

MERRITT ISLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Leading in Worship: Rev. Christina Greenawalt and Pat Smith

February 11, 2024

In Person and Facebook Live

10:00 a.m.

Transfiguration Sunday

Silent Meditation: May God's glory fill our eyes, our hearts, and our lives as we worship this week.

Gathering Music

Words of Welcome

Pastor Christina

Call to Worship (**responsive**):

Liturgist

God invites and calls us into His presence to worship Him. He enters into our busy lives to speak to us.

One: The Lord has called you here today.

All: Lord, reveal to us your purposes for us.

One: Open your hearts to receive God's good news.

All: Lord, make us ready to serve you.

One: Come, let us worship God!

All: Let us sing our praises to the Almighty One. AMEN.

Congregational Hymn # 35:

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!


*Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!*

Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!

Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for aye we adore him.

Time with the Young and Young at 

Call to Confession

Liturgist

Prayer of Confession (**responsive**):

One: Mighty one of yesterday, today, and tomorrow, do not be silent, but speak, that we may hear.

All: Speak justice, that we may correct our lawlessness.

Speak righteousness, that we may know your ways.

Speak compassion, that we may know your mercy.

Speak abundance, that we may serve others.

Speak understanding, that we may be peacemakers.

Speak glory, that we may know your Son.

Speak, and we will listen to you.

One: You promise forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace when we speak our shortcomings.

All: We speak of mistakes we have made.

We speak of abandoning your ways.

We speak of failures to show compassion and mercy.

We speak of our need for forgiveness.

One: Mighty one of yesterday, today, and tomorrow, hear our prayer and lead us into fullness of life. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness (**responsive**):

Liturgist

One: God will not keep silent, but will gather us in with the tender words: "You are forgiven."

All: Glory to God!

Response to Assurance:

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Hymn # 582

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

Passing of the Peace of Christ:

Liturgist

One: As Elisha would not leave Elijah, may God forever keep us close in Christ. The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist

First Reading:

2 Kings 2:1-12

Page 411, OT

One: The Word of the Lord **All: Thanks be to God.**

Special Music:

How Great is Our God

Jeana Lutz, soloist

Second Reading:

Mark 9:2-9

Page 54, NT

One: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Message:

A Clear Vision

Rev. Christina Greenawalt

Responding to the Word

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (**unison**)

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.

Invitation to Live Generously: *The offering basket is near the back door of the sanctuary.
You may also give online at www.merrittislandpc.org*

Response:

Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication

Closing Hymn # 192:

Shine, Jesus, Shine (verse 1)

Chorus: *Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory.*

Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.

Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining;

Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us; set us free by the truth you now bring us.

Shine on me; shine on me. (chorus)

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

*Ushers: June Hutchinson, Cheryl & Fred Mahan
Attendance Last Week: In Person: 54, On Line: 18*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today, whether you are here in person or online! We gather together as a church family, from wherever we may be. If you would like to know more about MIPC, how you can be more involved, or to speak to the pastor, please contact the church office at the number/email below.

The flowers today (and last Sunday) are given by Milt Seapker in loving memory of his wife Carol Jo.

Ash Wednesday Join us on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024, as we begin our journey through Lent. This year we will have the following offerings to bring us into a deeper relationship with God and each other:

10:00 am - Family Chapel with imposition of ashes

4:00 pm - Prayer Service with imposition of ashes

5:00 pm - Soup and Salad Dinner (Activities Room)

7:00 pm - Traditional Ash Wednesday Service with imposition of ashes

You are invited to attend the Soup and Salad dinner just as you are, and recognizing some of us love cooking for others, if you feel like bringing a salad or dessert, please contact the church office. Let us share the love of Christ with one another as we deepen our relationships.

Lenten Series: We will be using the Sanctified Art series *Wandering Heart*, which focuses on Jesus' disciple Peter. By following Peter's journey, we watch the story of Jesus unfold through the eyes of a very normal human trying to figure it all out—just like us. There are devotionals in the Narthex; watch for our daily Facebook posts throughout Lent as we prepare our hearts and minds for the celebration of the Resurrection.

Ways to Serve

5 Cents Per Meal: Today we receive this offering which goes to food and hunger needs both locally and internationally. See the display in the Narthex and the specially marked envelopes near the offering basket; or you may just note "5 Cents/Meal" on your check. It's Leap Year, so February has 29 days - your \$4.35 can easily be rounded up to \$5!

Preschool Committee will meet this Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 6:30 PM on Zoom. All are welcome! Please see Pat Smith for more information and the Zoom link.

2023 Giving Statements are available in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Leslie Mitchell (mipresbyterian@gmail.com).

Ways to Connect

Join us for coffee and fellowship in the Narthex after worship. If you'd like to bring snacks one week, there is a sign up sheet in the Narthex.

Women's Ministry: Fabulous Fridays! Faith Formation Ministries is offering a Women's Bible Study Group. Come and join us in the Activities Room every other Friday @ 2:00 p.m. (Our next gathering is Feb. 23.) Our study, led by Julie Hill, is titled "Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke - Acts." Please contact Julie Hill for more information and questions. cj2hill@bellsouth.net or 321-431-5333.

Adult Faith Enrichment Class: Join us for Adult Faith Formation at 9:00 a.m. in the Session Room or on Zoom. We have started a new study, led by Milt Seapker, called *Understanding the Prophets*. All are welcome at any time! The Zoom link is emailed weekly.

Celebrations & Concerns

Happy Birthday to:

February 11: Paul Fernald
February 11: Christina Greenawalt
February 12: Shirley Bottomley

Happy Anniversary to:

February 14: Craig & Julie Hill

Our Prayers are with:* Sis Beckman, Cindy Bottomley, Dot Corbett, Carolyn Crockett, Andre Koodie, Janet Post, Kelly Shephard, and George Wilcox.

** Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks unless otherwise requested.*

If you would like your prayer concern to be shared on our Prayer Chain Email (or if you'd like to be on the email distribution list), contact Jill Franklin at mipcprayerchain600@gmail.com, or make a note on the Prayer Request card in the pew.

Thank you, Maryrose Beerman and Jeana Lutz, for the beautiful music today!

THIS WEEK AT MIPC:

Monday, Feb. 12, 6:00 PM	Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, Feb. 13, 3:00 PM:	Kids Klub
Tuesday, Feb. 13, 6:30 PM:	Preschool Committee, Zoom
Tuesday, Feb. 13, 8:00 PM:	AA, Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, Feb. 14, 10 AM:	Family Ash Wednesday Chapel
Wednesday, Feb. 14, 10:30 AM:	Heavenly Handmade
Wednesday, Feb. 14, 3:30 PM:	One Purpose
Wednesday, Feb. 14, 4:00 PM:	Ash Wednesday Prayer Service
Wednesday, Feb. 14, 5:00 PM:	Soup/Salad meal in Activities Room
Wednesday, Feb. 14, 7:00 PM:	Traditional Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday, Feb. 15, 6:00 PM:	Square Dancers, Fellowship Hall
Sunday, Feb. 18, 9:00 AM:	Adult Faith Formation, Session Room
Sunday, Feb. 18, 10:00 AM:	Worship Service
Sunday, Feb. 18, 11:00 AM:	Prayer Walk/Anointing

For more information on any of these events, check with the church office.

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