friendship Hall

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