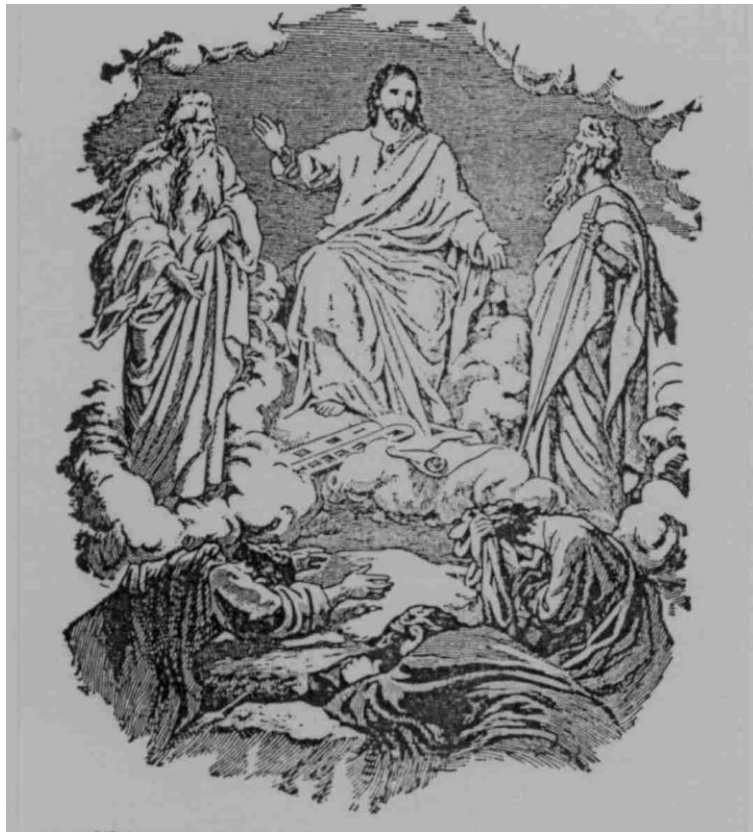


*And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses;  
and they were talking to Jesus. Mark 9:4*



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**February 11th, 2018      Transfiguration of the Lord**

**CALL TO WORSHIP \*\***

L: Here, we gather as the faithful of God,

**P: seeking to listen to what God has to say to us.**

L: Here, we gather as faithful followers of Jesus,

**P: hoping that not only our faces, but our very lives, might reflect him to others.**

L: Here, we gather as the Spirit's faithful children,

**P: seeking to praise God's name in every moment.**

**\*HYMN    "The God of Abraham Praise"                    #34**

**\*CALL TO RECONCILIATION\*\***

L: We long to be on the mountaintops of glory, but our lives are found in the valleys of hurtful words spoken aloud, of taking the dreams of others and dashing them to the ground. Let us confess our sins to the One who always listens, and transfigures us into forgiven people. Join me as we pray, saying,

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION\*\***

**P: For one it is fear, for another it might be greed; for one it might be lust, for others it may be success - but we all have those 'gods' of this world which draw us away from you, God of our lives. The seductions around us cry out so loudly, we are not able to hear you calling to us. The longing we have to impress you blinds us to your mercy already wrapping us in its embrace.**

**Your forgiveness is a mystery wrapped in your love and revealed to us in this and every moment, Cloud of Grace. Open our hearts so we may listen to you whispering our name, even as we would follow Jesus Christ, your Beloved, into our world.**

**\*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: Into the shadows of our lives, Jesus shines the grace of God, so we might see the glory of forgiveness.

