

# *Celebration of Worship*

## **Transfiguration Sunday**

**February 26, 2017**

**9:30 A.M.**

We welcome you to worship. We are glad that you are here! Nursery and Preschool care is available if you need it. The Young and Young at Heart are welcomed to the front early on for a special time in the service. Please sign the Friendship Pads so that we can get to know you better, and join us for coffee in the Narthex after the service.

### **Thought for Reflection**

*“Our culture has filled our heads but emptied our hearts,  
stuffed our wallets but starved our wonder.*

*It has fed our thirst for facts, but not for meaning or mystery.”*

*Peter Kreeft*

### ***We Gather for Worship***

WELCOME AND GREETING

RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE *Allegro* Bach

OPENING SCRIPTURE *Psalms 2* p. 424

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Leader: The glory of God transfigures the everyday!

**People: The light of God transfigures familiar faces!**

Leader: At the heights of our worship, may God’s presence shine through the common place.

**People: At the depth of our pain and struggle, may God’s presence give us courage and peace.**

**All: May God’s light shining in the face of Christ illumine all our days!**

Leader: Why have you come here?

**All: We have come to worship God!**

### ***We Respond in Praise and Adoration***

MORNING PRAYER

\* *Please stand, if you are able*

\* HYMN *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* # 462

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## ***God Speaks through the Word***

WORDS FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

Message *“I just couldn’t see it!”*

Prayer

*(Children and Youth are excused for Sunday School.)*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON *II Peter 1:16-21* p. 987

\* GLORIA PATRI Back of hymnbook

GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 17:1-9* p. 798

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON *Four Steps Down the Mountain*

Rev. Dr. Lawrence J. De Vuyst

PRAYER OF BROKENNESS/FORGIVENESS (in unison)

Holy God, we confess that we do not trust you fully. We put our hope in worldly gain and in human promises, and find ourselves defeated and lost when things fall apart. You have loved us more fully than anything we could experience in this world, but we do not seek it, we do not hold on to it, and we look to our own means of assurance and security.

Forgive us. Call us back to You that we may put our trust in You and not be afraid. May we hear the words as clearly as the disciples did on that day of Transfiguration; may we rise up and not be afraid. In the name of Jesus, who loves us and offers us forgiveness, we pray. Amen.

*(Moment of Silent Confession)*

BLESSING/ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

You are God’s beloved; with you, God is well pleased. You are renewed and restored. You are forgiven and loved. You are a new creation in Christ; everything old has passed away. See, everything is becoming new. Go and share the good news of God’s love.

**We will share the good news with God’s help! Amen.**

SUNG RESPONSE

Finish then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee.  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

***We Dedicate Ourselves to God***

BRINGING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *Love Divine* arr. Angell  
Chancel Choir

SMALL GROUP SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts/debtors)

\* HYMN *O Come and Dwell in Me* Insert

***God Sends Us Out to Serve***

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE *Fugue* Guilmant

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**Memory Verse**

*"Praise the Lord! Give thanks to the Lord because He is good,  
Because His faithful love endures forever."  
Psalm 106:1 (CEB)*

**Lectionary Passages**

|               | <u>Today, February 26<sup>th</sup></u> | <u>Next Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup></u> |
|---------------|--|--|
| Old Testament | <i>Exodus 24:12-18</i>                 | <i>Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7</i>            |
| Psalms        | <i>Psalms 2 or Psalm 99</i>            | <i>Psalm 32</i>                          |
| New Testament | <i>II Peter 1:16-21</i>                | <i>Romans 5:12-19</i>                    |
| Gospel        | <i>Matthew 17:1-9</i>                  | <i>Matthew 4:1-11</i>                    |

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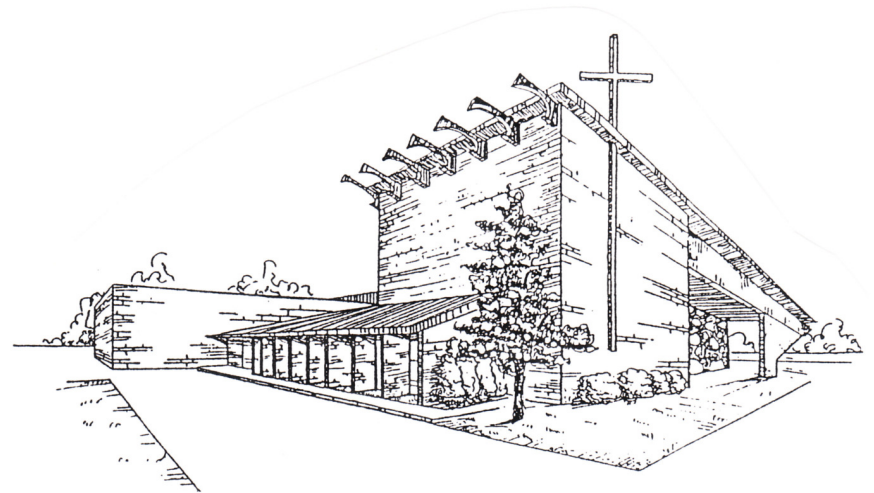
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*...that all may come*

