## St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday

March 3, 2019

Rev. Rosemary McMahan, Interim Pastor Mavis Stephens, Choir Director Elder B.J. Breeding, Liturgist Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Dr. Gilbreath

Pastor's Welcome

We Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

Call to Worship (Psalm 99)

Leader: The Lord reigns.

All: Let the nations tremble.

Leader: The Lord reigns.

People: Let us praise God's holy name.

Leader: The Lord reigns.

People: Let the peoples rejoice in awe and wonder.

Leader: The Lord reigns.

People: Let us worship in light and in exaltation!

Prayer of Adoration

\*Hymn "Sing Glory to the Name of God"

#10

Please pass your prayer cards to the aisle for pickup.

Call to Confession

**Prayer of Confession** 

Lord, you invite us to draw near, yet we fail to hear your voice. We so often sleepwalk through life, ignoring the needs of people all around us and worrying about our own. Forgive us when we shut out the call to climb into your presence; when we make excuses to put off that journey. Receive our prayers offered in all humility, as we remember and honor Christ our Lord who prays for us still. Amen. (We offer our silent confessions.)

Hymn of Response

"Lord, Have Mercy"

#551

Assurance of Pardon

We worship a forgiving God, whose mercy is never ending, whose heart abounds in steadfast love. Because of the love of Jesus Christ, nothing can separate us from the love of God.

The Peace

Leader: In the face of a stranger, in the greeting of a friend, we see our Lord, Jesus Christ.

In the love of Christ, welcome those around you today. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People:** And also with you. (Please share the peace of Christ with those near you.)

\*Gloria Patri #581

Anthem "At the Table of the Lord" Choir

We Listen for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Exodus 34:29-35 Elder Breeding

Scripture Reading Luke 9:28-37; 43-45 Rev. McMahan

Message "Experiencing Jesus" Rev. McMahan

\*Hymn "Sing a New Song Unto the Lord" #276

Offertory "There's Something About that Name" Dr. Gilbreath

\*Doxology #606

\*Prayer

### We Respond to the Word

\*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostle's Creed

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.

Communion Hymn "Loaves Were Broken" #498

### Invitation and the Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also, with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right, good, and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give you our

thanks, you who created all that is and all that ever shall be . . .

Leader: And so, in remembrance of your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in

praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice as we proclaim the mystery of

faith.

Leader: Great is the mystery of faith.

People: Christ has died.

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

Luminous Giver of all good things, in your presence, everything is a gift. We thank you for these gifts of bread and cup, work of human hands and fruit of the vine. May they nourish us for the work of serving your creation and loving you, in the name of Christ, our light and the light of the world. Amen

\*Hymn "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" #377

\*Charge & Benediction Rev. McMahan

Postlude "Glory to His Name" Dr. Gilbreath

\*All that are able are invited to stand. **Bold italic type indicates our shared response.**All hymns are from the Glory to God (purple) hymnal.

### To Our Visitors & Guests:

**Welcome!** It is a blessing to have you in worship with us today! We invite you to consider membership in St. Andrew Presbyterian Church. The pastor and elders will be available following the service to answer any questions you may have. If you are a first-time visitor, we would like to take you to lunch, so don't run out on us. **There is a place for you here.** We are delighted to have you with us today!

St. Andrew Elders & Ministry Leaders 2019	<u>Chairperson</u>
Clerk of Session	Philip Gilbert
Worship	Nellie Gates
Member Care	B. J. Breeding
Education & Spiritual Formation	
Mission	Greg Vogel
Communications & Outreach	Ceil Hydrick
Administration, Finance & Property	. Turner Matthews/Ed Wyle/Bob Naumann
Nominating	Dan Watt

# Welcome to



## "Growing in Faith; Sharing the Good News; Living in God's Love"

March 3, 2019 - 10:00 a.m.

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### B. J. Breeding: Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand. Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

## Rev. McMahan: Luke 9:28-37; 43-45

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"--not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and, in those days, told no one any of the things they had seen. On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him.

And all were astounded at the greatness of God. While everyone was amazed at all that he was doing, he said to his disciples, "Let these words sink into your ears: The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into human hands." But they did not understand this saying; its meaning was concealed from them, so that they could not perceive it. And they were afraid to ask him about this saying.