**P: Forgiven - by God's mercy;  
made whole - by God's love;  
sent to serve others - by God's hope.  
Thanks be to God! We are transformed people.**

L:....Friends, Believe the Good News

**ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**#623**

## **CHURCH NEWS**

### **\*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*(Please greet your neighbor by saying, "The Peace of Christ be With You.")*

## **REDEDICATION OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE**

### **Offertory**

**\*Doxology**

**#625**

**\*Prayer of Dedication\*\***

Take the gifts we offer to you, Revealing God, roll them up and strike the poverty, the hunger, the despair of others so they might walk in your joy and wonder, in your hope and peace. This we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

## **LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURE**

**First Lesson                    2 Kings 2:1-12                    p.319**

**Second Lesson 2 Corinthians 4:3-6                    p.1005**

**Gospel Lesson Mark 9:2-9                    p.876**

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**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH                    The Apostle's Creed**

**\*HYMN    "Open My Eyes, That I May See"                    #381**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

L: Hear our prayers, O Lord. **P: And let our cry come unto Thee.**

L: Let us bless the Lord!                    **P: Thanks be to God.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*HYMN "He Lifted Me " #522**

**\*BENEDICTION\*\***

L: Go now to where the God of sunrises awaits.

**P: We will take the light of hope with us.**

L: Go now to the valleys where Jesus awaits.

**P: We will seek to respond to all the calls to serve.**

L: Go now to where the Spirit's glory awaits.

**P: We will set aside our lives for others around us.**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "May The Lord"**

*\*Those who are able please stand.*

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**COMMISSIONED RULING ELDER: Denise Ann Todero**

**WORSHIP LEADER: Brenda Molnar**

*If you have never heard the mountains singing, or seen the trees of the field clapping their hands, do not think because of that that they don't. Ask God to open your ears so you may hear it, and your eyes so you may see it, because, though few men ever know it, they do, my friend, they do.....McCandlish Phillips*

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*We see God all around us: The mountains are God's thoughts upheaved, the rivers are God's thoughts in motion, the oceans are God's thoughts imbedded, the dewdrops are God's thoughts in pearls.....Sam Jones*

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*Prayer begins by talking to God, but it ends by listening to Him. In the face of Absolute Truth, silence is the soul's language. ....Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen*

**Offering: 02/04**  
**Attendance: 23**

**Sunday February 11th**  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

**Local        1127.75**  
**Benev.       78.10**  
**Improv.     66.15**  
**Total        1272.00**  
**Souper Bowl \$183.00**

**Sunday February 18th**  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

**Ash Wednesday Service** will be held on Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. here at Bethany. All are invited to attend.

**Lenten Luncheons** will begin February 21<sup>st</sup> here at Bethany. For more information, including the full schedule of luncheons/locations, see the flyer in your bulletin.

**Weekly flowers and bulletin sponsorships are available** for Sundays in 2018. For more information, or to sign up, see the back bulletin board.

**Sign Ups** for 2018 Lay Leaders, Coffee Hours, and Communion Setup are still being accepted. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up on the back bulletin board.

**Suggested 2018 Per Capita** is \$25 per person. These funds help support the mission and work of our Presbytery. Feel free to provide additional funds if you are able.



| <b>Concerns: Keep the following people in your prayers...</b> |                         |
|---|-------------------------|
| Don Bennett   | Bill & Patty Gramling   |
| Michael Robert Rose III                                       | Bill Keggs              |
| Darlene Rager   | Justin Korenoski        |
| Phyllis Pfuhl   | Kathy & Robert Wilks    |
| Harry & Lillian Thiel   | Larry Holbay            |
| Lois Henry  | George Hockenberry      |
| Katherine Minahan   | Lilyana Newfield        |
| Jack Forsha   | Sharon Weaver           |
| Olivia & Patrick Bragdon                                      | Elizabeth Kern          |
| Dick Dunkle   | John & Cindy Griffin    |
| Lenore Runkle   | Rose Marie Oravetz      |
| Andy Serafin  | Charles Molnar          |
| Betty Clemenson   | Rachael Wilks           |
| Diann Makin   | Logan Weaver            |
| Bill Shroyer  | Jane Barefoot Volscko   |
| John Morgan   | A Friend                |
| Joshua Holbay   | Gary Bellack            |
| Nancy Dimitt  | Cathy Zakucia           |
| Joyce Horn  | All Shut- Ins           |
| Larry Lloyd   | All in Nursing Homes    |
| Marilyn Mack  | All Service Men & Women |

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**Please do not leave them on the church answering machine.**

**In Case of Emergency**, please call Pastor Denise at 479-2382 or cell 248-8174. Do not depend on the hospital contacting the church or the pastor.