*to know Jesus Christ,*

*to love Him,*

*to serve Him,*

*and to enjoy Him forever.*

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1. WELCOME to Webster Presbyterian Church! We are pleased that you have worshipped with us today. If you are a visitor, you are invited to stop by the Welcome Center in the Narthex after the service to learn more about our fellowship.
2. WE THANK liturgist Laureen Anthony-Palmer, greeters & ushers Tim & Cheryl Rickard and Jeff & Kelly Drobek, and all the musicians for their help with this morning's worship service.
3. PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES include:
  - Filling out the green Prayer Request Cards in your chair racks to be collected during the Offertory.
  - A Prayer Group which meets every Saturday at 9:00 a.m. in the Prayer Room (Room 1) to read scripture, share the praises and concerns of our church family, and pray together.
4. PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAMETAGS! It is helpful for visitors, newer members, and even those who have been here a longer time. Contact the church office if your nametag is missing and a new one will be provided.
5. ADULT ED. CLASSES in the Sanctuary at 10:45 include:  
Today: Parenting class in the Youth Room – childcare is provided.  
Today & Next Sunday: "Run with the Horses: A Quest for Life at its Best" – A Study of the Book of *Jeremiah* led by Rev. Eileen.
6. THE PARENTING GROUP will meet next Sunday after the 9:30 worship service in the Social Room for lunch and work on a mission project. Children are welcome! RSVP to Rachel McKay (356-8302 or devuysrg@yahoo.com) with questions or to let her know you are coming.
7. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will look at the church at Philadelphia, the sixth of the seven churches of Revelation (Rev. 3:1-6), this Tuesday morning using the DVD by Pastor David Jeremiah. Come for praise in the Chapel at 9:30, followed by study in Room 9/10.
8. ASH WEDNESDAY is this week. Join us in the Chapel for worship at 7:00 as we begin the season of Lent.
9. ADULT MISSION WORKCAMP SLOTS are still available for those who would like to work on Hurricane Sandy recovery in Point Pleasant, NJ the week of April 23 – 29. Contact Brad Adams (bkadams@frontiernet.net or 698-3229) by March 15<sup>th</sup> if you are interested or would like more information.
10. BLACK HERITAGE DINNER TICKETS for this Saturday in support of Trinity Emmanuel Presbyterian Church are still available. Information is available in the Narthex, or contact Tony Hubbard at 265-1224.
11. YOUR BLANKET+ CONTRIBUTIONS totaled over \$1600. Monies will be forwarded to Church World Service for disaster relief and self-help projects in many countries, including the U.S. Thank you!

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Sunday, February 26

- 8:00 A.M. Worship Service in the Chapel
- 9:00 A.M. Coffee and Fellowship in the Narthex
- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary – Nursery care provided
- 9:45 A.M. Sunday School for Children and Youth
- 10:00 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Study of the Book of *Jeremiah* in the Sanctuary  
Praise Ringers' Rehearsal in the Memorial Room
- 12:15 P.M. Appreciation Lunch in the Memorial Room
- 4:00 P.M. Youth Fellowship Games in the Social Room

### Monday, February 27

- 7:00 P.M. Rachel Circle in the Youth Room
- 7:00 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social & Basement Rooms

### Tuesday, February 28

- 6:15 A.M. Men's Study in the Memorial Room
- 9:30 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 5:00 P.M. TOPS Meeting in Room 9/10
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 6:30 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 502 in the Basement Room

### Wednesday, March 1

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast/Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant
- 7:00 P.M. Ash Wednesday Worship Service in the Chapel
- 7:45 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

### Thursday, March 2

- 9:00 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Memorial Room
- 9:15 A.M. Glory Bells' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 10:30 A.M. Book Study in Room 1

### Saturday, March 4

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time in Room 1
- 5:00 P.M. MOM's Club in the Social Room

### Sunday, March 5

- 8:00 A.M. Worship Service in the Chapel
- 9:00 A.M. Coffee and Fellowship in the Narthex
- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary – Nursery care provided
- 9:45 A.M. Praise & Play for Children in Preschool through 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade
- 10:00 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Study of the Book of *Jeremiah* in the Sanctuary  
Praise Ringers' Rehearsal in the Memorial Room  
Parenting Group Lunch and Project in the Social Room
- 2:30 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 868 in the Memorial Room
- 4:00 P.M. Youth Fellowship Bowling at Empire Lanes

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11. READERS ARE NEEDED to continue the outreach program for the children of WIC. We read the second Wednesday morning of each month, setting up at 9:45 and reading from 10:00 – 11:30 with cleaning up to follow. This is a very simple way to serve the community and show the love of Christ. Sign up on the sheet in the Narthex, or see Rev. Eileen.
17. NEW MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY! WPC is offering a *Family Story Time* for the WIC families (Women, Infants and Children) who come to our church for health services on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. We will read on each second Wednesday from 10-11:30 a.m. Women AND men and teens are welcome to participate. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex; we would like to schedule at least two people per month. Please contact Rev. Eileen with any questions.
18. WILLIAMSON COME-UNITY CENTER always appreciates our non-perishable food contributions. Currently there is a need for cereal, peaches, tuna fish and boxed or canned meals. Please place donations in the blue food barrel in the upper Narthex near the south entrance. Items are delivered to the Center monthly.
17. CHILDREN'S BOOKS - Boxes are in the Narthex for donations of new and "almost new" early childhood and elementary aged children's books to be distributed to children in our community.

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  - Additional prayer support following worship under the cross at the front of the Sanctuary following the 9:30 a.m. worship service.
14. MISSING AND NEW DVDs for the series *That the World May Know* have been purchased by the Adult Education Committee using Memorial Fund money in honor of Jack Pollock, who was a vibrant member of the committee and introduced our church to this wonderful series. Join Ray Vander Laan as he goes to the Holy Land to discover the background to Jesus' ministry and beyond. These six new volumes are being kept in the church office copy room. Please be sure to sign your selection out on the sheet inside the cupboard door.
15. NEEDS AT THE WILLIAMSON COME-UNITY CENTER - The Center always appreciates our non-perishable food contributions. For March, let us focus our attention on food items of peanut butter, canned and boxed milk, cereals of all kinds, and tuna and chicken in cans. Of course, jelly with peanut butter is always a treat. Items are delivered monthly or as our response indicates.
1. LITURGISTS AND READERS - There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for anyone who would like to be added to the liturgist/reading list. We don't want to miss anyone who would be interested; please sign up today. Thank you.
14. THE 2015 FLOWER CHART is posted on the bulletin board near the Christian Education office in the upper Narthex. Many open Sundays remain in March and April. If you would like to celebrate joys or remember loved ones on a particular Sunday with flowers, simply select an available Sunday and add your name to the list.
20. THE FOOD BARREL in the upper Narthex benefits Williamson Come-Unity Center. As we approach the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, we are encouraged to bring boxed stuffing, canned pie mix, canned cranberries, instant potatoes, gravy mix, and canned sweet potatoes. Peanut butter, jelly, canned tuna and cereals are always in short supply. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.
9. NO WALLS, our mid-month alternative Sunday evening worship experience, will not meet in July and August. The service will resume on the third Sunday of September (the 21<sup>st</sup>) at 6:00 p.m. Join us!
11. SUMMER OFFICE HOURS have begun and extend to Labor Day Weekend. The office will be open most weekdays from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Pastor Larry, Reverend Eileen, and/or one of the secretaries will be available at other times as well, but on a flexible schedule that is not as predictable. Please call ahead to arrange for clerical work or before stopping in to ensure someone is available to help you.
14. THE FOOD BARREL in the upper Narthex is there to collect food items for Williamson Come-Unity Center. The special need this summer is for peanut butter and jelly. Also helpful are canned tuna fish and kid-friendly boxed cereal such as Cheerios.
13. FLOWER ARRANGERS are needed, especially during the summer months. If you are interested, please contact Shirley Crane (223-3644) or Betsy Shepler (872-0499).
1. WILLIAMSON COME-UNITY CENTER always appreciates our non-perishable food contributions. For May, we are requesting canned chicken, tuna fish, beef stew, chili, ravioli and corned beef hash, and boxed cereals of all kinds. Items are delivered to the Center monthly.
1. THE 2015 FLOWER CHART has several Sundays in June and July that are still open. If you would like to celebrate joys or remember loved ones on a particular Sunday with flowers, select one of the open dates on the chart (posted in the upper Narthex opposite the Christian Ed. Office) and add your name.
5. CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH CHURCH SCHOOL resumes next Sunday at 9:45 a.m. The first Sunday of each month, children in preschool through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will attend a Praise and Play program while 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and older will attend worship. Preschoolers through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will attend church school the other weeks of the month. Youth will have class the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> (if applicable) Sundays of each month and take part in "Service Sunday" the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month when they can participate in worship or help with Children's Sunday School or Nursery. The 9<sup>th</sup> grade communicants' class will meet every Sunday from 10:45 to 11:45. A Nursery will be provided each Sunday for infants and toddlers.
7. AN ADULT EDUCATION Summer Bible Study begins today after the 9:30 service in Room 9/10 (come enjoy the air conditioning!) and will continue every other week through August 26. Susan Garofalo will lead us in history for Ephesians and Galatians as we begin looking at these two letters of the Apostle Paul.
8. FLOWER LOVERS NEEDED! The committee that organizes the Sunday flowers for the Sanctuary needs more flower arrangers. If you have flowers in your garden and would like to arrange them and share them with the congregation this summer, please contact Abby Anderson (265-0987) or Shirley Crane (223-3644).
1. THE CHURCH WEBSITE is a valuable source of information for church members as well as people looking for a church home. You will find the most recent bulletin announcements, *The Pathway*, upcoming events, descriptions of the groups and committees that make up our church, and much more. Check it out and be sure to share the address with friends and neighbors at [www.websterpres.org](http://www.websterpres.org).

