

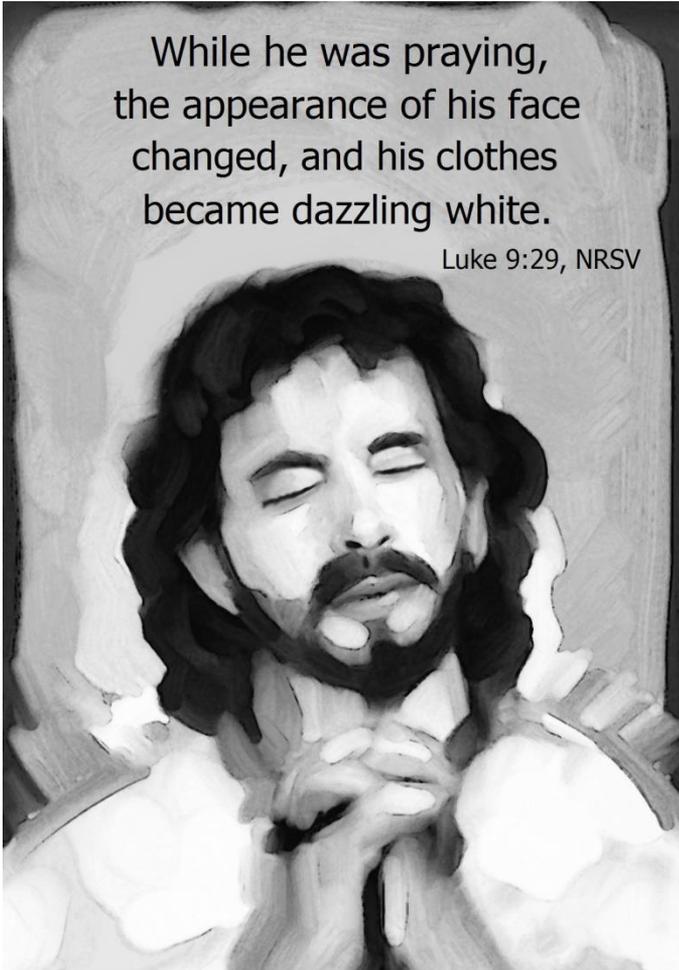
Perinton Presbyterian Church

Good Morning & Welcome.

The back page has information about our church worship that you may find helpful.

While he was praying,
the appearance of his face
changed, and his clothes
became dazzling white.

Luke 9:29, NRSV



The Church in Worship

Sunday, March 3, 2019

Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday

Our Gathering

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude:.....

↑ Call to Worship

Leader: God of power and wonder, we are awestruck by the glory of your presence.

People: **We rejoice at what we can see; we marvel at what we cannot see.**

Leader: You dazzle us with your brightness; you overshadow us as with a great cloud.

People: **You love, protect, challenge, nurture, strengthen and transform us. How can we not praise and worship you?**

Leader: Come then and let us open our hearts to God's presence and our mouths to sing God's praise.

↑ Hymn # 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

↑ Prayer of Invocation and Confession

Radiant God, Source of Light, as you surrounded Jesus with your glory, so you come to us in a penetrating brightness. You catch us off guard and expose our weaknesses. We choose the limelight while you call us to explore the shadows and brighten the darkness. We seek the spectacular while you bind up the broken in countless acts of mercy. We seek to stay on the mountain or in the comfortable pew while you walk the valleys of need.

Radiant God, fill us with the light of Jesus, and the courage to carry Good News into all the corners of the world and to bring back the joy of your presence. AMEN

Silent Prayer and Reflection

↑ Assurance of Pardon.....based on 2nd Corinthians 3: 17-18

Leader: Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Brothers and sisters, know that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and transformed!

People: Thanks be to God!

↑ Response #581.....*Glory Be to the Father*

Special Music: (8:30).....

Choir Anthem: (11:00) *Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring* by Linda R. Lamb
The Bell Choir

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

The Word

Children's Message

Scripture Reading Luke 9: 28-36

Sermon: *Up on the Mountain Top with Jesus*
The Rev. Dr. Janice Lee Fitzgerald

↑ Hymn # 190 *Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory*

Feasting at the Lord's Table

The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. All persons of any age and at all points in the journey of faith are welcomed at the Table of the Lord. (Book of Order PCUSA, 2017)

Gathering at the Table

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastor: God of Moses and Elijah, you come to us in a whirlwind of mystery, a swirling tempest, a devouring fire. Yet you come to us – speaking faithfulness and mercy, shining light in our darkness, offering forgiveness for our sin. Therefore, we praise you and give you thanks for Jesus Christ, the light of the world – shining at the dawn of creation, shining in our hearts this day with a splendor that overshadows all the beauty of heaven and earth. In his face we have seen your glory; through his words we have heard your truth; by his living and dying and rising we have come to know the height and breadth and depth of your great love.

People: With thanksgiving, we remember the bread of life – taken, blessed, broken, and given that we might be holy and whole. With thanksgiving we remember the cup of salvation – your new covenant of grace, poured out in love for the world. Remembering your faithfulness and mercy as we share this bread and cup, we offer ourselves in your service through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Pastor: Now let us share in your Holy Spirit – poured out in this place, for these people, upon this bread and cup. In your Spirit make us one people – one in the body of Christ

People: Let our lives shine with Christ's light – a blessing of joy to the living, a beacon of hope to the dying, a sign of your new creation. All this we pray to you, O God, through the gift of your Spirit and in the grace of your Word, to the glory of your holy name. AMEN

Please come forward when directed by an Usher to do so; take a piece of bread and a small cup of juice and carry them back to your seat. Gluten-free bread is available in the separate dish on each plate. If you are not easily able to walk forward, please stay seated and indicate to an Usher that you would like to be served in your pew.

Prayer Following Communion

Let us pray together:

We give you thanks, Lord Jesus Christ, for the gifts of grace we have received from your hand. Now send us forth to reflect your light, proclaiming your saving death and resurrection until you come again in glory. AMEN

Our Dedication

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*arr. Marianne Kim

↑ Doxology #606 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

↑ Prayer of Dedication.....

Thank you, God, for showing us a better way to live than we are able to devise for ourselves. Thank you for Jesus Christ, for his ministry that extended your love to the least and the lost, for his powerful presence that offered wholeness to those who were sick or broken-hearted, for his prayers that demonstrated how we, too, can be in communion with you. In gratitude, we dedicate our offerings. AMEN

↑ Hymn: # 192 *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

↑ Benediction

↑ Benediction Response *Go Out and Serve Him!*..... Besig and Price

Postlude: