

THOSE ASSISTING THIS MORNING - **Preacher:** Dottie LaPenta; **Liturgists:** Maggie Leffler (8:30), Deborah Dixon (11:00); **Time with Children:** Miss Good, Steve Hays (11:00); **Ushers:** Dave, Jeannie, Noah & Matthew Heimann (8:30), Steve Hays, Barbara Morris, Karen & Doug Smith, (11:00); **Acolyte:** Mary Hayes Cobbum (11:00); **Discovery:** Miss Good, Sharon Wiegand (11:00); **Safety:** Mark Moran, Stacy Skalski (11:00).

WELCOME REV. DOROTHY LAPENTA - Dottie was ordained at First Presbyterian Church of Annapolis. She served as the pastor of Hope Presbyterian in National Capital Presbytery from 2002-2015. She is a retired minister member of Baltimore Presbytery and serves as the parish associate of Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church in Crofton. She and husband Mike live in Odenton where they joyfully and as often as they can entertain four grandchildren.

STAFF NEWS - In Lisa's absence, thank you Rev. Dottie LaPenta (410.507.2019) for providing emergency pastoral care through today. Thank you Cathy Starnes and Louise Wulff for covering the church office on Wednesday; the office will be open 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

SERVICE FOR ROB SMITH - A celebration of life will be held in our sanctuary with Rev. Rzepka on Saturday, March 14, at 11:00 am. Also, the Parole Rotary is holding a blood drive in Rob's honor on March 24, 7:00 am-2:00 pm, at the Double Tree Hotel on Riva Road.

LOOKING AHEAD IN LENT

The Way: You Don't Choose a Life, You Live a Life

Lent is a time of reflection and there's nothing like a pilgrimage to conjure that up. Inspired by passages in the scriptures that talk about the journeys, roads and pathways of life, we will make our "way" together through this poignant season. Sometimes things happen in our lives that cause us to be awakened to a new perspective and we begin to reassess the life road we are following, the directions we are going. Ash Wednesday is a time in the church where we talk of "repentance" which literally means to turn around and head in a new direction. We hope you will join us in worship along *The Way*.

Wednesday, February 26 - Ash Wednesday Worship, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary

Rev. Rzepka will offer a Lenten meditation, "Gatekeeping Along The Way," from Psalm 51:1-12 and John 10:1-18.

March 1 - First Sunday of Lent, Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Rev. Rzepka will preach "The Wandering Way" from Luke 4:1-12 and Luke 10:1-12. Communion will be served and there will be a guest clarinet player. Children's "One Great Hour of Sharing" fish banks will be made available.

First Presbyterian Church, Annapolis, Maryland

February 23, 2020 – 8:30 & 11:00 am Worship

Transfiguration of the Lord



PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

✦ Please rise in body or in spirit. **Bold** in unison.

NOTICES OF CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

(Please complete and pass the greeter pads down the pew and back again.)

PRELUDE - Prayer

Englebert Humperdinck

CHORAL INTROIT (11:00) - *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ST. DENIO

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

God said, "Out of the darkness the light will shine!"

It is the same God who makes the light shine in our hearts.

May we be blessed with a reverent sense of God's peace,

That the Word might take root in our hearts,

As we worship with all our mind and spirit.

✦ **HYMN 267 - *Come, Christians, Join to Sing***

MADRID

CALL TO CONFESSION

Our God is a God of justice waiting to be gracious to us,

yearning to forgive us and turn us back to righteousness.

With confidence in the gift of faith, let us confess our need for God's saving love.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory.
We often turn away from that light, distracted by our own plans and agendas.
It is true that we break your commandments. It is true that we break your heart.
Give us the humility to face these truths. Forgive us for what we have done,
but especially for what we are leaving undone. It's not always comfortable for us,
but give us the courage to think about what desperately needs our attention.
Your ways challenge us and yet we long to know them.
Fill our hearts and strengthen our lives with your light,
that your glory might be known and understood in this world.
In Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen!

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Jesus Christ calls us to new life and strengthens us to begin again and again and again.
We are given the grace to grow and the courage to continue the journey.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and that frees us to forgive one another.
This is good news. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE - *God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us* O QUANTA QUALIA
*God of compassion, in mercy befriend us,
giver of grace for our needs all-availing.
Wisdom and strength for each day ever send us,
patience untiring and courage unfailing.*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN (11:00)

(Pre-k to 1st grade children may attend Discovery;
2nd-5th grades remain in worship. Worship Bags and Red Wagon available at rear.
Complete and return questionnaire to the Activity Room for a surprise!)