10. WEDNESDAY NIGHT SOUP AND PRAISE SUPPERS have resumed, running from 6:00 – 7:00. Come join us for a light supper and fellowship in the Social Room, followed by a short time for praise and prayer. Groups or individuals willing to host one of the nights or help with preparation and/or clean-up are encouraged to sign up on the sheet on the Narthex bulletin board. Proceeds from the meal are used for mission, and your group would be able to designate a mission of your choice from a meal that you host. Contact Melinda Gaudioso if you have questions or would like to become involved.

7. SOUP'S ON!! Soup and Praise suppers have resumed on Wednesday evenings. Join us from 6:00 – 7:00 for food, fellowship and a short devotional.

FM HEARING ASSIST RECEIVERS and LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available for use in the Sanctuary. If either of these aids would be useful to you this morning, please check with an usher in the back of the church who would be pleased to assist you.

8. FINANCIAL GIFTS toward pledges through April 30 include:

|                 | <u>Pledged to Date</u> | <u>Given to Date</u> |
|-----------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Local & Mission | \$ 141,827             | \$ 142,786           |

As stated in the June *Pathway*, June quarterly financial statements will not be sent in the mail. Anyone wishing to receive a statement or having a question about the status of their pledge may call Georgia in the church office and information will be readily supplied.

Local & Mission gifts are just slightly behind pledges through June and Building Fund gifts are right on target. Thank you for keeping your gifts up to date, especially during the summer months when more people are out of town, but bills must continue to be paid.

17. THE 2009 FLOWER CHART is posted on the bulletin board opposite the Christian Education office in the upper Narthex. There are many weeks available throughout the year. If you would like to dedicate flowers on a Sunday, please select a date and fill in your name and phone number.

**A reminder from the Trustees** to be good stewards of our church by:

- Turning off all lights in the rooms you use as you leave;
- Closing all windows and restoring tables and chairs to their original arrangements;
- Locking all outside church doors if your group is the last to leave. Please check; don't assume someone else is there to lock up.

1. LITURGISTS AND READERS - There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for anyone who would like to be added to the liturgist/reading list. We don't want to miss anyone who would be interested; please sign up today. Thank you.

2. CALLED 2 DANCE - Our church's dance group is open to new members. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Eileen. We would love to see new dancers join us!

1. THE ADULT PRINT LIBRARY is open for browsing any time the church is open – weekdays, evenings, and nearly all day Sunday. It features non-fiction, fiction, reference books, biographies, Bible study books, and much more. Browse the shelves or search in the card catalog by author, title or subject. Simply sign the library card found in the back of the book and leave it in the small box on top of the card catalog. There are also shelves especially for Small Groups. The one labeled "Small Groups" has materials that may be checked out. A second shelf has duplicate materials that do not need to be signed out. Come see what is offered!

4. PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAMETAGS! With many new members joining or visiting the church, it is a challenge to keep up with new names and faces while helping them to learn the names of those who have been members for awhile. You may contact the church office if your nametag is missing and a new one will be provided.

5. CHILDCARE (infant – 3-years old) is available each Sunday from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. in the Nursery. Enrichment & chime programs for children Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are held from 10:45 to 11:30 a.m.

6. COFFEE IS SERVED each Sunday morning at 10:00 in the Social Room. All are invited to have a free cup of coffee or tea while visiting with church members.

6. THE YELLOW CARDS in the chair racks may be sent to anyone who you feel could use a message of encouragement by filling them in and placing them in the offering plate.

14. WPC WEBSITE "BUSINESS CARDS" can be found on the Welcome Table and tables in the upper Narthex and across from the Church Office. Please pick up a few of the cards to share with neighbors, co-workers, friends, etc. What an easy way to tell others about our church!

On Sundays when it seems fitting, you are invited to get a cup of coffee and then come back into the Sanctuary after the 9:30 service for a conversation – a dialogue – together about the text, the sermon, the worship. Come with questions, comments and thoughts, and we will be one another's teachers!

