



First Presbyterian Church

Shelbyville, Tennessee

Weekly Newsletter

February 23, 2020



This Sunday we celebrate the Transfiguration of Christ. In the story, Jesus takes a select group of His disciples up a mountain with Him where He is transfigured. They may have thought they were special because of their selection, but if they thought they were being singled out for an honor they were wrong. They were singled out for responsibility and that responsibility had everything to do with Jesus' death on the cross, which was to come.

We are also about to begin Lent. In this season of reflection on Jesus and what His call to discipleship means for us, we may tend to think of all the great ways we are special because God loves us. But Lent really gives us the golden opportunity, not to think how special we are according to God's blessings, but to think how special we are because God has given us responsibility.

Like Peter, James, and John, we are about to be led up one hilltop to look out toward another hilltop: Golgotha, where Jesus was crucified. On that second hill, we will be honored to receive the responsibilities of the ministry of the good news of Christ Jesus. This will be a good subject for our Lenten reflections over the next month until Holy Week.

I hope you will be here Wednesday evening for supper at 5:30 and Ash Wednesday services at 6:30. In the coming weeks of Lent, there will be special church school offerings for all ages from children to adults. Check out this newsletter for details.

Also please remember to be here Sunday to address annual business matters in our congregational meeting following worship.

See you in church!

Allen

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2020

**Join us as we gather for worship of our Lord and Savior
JESUS CHRIST**

Old Testament: Exodus 24:17-18

New Testament: Matthew 17

Sermon: "The Distant Hill"

Rev. Allen Cross

SERVING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2020		SERVING SUNDAY, MARCH 1 2020	
Acolyte	Grace Wilhelm	Lay Liturgist	Marylyn Caperton
Lay Liturgist	Edwin Holcombe	Ushers/Greeters	Frieda Bone Michal Dobson Kathy Smith Richard Smith
Ushers/Greeters	Bailey Little Rob Marsh Tony Matusek Pat Thomas	Hall Monitor	Tommy Anderton
Hall Monitor	Ginger Shofner	A Time for Young Christians	Connie Crafton
A Time for Young Christians	Kate Canady	Children's Church	Cindy Lamb
Children's Church	Pat Marsh and Cindy Lamb	Nursery	Raychelle Flannagan
Nursery	Christy Jensen	Serving Holy Communion Kate Canady, Aaron Crafton, Michal Dobson, Carol Magnuson, Margaret Smith	



Sunday,
February 23rd



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3:30pm



Wednesday, February
26th
5:30pm Dinner
6:30pm Ash Wednesday
Service



Kid's Choir
is rehearsing
"Hosanna, He Lives"
on Wednesday Nights
or the Easter Musical
6-7:00pm, come and bring a friend.

Lenten Lessons Sunday, March 1st

All ages are invited for 'special lessons' on Lent as we prepare for Easter. Classes will begin Sunday, March 1st and run through Palm Sunday, April 5th. Class time is 9:20am-9:45am.

Children will meet upstairs in the Kid's Choir Room~Miss Cindy will teach lessons **"Speaking With Signs"**. Each lesson brings a story from scripture by focusing on a symbol related to the Easter narrative. Lessons are based on Matthew and John.

Youth, 6th through 12th grades will meet in the Youth Room for a study with Kate Canady, **"Exploring the Process of Growing-From 'Planting to Harvesting'"**. There may or may not be doughnuts...with icing...involved. Feel free to bring a friend.

Adults of All Ages Will meet in Fellowship Hall from 9:10am-9:40am for an **issues discussion class** with coffee and scripture and conversation. This will be a time for fellowship and theological perspective on contemporary issues.

FPYC (First Presbyterian Youth Council)

Presbyterian Youth are invited to join us at our very first FPYC meeting, on **Sunday, March 1** at **El Mexico**, right after Sunday Services. We will plan the next few months of our youth activities.

Topics of discussion:

Summer Camps; fun trips to keep us connected during the summer months; volunteering at VBS; Mission projects that we will take as a group.

Bring your ideas and your appetite but no money, your meal is generously sponsored by First Presbyterian Church!

Sunday, March 8th

5 ¢ A Meal Banks are
due.

Banks are located at the
back of the sanctuary