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER (11:00) - *Here, O Our Lord, We See You* MORECAMBE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light,
in your truth, find freedom and in your will, discover your peace.
By the power of the Holy Spirit, prepare our hearts to hear
and accept your Word for us today through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE - Matthew 17:1-9

ANTHEM (11:00) - *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* arr. William L. Dawson
David Hancock, soloist

Every time I feel the spirit, moving in my heart, I will pray. Upon the mountain my Lord
spoke, out of His mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all around me, it looked so fine, till
I asked my Lord if all was mine. *Refrain.* Jordan river is chilly an' cold, it chills the body,
but not the soul. There ain't but one train upon this track, it runs from heaven an' right
back. *Refrain.*

SECOND SCRIPTURE - 2 Peter 1:16-21

SERMON "What Does Glory Look Like?"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

♠ **HYMN 192** - *Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining* SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Concluding with the Lord's Prayer using "debts" and "debtors," *Hymnal*, page 35.)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY - *Couplet* François Couperin

♠ DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ all creatures here below;
praise Holy Spirit ever more; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

♠ **HYMN 744** - *Arise, Your Light Is Come!* FESTAL SONG

♠ BLESSING

POSTLUDE - *Awake Thou Wintry Earth* J. S. Bach

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Location in parentheses.)

| Date | Church | Community |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Sun 2/23 | Winter Relief | |
| | 8:00 | Youth-Winter Relief Breakfast (FH) |
| | 8:30 | Worship (sanctuary) |
| | 9:30 | Education Hour |
| | - | NO Coffee Hour (due to Winter Relief) |
| | 11:00 | Worship (sanctuary) |
| | 12:15 | Lecture Committee (KC1a) |
| Mon 2/24 | Morning | Winter Relief Break-down (FH) |
| | | 12:00 Noon AA (FH) |
| | | 7:15 ACOA (Music) |
| | | 8:00 Monday Night AA (FH) |
| Tues 2/25 | 6:00 | Trustees (ZW House) |
| | 7:00 | Session (KC4a) |
| | 7:00 | PNC (KC1a) |
| Wed 2/26 | ASH WEDNESDAY | |
| | 12:00 | Staff (KC1a) |
| | 4:00 | Bible Study (KC1a) |
| | 7:00 | Ash Wednesday Worship (sanctuary) |
| Thurs 2/27 | 9:00 | Archives Project (KC6a) |
| | 7:30 | Choir Rehearsal (Music) |
| Fri 2/28 | | 12:00 Noon AA (FH) |
| Sat 2/29 | | 8:00 Evening AA (FH) |
| Sun 3/1 | FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT | |
| | 8:30 | Worship (sanctuary) - <i>Communion</i> |
| | 9:30 | Education Hour, CLAMS |
| | 10:30 | Coffee Hour (FH) |
| | 11:00 | Worship (sanctuary) - <i>Communion</i> |
| | 3:00 | Spirituality of Parenting (The Conduit) |
| | 5:00 | Youth Fellowship (youth) |
| 5:00 | Lenten Circle Kick-Off Potluck (see insert) | |

2020 LENTEN CIRCLE OFFERINGS

(Circles convene four times prior to Easter, April 12.)

Join us **March 1 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm for dinner** to kick off Lent and to hear about the



available Lenten Circle groups for this year. Bring your favorite main or side dish to share. After dinner, select the group that you are interested in joining and then coordinate future group meetings with your fellow participants. Here are some brief descriptions of the available Lenten Circle groups being offered.

- 2020: The 400th Anniversary of the Landing of the Mayflower.** OVERVIEW: The New England Historic and Genealogical Society, through AmericanAncestry.com, posted a timeline of some of the major events leading up to and following, the 1620 Mayflower voyage. The timeline starts with the Protestant Reformation and its impact on religion in England, the establishment of the Anglican Church and various other Protestant sects, the religious turmoil caused by various kings and queens of England, the threats and impacts of abolishing Parliament, and the settling of New England through the Great Migration, with most, but not all, seeking religious freedom. Christine West, while not an historical scholar, enjoys studying the settlement of colonial New England as a hobby. She is prepared to provide this timeline presentation and lead a discussion of the goals, challenges, struggles, successes and outcomes surrounding the Mayflower adventure.
- Women's Book Group.** OVERVIEW: Come join in fellowship to explore the formation of an ongoing book group for the women of the church. During the Lenten season, we will explore books that will form a reading list for the rest of the year. Organizational details and future meeting times will be decided upon at the first meeting. Here is an opportunity to make new friends, engage in interesting conversations, and investigate new topics under the facilitation of Julie Carlson.
- Celtic Worship.** OVERVIEW: This service pays tribute to our faith in God and is drawn from the liturgical traditions of Iona and North Umbria through prayers, community engagement and music. The music at these services are both contemplative and lively. The prayers are earthy, holy and inclusive. The service combines the meditative silence, the simplicity of utterance, and the faithful commitment to care for the earth and those within it. This program will be conducted by Pat Foye and Linda Hanifin Bonner who have participated in the Iona program and are ordained elders. The program includes weekly prayers and music – no sermon – and focuses on reflections of worshipers. Each week has a special theme: (a) healing (b) justice and peace (c) acts of commitment (d) leaving (e) creation, and (f) service of communion. The book of psalms is used in the

