



Transfiguration Sunday

February 23, 2020 @ 10:00 am

Church of The Cross

475 West Higgins Road Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

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WELCOME ALL

PRELUDE

"In the Garden"

By Lisa Hoekstra

WORDS OF WELCOME

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Deacon presentation to 'We Who Serve'

CHORAL INTROIT "Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies" German Folk Melody

*CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Rev. Julie Peterson

Do you see it? In fire and cloud our God appears:

The glory of the Lord settles over us.

Do you hear it? A voice thunders from heaven:

"This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him."

Open your eyes; unstop your ears. We are gathered on holy ground.

Let us magnify the Lord!

*HYMN NO. 406

"We are Standing on Holy Ground"

(sing 2x)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Stu Rutter

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

Holy One, we search for you amidst the grand and glorious, the sacred and serene. We are eager to bask in your splendor and dwell with you in sanctuaries which shelter us from the sorrow of this world. We forget you are also present in the ordinary and profane, the desperate and despised. You send us back down the mountain to proclaim your law of grace and live your command of love—to tread the path Jesus tread. Forgive our inaction when the Holy Spirit prompts us to act. Remind us to look for you in the ordinary and the difficult. Transform us, embolden us, and free us from fear, so we will be beacons of your Light.

OUR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Julie Peterson

*HYMN No. 582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

*PASSING THE PEACE ~ *Greet one another with the peace of Christ.*

SHARE GOD'S LOVE

*HYMN No. 188, vs1 "Jesus Loves Me" *Children are invited to come forward*

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

*HYMN No. 188, vs2 "Jesus Loves Me" *Children return to their seat*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Stu Rutter

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

2 Peter 1:16-21

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 17:1-9

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Holy Transformations"

Rev. Julie Peterson

OFFER HOPE ...IN JESUS' NAME

*HYMN NO. 258 "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

CHORAL OFFERTORY "Canon of Peace" Arr. Hal H. Hopson

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Stu Rutter

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 192 "Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining"

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION "Go Now in Peace" Traditional Israeli Melody

*POSTLUDE "Will You Come and Follow Me?" By C.E. Walz

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held **March 1st** immediately following the Worship Service for the sole purpose of electing Glenna Morgan to the Deacons. Glenna will fill the vacancy in our class of 2021 Deacons.

Welcome All
Share God's Love
Offer Hope
... all in Jesus' name



Hearing Assistance Devices, large print copies of the bulletin and hymns are available from an usher.

ARE YOU A VISITOR OR DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

If you are a visitor today please fill out one of our visitor cards. If you have a prayer request, please fill out the prayer request card.

Please drop your card in the offering plate.

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR...

Avonne (Laura D's mother)
Ed (Terri H)
Linda A (sister of Judy M)
Mary Lou A (friend of Larry & Dawn A)
Connie & Ed (Friends of Karen)
Sushma B
Mildred B
Mary Ann B
Virgil B (friend of Karen F)
Andree C
Becky C (former member)
Chuck C
Patrick C (Stu & Marie's son-in-law)
Renee C (Laura D's sister-in-law)
Jim C (Mary Ann's son-in-law)
Linda D (Jim & Sue's relative)
Betty F (Chris L's mother)
Shawn F (Karen F's son)
Jack and Donna F (uncle/aunt of Sue L)
Karen F
Adelaide G
Bruce & Linda G (friends of the Rutter's)
Nick G (Rutter's grandson)
Ricky G (Liataud's nephew)
Rita H (Jim & Ann's relative)
Mary Ann J (Judie T's friend)

Jessica (Charlie / Nancy's niece)
Bob L (Judie T's friend)
Steve (Jane L's brother)
Jim L (Groenewold's son-in-law)
Linda L (Judie T's friend)
Al M (Pastor Julie's cousin)
Glenna M
Judy M
Klee (Michaelis' son)
Kofi M (Grant-Acquah family friend)
Lisa M (Karen's daughter)
Steve M
Dick McW (Ann Moorman's brother)
Noah (nephew of Adelaide's son-in-law)
Jann P (Jeff P's father)
Susan Q (Ann S's boss)
Ann S
Larry V (Jim V's father)
April V (Chris V's cousin)
Caregivers
Communities impacted by natural disasters
Those devastated by terrorism
Families of suicide loss
Those who grieve

- **Friends/Family of Gloria** (Laura's friend)
- **Friends/Family of Barbara O**

BEING MORTAL: END OF LIFE PREPARATIONS

An educational Lenten series is coming our way!

