

Forest Hills Presbyterian Church
Transfiguration of the Lord
February 19, 2012

GATHERED AROUND THE WORD

Prelude *"All Glory Be to God on High"* A.W. LEUPOLD
Chiming of the Hour
Invitation to Worship/Morning Prayer Elder Ron Ferrill
Welcome and Announcements Reverend Robert E. Button
Passing of the Peace
Pastor: May the Peace of Christ be with you!
People: And also with you!
Pastor: Now, turn to your neighbors and greet them with Christ's Peace.
Choral Call to Worship: *"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"* THOMERSON
(see insert for words)

*Responsive Call to Worship *Adapted from Psalm 50:1-6*

Leader: The mighty one, God the Lord speaks
And summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

People: Our of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

Leader: Our God comes and does not keep silence,
Before God is a devouring fire,
And a mighty tempest all around The Lord.

**People: God calls to the heavens above,
And to the earth, that God may judge the people.**

Leader: Gather to me my faithful ones,
Who made a covenant with me by sacrifice.

**People: The heavens declare God's righteousness,
For God alone is judge.**

*Corporate Prayer *from: Fresh Winds of The Spirit*

We bring our deepest longings, our bewilderment, and our complaints into your Majestic Presence, O God. As you encompass us in the brilliant light of your limitless power and boundless love, our self-centered concerns are put in perspective. We recognize Christ in our midst, the Word made flesh. In that recognition your intentions for our lives become clearer. But what is clear on the mountaintop becomes distorted and indistinct in the valleys of our everyday problems. Stay with us, Sovereign One, to save us from ourselves. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise #210 *"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"* ST. ANNE

CALLED TO REPENTANCE AND RENEWAL

Call to Confession *from: Fresh Winds of The Spirit*

Leader: Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "Behold, now is the acceptable time. Behold, now is the day of salvation." These words remind us of our tendency to procrastinate. Tomorrow is always soon enough to think seriously about life and its meaning. Not so! This present moment comes to us as a gift. It is the only time we know will be ours for serious reflection and genuine commitment. Let us come to God as we are, recognizing how unworthy we are to approach the One who embraces the universe, yet believing we are known and welcomed in this Awesome Presence. Let us confess our sin, first silently and then in corporate prayer.

Corporate Prayer of Confession *from: Fresh Winds of The Spirit*

O Sovereign One, we have relied on the treasures of earth for our meaning. When they do not satisfy we try to fill the void with more things. We cling to our possessions as if they could save us and embrace our own customs and habits as if there were no other way. Our faith is secondhand and our prayer life is narrow and unfocused. We settle for appearances rather than

for substance, for looking good rather than for doing good. Some day we want to change, to embrace a better way. But it is hard to adopt new patterns, risk renewal, and commit ourselves to the one whose devotion led to a cross. We reach for the forgiveness and courage you alone can give. Save us from ourselves and our poor choices. Let today be different, a time when your love reaches us as never before and unties us with your purposes for us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness:

from: *Fresh Winds of The Spirit*

Leader: Salvation has come to you this day. God's reconciling love meets you where you are and welcomes you into the family. The Creator has heard the quiet longing in your hearts that no words can describe and offers healing. You are valued, each and every one, as the person you are and as the fulfilled human being you are becoming. The treasures of God's grace are yours; receive them and rejoice.

People: Amen.

Response *Gloria Patri* Hymnal #579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

Anthem *"Shines the Light"* DENGLER
Liza Moore, Violinist

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson II Kings 2:1-12 p. 325

New Testament Lesson Mark 9:2-9 p. 42

Sermon "Transitions and Transformations" Rev. Robert E. Button

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn of Commitment *"Speak, Mighty One"* BAYLER
(see insert for words)

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed Hymnal, p. 14

Offering and Offertory *"Fairest Lord Jesus"* D.A. GELL

*Doxology Hymnal #591

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

SENT INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

*Hymn of Parting #382 *"Somebody's Knocking at Your Door"* SOMEBODY'S KNOCKING

*Commission and Blessing from: *Fresh Winds of The Spirit*

Leader: The vision of the mountaintop is ours to tell,
And in the valleys of everyday, people need it.

**People: How shall we tell others of our experience,
Without seeming arrogant or unbalanced?**

Leader: Christ, whom we meet on Life's mountaintops,
Was never pretentious amid the lowly.

**People: In genuine caring and humble service
We give and receive God's love in Christ.**

Leader: Listen to God's beloved Child:
"Rise and Have No Fear!"

**People: We depart with renewed energy and purpose
To live God's truth among all we meet. Amen.**

*Postlude *"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"* arr. A. MAHNKE