services. The format includes Celtic music, reflection, program and opening prayers, bible reading, song and joint prayer and additional reflection.

4. **Spirituality of Parenting.** OVERVIEW: Believing that parenting is a divine offer for spiritual growth, this Circle offers the opportunity to come together with other families in the same stage of parenting in order to make connections, share and discuss ideas surrounding children and spirituality while also engaging in fellowship. The focus for this group is parents with a child or children under five years old with Rev. Lisa and Miss Good facilitating. Will meet in The Conduit from 3:00 to 5:00 pm on March 1.
5. **Lent in Plain Sight: A Devotion through Ten Objects.** OVERVIEW: God is often at work through the ordinary: ordinary people, ordinary objects, and ordinary grace. Through the ordinary, God communicates epiphanies, salvation, revelation, and reconciliation. It is through the mundane that we hear God's quiet voice. In this devotional, Jill J. Duffield draws readers' attention to ten ordinary objects that Jesus would have encountered on his way to Jerusalem: dust, bread, the cross, coins, shoes, oil, coats, towels, thorns, and stones. In each object, readers will find meaning in the biblical account of Jesus' final days. Each week, readers encounter a new object to consider through Scripture, prayer, and reflection. From Ash Wednesday to Easter, Lent in Plain Sight reminds Christians to open ourselves to the kingdom of God.
6. **Film Circle.** OVERVIEW: *Do you prefer to stretch your imagination via film?* Well, this is the group for you! Use this time to review four movies that challenge your view of life, people or ideas. Come together with other movie lovers to use film as the vehicle to explore your spirituality and humanity this season. Possible resources:
 - "This Movie Changed Me," a podcast produced by On Being Studios. There are two seasons of movies and commentaries to choose from.
 - Netflix offers "The Story of God" featuring actor Morgan Freeman who explores various cultures and religions, and their take on religion-related topics, particularly about their belief in a God or a higher power; and/or "The Case for Christ," an investigative journalist and self-proclaimed atheist sets out to disprove the existence of God after his wife becomes a Christian.
 - <https://www.complex.com/popculture/2020/01/21st-century-movies-for-social-justice/> lists the "Best Social Justice Movies and Documentaries"
7. **(Your idea here)** For other possibilities, please contact Cecilia Richardson, Elder, Spiritual Formation (cfnegri@hotmail.com), and plan to attend the kick-off potluck March 1!

TODAY

MARTHA & STEVE JOHNSON RELOCATING - soon to Ames, Iowa. FPC friends are invited to an open house at the home of Chris West today, 2:30-5:00 pm, to wish them farewell.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP - not offered this evening due to Winter Relief. We resume March 1.

GENERAL REMINDERS

PASTOR LISA - sends a congregational email each week. To be informed of happenings from week to week, signup here: <https://www.annapolis-presbyterian.com/congregational-email>.

WHEN PARKING ON CAMPUS - for church business to (a) leave your cell number and name in the windshield and (b) pull *all the way forward* to make maximize space for other visitors to the church. Thank you!

CONFIDENTIAL PRAYER CHAIN - is coordinated by the Presbyterian Women in the Congregation. To request prayers, contact the pastor or Anne Cobb (410.757.7148).

AN ORGAN TAPESTRY - Proceeds from this CD with music recorded by Bob Muckenfuss on our organ benefit the Music Fund. The CD may be purchased for \$20 online (annapolis-presbyterian.com/PAY) or by cash/check. Approach Bob, organist, after worship today!



FPC MISSION STATEMENT: WE ARE CALLED TO DO JUSTICE, LOVE KINDNESS AND WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD. Micah 6:8

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