



The Church of the Open Hands

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March 3, 2019  
Transfiguration of our Lord,  
The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Prayer of Preparation

Flora Slosson Wueller

*Living Christ, I know you are with me... Fill me, fill this place, fill all of us who are here with your transforming presence. I thank you that at this moment you are enfolding us. In your name, by your Word, and through your power. Amen.*

**We Enter into God's Presence**

*\*Please stand in body or spirit*

Prelude

Houston

Rebecca Groom Tevelde

Welcome &  
Congregational Life

Invitation to the Holy Spirit 744     *Arise, Your Light is Come!* (v. 1 & 2)

Prophetic Reading

*Exodus 34:29-35*

O.T. p. 81

**The Shining Face of Moses**

<sup>29</sup> Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant<sup>[a]</sup> in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup> When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup> But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. <sup>32</sup> Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup> When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; <sup>34</sup> 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, <sup>35</sup> 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.

\*Call to Worship (*responsively*)

Turn our thoughts away from the busy-ness of the world;  
**Turn our minds to you, O Christ.**

Turn our hearts away from the desires of the world;  
**Turn our love towards one another and you, O Christ.**

Turn our whole selves away from the ways of this world;  
**Turn us to love, compassion, and justice, O Christ.**

In this time of worship,  
**May we be one in spirit, mind, and body, worshipping Christ Jesus, who calls us to love. Amen.**

\*Hymn 191 *We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding*

Confessing Our Separation from God (*unison*)

**Veiled with our differences, we do not notice the hurts we inflict. Clouded with our fears, we do not realize how we turn away from those in need. Instead, we prefer to talk about you for if we talk with you, we will discover how falsely we deal with others. We will not realize how often we lose heart, simply because we are afraid to come near you. Forgive us, Creator of Fairness. Remove the veil from our faces, so we might see you in our midst. Take away the mask of our despair, so we might welcome your hope. Open our ears so we might listen to your Beloved, Jesus Christ, and follow him into the world to serve others. Amen!**

A Time of Silent, Personal Prayer for Peace

*Song of Assurance	<i>More Than Before</i>	Kelly S. Moor
<b>When I need forgiveness Lord, when my heart is cold, when I am feeling overwhelmed, but no-one seems to know;</b>	<b>You are my source of life, my shining light, my calm in every storm. You hold my shaking hand then I understand that in You I am more than I was before.</b>	

## We Hear God's Word

Mindfulness Prayer

Anthem *As We Break The Bread* Jay Althouse

Not for Children Only  
*Prayer cards collected*

\*Passing of the Peace of Christ  
*Turn to your neighbor and pass the Peace of Christ*

### The Transfiguration

<sup>28</sup> Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup> Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup> They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> 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. <sup>33</sup> 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. <sup>34</sup> While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" <sup>36</sup> 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.

Reflection

Work in Progress

Pastor Eddie

## We Respond to God's Word

\*Affirmation of Faith

Confession of 1967, 9.15

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. We ascribe to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love.

Song of Invitation 466

*Come and Fill Our Hearts*

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!

Joys and Hopes of the People of God

Offertory & Signing  
of the Friendship Pad

*Andante Religioso*

Henry Smith

\*Doxology

*All That We Have*

Jerry Custer

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

God whose giving knows no ending, we know how to say thank you when we receive. Right now we say thank you as we give. In our giving, hear our heartfelt gratitude for all that you are and all that we have. Bless these gifts for your mission in the world. And bless the other gifts we have to bring to your mission, opening our eyes to how you are calling us to participate. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Gluten free bread is available in the plastic bags*

Song of Invitation 701

*Sanctuary* (2 times)

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (*responsively*)

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Great is the mystery of our faith.  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

Sharing of the Gifts of Bread and Cup

Communion Music

## We Follow God's Word into the World

\*Hymn 634

*To God Be the Glory*

\*Benediction

Postlude

*Shine Jesus Shine*

David Blackwell

Today's flowers were donated by: *[Names provided in print edition]*.

We hold in our prayers: *[Names provided in print edition]*. We also hold in prayer those impacted by the recent storms, natural disasters, gun violence and terrorism, as well as those who put themselves in harm's way to assist them.

We also remember members who are homebound, in nursing homes, and assisted living: *[Names provided in print edition]*.

And those serving in the military or as first responders: Sgt. David Beaver, Fort Bliss, TX; Police Officer Chris Clew, City of Lansing, MI; Pvt. Tim Rogers, Fort Benning, GA; and Cpl. Milo Perez, Fort Lejeune, NC, and LCpl. Nicole Perez, Camp Pendleton, CA, U.S. Marine Corps.

### Assisting in Worship

	March 3	March 10
Liturgist	Karen Spica	Nubici Fosi
Ushers	<b>Alvine Cooper</b> Tom Neal Cathy Neal Rusty Soronen	<b>Dale Countegan</b> Phil Cramer Mimi Cramer JT Gidley
Greeters	Dave & Emily Schwartz	Bill Soens & Andasia Latimer
Welcome Center		Carolee Caylor
Sunday Sextons	Alvine Cooper Cressman Family	Jeff Ely Dale Countegan
Hospitality Time Hosts	Last names A - D	Last names E - K
Communion Bread Baker	Marcia Howe	

**Shakespeare performance extended — one performance remains!** Come and be enchanted by the story and actors as the Thistle Rose Academy of Arts (TRAA) presents the final performance of Shakespeare's "Much Ado about Nothing" today at 3:00 pm in our Music Room. Tickets are \$20.00 and can be reserved online at [www.ThistleRoseAcademy.org](http://www.ThistleRoseAcademy.org) for pick up at the door.

