First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood

11:00 A.M.
Sunday, February 14, 2021
Transfiguration of the Lord

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

We Gather to Worship God

Welcome and Announcements

Organ Prelude

“We Petite Piece” Joseph Jongen

We Address Ourselves to God

Call to Worship
Leader: O God, you summon the day to dawn;
People: You teach the morning to waken the earth.
Leader: For you the valleys will sing for joy,
People: The trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Leader: To you the rulers of earth shall bow,
People: The poor and the persecuted shall shout for joy.
Leader: Your love and justice shall last forever,
People: Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.
Leader: In worship now, we loudly proclaim:
All: Great is your name! Great is your love!!

Hymn

“O For A World” Hymn No. 372

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (The people joining)
Grace-Giving God, where the hungry go unfed, while the privileged gorge themselves; where the poor go begging, while the rich amass greater fortunes; where tyrants have bitten the dust, but their successors prove no better, forgive our lack of effort to create a different way. Where the prisoner is not prepared for freedom, and the refugee is not accorded dignity; where those who are disadvantaged are excluded, and those who are disabled are left on the margins, where gender, race, or religion are grounds for suspicion, or confer unmerited privilege, forgive our unwillingness to get involved. In Jesus, you show us the way of action and the way of grace. As his disciples, may we embrace both. Amen.

Silent Confessions

As we acknowledge and confess our individual and corporate sinfulness to God, the baptismal font will be filled with water. This filling symbolizes the power of God’s grace to restore us to the goodness in which God created us.

Assurance of Pardon

Response to Confession

“We Are Forgiven” Hymn No. 447

We are forgiven, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God, thanks be to God!
The Passing of the Peace
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

We Hear God's Word

First Reading
Isaiah 43:1-3, 16-19
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Bell Anthem
"Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown"
arr. Sandra Eithun

Second Reading
John 5:1-9
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon
"What's Your Business?"
Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz

We Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith (the people joining)
We believe in You, our Creator God, who spoke the universe into being through your Word, who formed us in
your image, who calls us by name; to you we lift our hearts and give our thanks and praise. We believe in You,
our Redeeming God, who was born as one of us in Jesus, who told stories, restored the lost and broken, and
tore away barriers, who died and rose for us, and lives and reigns forever; to you we lift our hearts and give
our thanks and praise. We believe in You, our Sustaining God, who is ever-present with us through the Holy
Spirit, who calls us, leads us, inspires and upholds us, who brings us into a fellowship beyond earthly ties; to
you we lift our hearts and give our thanks and praise. Amen!

Hymn
"We All Are One In Mission"
Hymn No. 733

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Offertory Sentences

Offertory Bell Anthem
"Beautiful Savior"
arr. Sandra Eithun

Prayer of Dedication

We Depart to Serve the Lord

Hymn
"Go, My Children, With My Blessing"
Hymn No. 547
Benediction

Organ Postlude

“Ronde Francaise”

Leon Boellmann

Worship Leaders: The Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz, Interim Senior Pastor
The Rev. Dr. Karen Blanchard, Associate Pastor

Music Ministry: Bell Choir; Lori Wehrman, piano; Debra Hillabrand, Hymn Leader
Travis Evans, Music Associate

+ Call To Worship & Prayer of Confession adapted from A Wee Worship Book: Fifth Incarnation, The Wild Goose Resource Group; Affirmation Of Faith adapted from Fire And Bread by Ruth Burgess

Thank you for worshiping with us today.

If you would like to be on our email list to receive information on the life of the congregation, please email Paula at paulab@kirkwoodpres.org.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION
OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF KIRKWOOD
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2021 AT 12:15PM

Pursuant to the Form of Government G-1.0502, the Session has called the Annual Meeting of the Congregation at 12:15pm on Sunday, February 28, 2021 for any business that is appropriate. A Zoom invite link will be emailed the Saturday before the meeting.

By Order of the Session
Lisa K. Ward
Clerk of Session

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Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 17. First Presbyterian will offer two ways to mark the beginning of the Lenten journey:

* Drive-by Ashes in the east parking lot from 10:30-11:00 a.m. & 4:45-5:30 p.m. - applied with a single-use Q-tip while you sit in your car - don't forget your mask!

* Ash Wednesday Service Live Streamed at Noon - prayers, scripture, brief reflections, beautiful music!

* Lenten Recital Series live streamed every Friday at noon. Join us for a half hour of meditative, reflective music. This Friday, February 19th, features Chamber Project St. Louis in a program for flute, viola, and harp.

* In March on Sunday mornings, join us at 9:30 for a series on images of Jesus as we journey through Lent, looking at the events of Jesus' life and ministry.
SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION ON ZOOM
Christian Concerns Class, 9:30 a.m.

Email Ann Miller to be added to the Zoom list at ann.willie@hotmail.com.

The Isle of Iona and the Iona Community
These sessions will explore the rich history and the ongoing life of the Isle of Iona and the Iona Community. This topic should be of particular interest to Presbyterians, since the Iona Community was founded by representatives of the Church of Scotland. The series will cover these topics as follows.

February 14: The Iona Community and Celtic Theology: Justice and Peace “For All People”
February 21: The Iona Community and Celtic Theology: Justice and Peace For “The Whole of God’s Creation”
February 28: The Iona Community: Music, Liturgy, and Worship

Clint McCann is a pastor in the PCUSA and serves as the Evangelical Professor of Biblical Interpretation at Eden Theological Seminary in Webster Groves. He is the author of a number of books, particularly on the Psalms, and he and his wife, Sarah, are Associate Members of the Iona Community on the Isle of Iona and Glasgow, Scotland.

BOOK GROUP

Fourth Wednesday Book Group: We will be discussing two books at the Fourth Wednesday book group. Many have read the assigned book, The Dutch House. So many of us were enthralled by the work of Alex George, who wrote the Good American, we decided to also read his book, The Paris Hour. The group meets by Zoom at 1:30 on February 24. If you are not presently on the invite list, please let Karen know at kblanchard@kirkwoodpres.org.

Everything (or at least a lot) about Zoom but were afraid to ask class!
Zoom is the way many are communicating in these pandemic times. As members of the Shepherd Center community, our members can learn more about this mode of communication and meeting at an informational class via the internet presented by the Shepherd’s Center Staff.

This free class on how to use Zoom is for complete beginners as well as those who would like to learn more. In advance of the class, participants will receive a step-by-step guide on how to download the app onto their device and sign into a Zoom meeting. Then, on February 19, we will all login to Zoom for a review of the controls and other useful information.

Topics will include turning your camera on and off, controlling sound and microphone (like muting!) screen settings, how to chat and more.

Date:  Friday, February 19, 1:00-2:00 CT.  Registration Required by Tuesday, February 16, 5:00 pm CT in order to participate, Here is the link for registering:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfQXzLKHF9O2T4rnWCkF3MvpdjffLo6KP3sQYQ1YZY7RQQ5IQ/viewform
Note:  You may need to copy and paste it into your browser address bar if it does not open directly by clicking on it.

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