

*SUNG RESPONSE *“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”* Hymn No. 1, vs. 1
 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
 Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
 Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER
The Lord be with you.
 And also with you.
Let us pray...

 Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *“I Know Where I’m Going”* Fidler
 Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY Hymn No. 606
 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise God, all creatures here below;
 Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)
 Gracious and giving God, we walk by faith, we live by faith, we give by faith. God of great gifts, You have given us so much. Accept these gifts from our hands, our faithful response to Your abundant grace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 12 *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”* ST. DENIO

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION *“Twofold Amen”* Greek

POSTLUDE *“Christ is the World’s Light”* J. Bert Carlson

*All who are able are invited to stand.
+Latecomers may be seated.
The congregation is encouraged to read those portions that appear in **boldface** type.

*The First Presbyterian Church
of Northport*



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Our Mission Statement
First Presbyterian Church of Northport is a welcoming community that invites all people to learn about and respond to the Word of God as found in the Old and New Testaments. Our mission is to be shaped by, proclaim, and live out the good news of Jesus Christ. We are committed to supporting the spiritual development of our congregation by feeding the spiritually and physically hungry, caring for the sick and lonely, nurturing children, and reaching out to those in need in our local and global communities.

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ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Transfiguration of the Lord10:00 a.m. February 23, 2020

~We Gather in God’s Name~

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

+PRELUDE “Meditation on Be Thou My Vision” Elizabeth Krouse

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CHORAL INTROIT “All My Heart Today Rejoices” Johann Ebeling

OPENING PRAYER from Matthew 17:5 Amelia Dentrone

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

A voice said:
“This is My Son, the Beloved,
with whom I am well pleased.
Listen to Him!”
Let us worship God, in the name of Christ our Lord!

*HYMN NO. 189 “O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair” DEO GRACIAS

*LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Most amazing God, the mystery of Your radiance surrounds us. Like the disciples of Jesus, we confess our unease with transcendent mystery. Faced with Your splendor, we do not take time for attentive silence as Jesus did, but we evade the holy with busyness — anything to avoid Your power. We also confess those times when we are at ease with holiness, absorbed in prayer and thought, but so in love with Your love that we neglect those in need. As Jesus descended into the valley to work among the poor of the earth, so direct us to our responsibilities. Such is the mystery of Your love, O God, which both overwhelms and attracts us. Have mercy upon us and forgive us, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection)

SUNG RESPONSE

O Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us, Lamb of God, and grant us Your peace.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE “Praise My Soul the King of Heaven” Hymn No. 620, v. 1
Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; glad of heart your carols raise;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like me, should sing God’s praise?
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Maker all your days!

±*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.
Let us greet one another with expressions of Christ’s peace.
(Please greet those around you, including the exchange of:
“The peace of Christ be with you”, responding “and also with you”).

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND PRAYER

(5th grade and younger gather on the chancel steps.)

HYMN NO. 190 “Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory” GENEVA
(Please remain seated)

~We Hear God’s Word~

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison) Elder Carole Gandy

O Lord, on this Sunday of Transfiguration, we pray that Your light would pour over these pages and illumine these old, old words — that they would dance with newness in our hearts and minds, that we would be radiant in reflecting Your Word in our living and serving one another. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 99 (p. 552, pew Bible)
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 17:1-9 (p. 18, pew Bible)
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Don’t Just Do Something, Sit There” Rev. Rachel Vione
~We Respond As God’s People~

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison) from A Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church (USA)
We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Amen.