

Riverside Presbyterian Church

February 23, 2020 ~ Transfiguration Sunday

Ask an usher for audio hearing units.

Please silence your cell phones.

Childcare for children through preschool is available upstairs.

* Indicates please stand in body or Spirit.



Transfiguration by Martin D Hyde

*It may be that when we no longer know what to do
we have come to our real work,
and that when we no longer know which way to go
we have come to our real journey.
The mind that is not baffled is not employed.
The impeded stream is the one that sings.*

Wendell Berry

WE PREPARE

CHIMING THE HOUR

Entr'acte

Eithun

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

* PASSING THE PEACE (Responsive)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

On Eagle's Wings

Joncas/Honoré

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

From a cloud, and in a crowd, God speaks to us.

**Calling us to be lovers of justice,
to share hope with the broken.**

On mountaintops, and in neighborhoods, Christ calls to us.

**With a word, and with wonder,
molding us into who we are.**

On the playground, and at the workstation,
the Spirit whispers in our hearts.

**Gathering up our fears, as well as our dreams,
and offering them to God.**

* HYMN 192

Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining

INVITATION TO PRAYER

PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (Unison)

We admit that we are often afraid to come near you, Glorious Creator.

**For if we do, you might see how our faces darken with anger as we
speak hurtful words, or whiten with fear of those who are different, or
redden from the depths of our desires. We can spend so much time**

gazing in the mirror of our longings, that we are unable to see the faces etched with loneliness, hollowed by hunger, overshadowed by hopelessness.

You reveal the mystery of your grace, Holy One, by pouring out mercy upon us. As you bend down to listen, may we speak your love to all those around us. As you call us into your presence, you send us out to do your justice which brings hope to the world.

Silence is kept

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

SUNG RESPONSE 447

We Are Forgiven

WE LISTEN

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Children are invited forward

Children through fifth grade may leave for Sunday School

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 24:12-18

Matthew 5:21-26

MEDITATION

* HYMN 721

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

ANTHEM

Holy, Holy, Holy

arr. McChesney

* SUNG RESPONSE 609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

WE DEPART

* HYMN 761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

* BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Ballo Milanese

Phalèse

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Liturgist: Matt Lisle

Ushers: Patti Perry and Tara Gregus

Sunday School Teachers: Mary Beth Wynn and Bret Jackson

Flowers are given in honor of my sister, Sally Kaiser's, birthday from Fred Kitch.

Thank you to the acaBELLa Ringers for joining today's Ministry of Music.

Fellowship Time: is hosted by the Schwarz Family.

Trustees of the Month: Patti Perry and Fred Mitchell

Mission Work @ RPC

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER SUNDAY MARCH 8, AFTER WORSHIP —

Join the Mission Committee in bringing a dish to share. Invite anyone who would enjoy a free meal and good conversation. All are welcome!

CARERS TRUNK— In February and March, the CARERS Trunk donations are for The Little Food Pantry. Please give non-perishable foods. Canned soups, meats and vegetables are needed.

MISSION COMMITTEE meets Sunday, February 23 at 11:15 am following worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 1619 Project

THEOLOGY ON TAP meets Mondays at 6:30 pm in the Social Hall. We are reading essays from the 1619 Project which recognizes the 400th anniversary of the beginning of American slavery. Please see Dale for a copy of the readings.



During Lent we explore the wisdom of Celtic Spirituality. Celtic Christian spirituality refers to a set of practices and beliefs in Ireland, Scotland, and Wales that developed in the early fifth century during the development of the monastic tradition. Many of these practices have roots in desert spirituality; Celtic monks considered the teachings of the desert mothers and fathers essential wisdom. Celtic pre-Christian culture, dating back to 500 B.C.E., permeated the land, and these beliefs also strongly influenced Celtic spiritual practices. As a result, much of Celtic Christianity can be characterized by a strongly incarnational theology: The natural world, in particular, reveals the creator. Matter is infused with the divine presence and offers glimpses of the world behind the surface of things.

LENTEN AND EASTER SCHEDULE —Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26. On Ash Wednesday, Reverend Jackson will be at the Riverside train station at 6:30 am for the imposition of ashes. Reverend Jackson will also be in the sanctuary from 12:00 pm-1:00 pm and 6:00 pm-6:30 pm for the imposition of ashes.

On Maundy Thursday, April 9, we will gather in the Social Hall at 6:30 pm for soup and at 7:00 pm participate in an interactive service focused on the Stations of the Cross. Our service will conclude with communion in the sanctuary.

Easter Sunday will be filled with bells, trumpets and celebrations including communion.

FIFTH SUNDAY— Q: Why is the only Fifth Sunday on August 30 when we have three other months with a fifth week in 2020?

A: The other three fall on Church holidays - Lent, Epiphany and Advent. What that means for March 29 is that you should expect Lenten worship in the sanctuary at 10 am. That also means ushers, Sunday School teachers, flowers, and coffee hour hosts. You can volunteer for any of them by contacting the office at rpsoffice@rpcusa.org or 708-447-1520.



SAVE THE DATE – Troop 24/Pack 24 Pancake Breakfast: Saturday, March 7 from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm. Tickets are \$5 if purchased in advance – available from scouts and the church office. Thank you for your support!

NEW EQUAL EXCHANGE FAIR TRADE ITEMS —There are many new organic fair-trade items for sale outside of Dale’s office (green, black and herbal tea, breakfast blend and French roast coffee, baking cocoa, chocolate chips, hot cocoa and new chocolates). Proceeds go to support the Senior High Mission Trip.

Companions Journeying Together MOTHER’S DAY PROJECT— Each year we supply packets of pretty writing materials to imprisoned women and juveniles so they have something nice to send their mother or children on Mother’s Day. Once again we ask your help. Materials needed: postage stamps, stationery (not white), note cards: blank, Mother’s Day, Thinking of You, gallon zip lock bags, donations to help cover delivery costs. Please make checks payable to: Companions, Journeying Together, Inc. Do not send cards, envelopes or stationery that has anything glued, pasted or taped on it or stickers attached. Please place in the hallway near the CARERS trunk. Donations are due by Sunday, March 1.

PRESCHOOL NEWS—We are now accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year. Applications are available outside the church office for both the morning and enrichment classes.



PRESCHOOL RAFFLE AND BOOK FAIR —The Raffle and Book Fair will run from Thursday, March 5 through Wednesday, March 11. We have many fabulous baskets!! The Book Fair will be open and the raffle baskets will be on display at the Riverside Presbyterian

Church on Saturday, March 7 during the Scout Pancake Breakfast and Sunday morning, March 8 after church. The Raffle drawing will be held at 11:00 am on Wednesday, March 11. Raffle tickets are \$5 each. The raffle basket list will be in the office and on the bulletin board. Thanks for your continued support!!

2020 PER CAPITA is \$36.00 per member. Please consider rounding up or paying an extra per capita for those who find it a difficulty.



MARCH CALENDAR AND BIRTHDAYS — Copies of the March calendar and birthdays are at the back of the sanctuary and in the rack by the office.

WOMEN'S CIRCLE for Fellowship and Study — meets **Wednesday, February 26** at 10:00 am in the Social Hall. All women are welcome. Come for coffee, fellowship and study as we discuss "*Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments*" by Eugenia Anne Gamble. The purpose of Lesson Six is to understand God's desire for deep and faithful relationships in the human family and how behavior that has no boundaries can devastate people and communities. Led by Elizabeth Musick.



Christian Education

2020 SPRING SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE—

Teachers needed! Please sign up outside the Christian Education Office.

February 23	Jesus Teaches – Matthew 5:1-9
March 1	No Class—Communion Sunday
March 8	Jesus Washes Feet—John 13:1-17
March 15	Jesus Breaks the Bread—Mark 14:12-26

HUMAN SCENE—Book of Luke, Sundays at 9:00 am in the Parlor.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP meets Sunday, March 8 at 9:00 am.



THIS WEEK

Today

10:00 am Worship
10:15 am Sunday School
11:00 am Fellowship
11:15 am Mission Committee Mtg

Monday

5:30 pm Volleyball
6:30 pm Theology on Tap

Tuesday

6:30 am Men's Forum

Wednesday

6:30 am Imposition of Ashes at
Riverside Train Station
10:00 am Women's Circle
12:00 pm Imposition of Ashes
6:00 pm Imposition of Ashes

Thursday

6:30 am Women's Forum

Sunday

9:00 am Human Scene
10:00 am Worship
11:15 am Fellowship
2:00 pm Worship at Cantata

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Sermons available at
<https://vimeo.com/riversidepresbyterian>

Our Mission Statement:

We gather as a church to:
Celebrate God's presence,
Nurture the Spiritual Life,
Carry the light of Christ into the world,
Serve God by serving others.

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2020 CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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