**Ash Wednesday worship service on March 6 at 7:30 pm:** This will be a Taizé service in the sanctuary that includes a ceremony of the candles and imposition of ashes of forgiveness. In Christian history, Ash Wednesday was developed as a day of penitence to mark the beginning of Lent — the 40 days of preparation through deeper disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.



**Daylight Saving Time 2019** begins Sunday, March 10, at 2:00 am, when clocks will "spring" forward one hour. This means more daylight in the early evening. Be sure to set your clocks forward one hour next weekend or you'll be late for church!

**Save the Date for Lenten Study:** Starting on March 12 through April 9 join Pastor Eddie on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the church library for this year's Lenten study. This year's study will feature Simon Peter, an ordinary fisherman who heard an extraordinary call. He left everything to follow his teacher and possessed a passion that would change the world. Another way to describe Simon Peter is uneducated, quick-tempered, and full of doubts and fears. Does this sound like you? Discover how, you, too, have special gifts, talents and abilities that God can use to make a difference today. A donation of \$10.00 will go towards offsetting the full cost of the book for this five-week Lenten study.

**PW Retreat is Saturday, March 23!** Women friends: are you in need of spiritual renewal? PWPD invites you and your guests to attend the women's retreat "Perfect Love: Mind, Body and Spirit" to be held at our church this year. The keynote speaker is Christine Bertram, a professor of World Religions and Bible at OCC. The \$30 registration fee includes a hot, catered lunch, break-out sessions, small groups and special worship. Partial reimbursement from PW will be available. See the PW bulletin board or contact Nancy Cook or Sally Kirsten for more information. The registration deadline is Saturday, March 16.

**New Member Orientation:** What does it mean to be in relationship with one another at our church? How do you take the next step in becoming an active member of our family of faith? Join Pastor Eddie and other church leaders for lunch and conversation immediately following worship on Sunday, March 24, in room 207 (upstairs). Get familiar with our church's DNA — our history, its mission, vision, core values — and learn why being a member of our covenant of faith is so important to your spiritual and faith formation. This is a family-friendly event where children are welcome. Child care will be available after the meal.

**Women of First Presbyterian:** You are invited to visit one or more of our four Circles in February. No obligation; just stop by and see what PW Circles are about. We offer fellowship, spiritual growth through bible and book study, and outreach. You may find that the small group atmosphere appeals to you. Many women report that their fellow Circle Members have become very good friends. But as close as we may be, we are very welcoming to new members. Contact the circle leader listed below or Nancy Cook, Sally Kirsten, or Sue Carlson to set up your visits:

- **ACTS Circle** (Marcia Van Hamme) meets the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30 am in the Parlor.
- **Deborah Circle** (Anne Fuller) meets the second Thursday of each month at 10:00 am in Knox Fellowship Hall.
- **Lydia Circle** (Kathy Brown) meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Parlor or homes.
- **Phoenix Circle** (Nancy Cook) meets second Tuesday of each month at 7:15 pm in homes.

**Sign of the Times:** A task force to study *potential* (key word!) replacement of the church's existing black and white sign along Farmington Road is being assembled and your help is needed. We're looking for four individuals to collect some basic information about pros, cons, logistics and costs of the project. Interested? Get in touch with Chris Davis.

**Hospitality Time schedule:** You are invited to bring ONE food item on ONE Sunday each month. Your Sunday depends on the first letter of your last name. It would be greatly appreciated if you are also able to help with set-up or clean-up on your scheduled day or any other Sunday! Here's the upcoming schedule:

- Mar. 10: Last names beginning E - K
- Mar. 17: Last names beginning L - R
- Mar. 24: Last names beginning S - Z

## **This Week at First Presbyterian**

### **Sunday, March 3 Holy Communion**

- 9:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 10:00 am Worship with Communion
- 11:15 am Hospitality Time
- 3:00 pm Thistle Rose Much Ado About Nothing
- 6:00 pm Little Flock Bible Study

### **Monday, March 4**

- 7:00 pm Soul Stretch Yoga

### **Tuesday, March 5**

- 8:00 am Men's Breakfast at Leo's Coney Island
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts

### **Wednesday, March 6**

- 9:00 am GLRO Toastmasters
- 6:30 pm Joy! Study
- 7:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service

### **Thursday, March 7**

- 10:00 am ESL Class
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### **Friday, March 8**

- 3:00 pm Orchard Lake Philharmonic Concert
- 7:30 pm Orchard Lake Philharmonic Concert

### **Saturday, March 9**

- 12 noon Nominating Committee

### **Sunday, March 10 Daylight Saving Time begins**

- 9:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 10:00 am Worship
- 10:15 am Church School
- 11:15 am Hospitality Time
- 6:00 pm Little Flock Bible Study

## First Presbyterian Staff

Senior Pastor	The Rev. Eddie Jusino
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