Lent is a time when we reflect on our humanity as it relates to the life-giving promise of Jesus our Lord and Savior. We know our time on earth is limited and yet we often put off planning for the reality of our own life's earthly ending. On each of the last four Sundays in March we will be holding seminars to help us prepare for the ultimate reality of being mortal. These seminars will run from approximately 11:45am – 1:15pm.

This is the schedule of presenters and topics:

March 8 – Ahlgrim & Sons Funeral and Cremation Services will provide information on burial, cremation, costs, etc.

March 15 – Rev. Magdalena Garcia of VITAS Healthcare will teach us about hospice and palliative care services.

March 22 – Attorney Bill Kelley will discuss necessary legal documents for powers of attorney, living wills, and more.

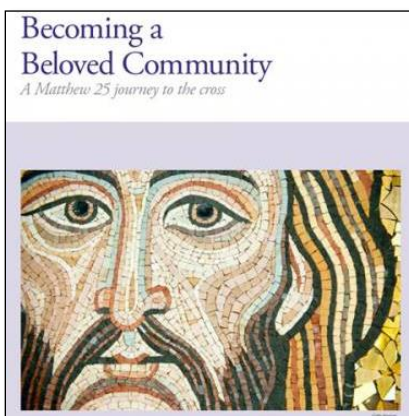
March 29 – Pastor Julie will walk us through preparation for our own funeral or memorial service.

Please invite friends, family and neighbors to join us in these discussions. These educational events are open to the public.

PLEASE RSVP online so we can prepare our materials!!!



LENTEN DEVOTIONALS



Presbyterians Today invites you to experience the power of God working in community with its newest devotional, “Becoming a Beloved Community: A Matthew 25 Journey to the Cross.”

The devotional begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2020, and concludes on Easter Sunday, April 12. Every day, a Scripture reading, short reflection and closing prayer tell the powerful story of how God’s love in action is changing lives. Also featured in the devotional are ancient and

modern mosaics depicting the life of Jesus. Readers are invited to pause and ponder the reflection question that accompanies each picture.

The Devotionals are available in the narthex and lounge.

FOOD DRIVE



The Schaumburg Food Pantry provides assistance to those in need within Schaumburg Township. **The most needed pantry items are:**

Boxed Pasta & Sauce
Large Cans of Soup

Canned Meats
Peaches & Pears

AGAPE SUPPER POTLUCK

Wednesday, February 26 at 6:00pm

We are looking for the following: Soup, chili, fruit, veggies, cornbread, or a dessert. (Please have your dish here by 5:45pm). Sign up online or in the lounge.



CAFÉ HOURS

Join Pastor Julie for *Café Hours* on Thursday mornings from 9:00-11:00 am at, Tous Les Jours @ 20 E Golf Rd, Schaumburg, IL (corner of Golf & Roselle Roads, same strip mall as Office Depot). Stop in to say hi, enjoy a cup of coffee, and share a prayer if you like.



SAVE THE DATE FOR COTC'S 60th ANNIVERSARY

We are celebrating Church of the Cross's 60th Anniversary on Sunday, May 31st.

Please spread the word with former members you are still in contact with. Ask them to call the church office to let us know they are interested in having their names added to the event contact list. OR, point them to the website where they can add their names to the event contact list. Click on the EVENTS tab, scroll down to the "60 YEARS" link to click and submit contact information.



Thank you for getting the word out!!

BOOK CLUB



Wednesday, March 11 @ 7:30 pm
A Piece of the World by Christina Baker Kline

CALENDAR

For the week of February 23rd

Sunday, February 23

9:00 am Sunday School for All
10:00 am Worship
11:30 am Coffee Hour & Fellowship

Wednesday, February 26

12 noon Lunch with pastor
1:30 pm Friendship Village Devotions
6:00 pm Agape Supper
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, February 27

9:00 am Café Hours with Pastor Julie
7:00 pm Choir practice

Sunday, March 1

9:00 am Sunday School for All
10:00 am Worship & Communion
Congregational Meeting
11:30 am Coffee Hour & Fellowship

March

3 Tuesday	4 Wednesday	5 Thursday	6 Friday	7 Saturday	8 Sunday
7:00 pm - Deacons meeting	NO Noon Lunch study group	9:00 am - Café hours with Pastor Julie 7:00 pm - Choir			9:00 am - Sunday School for All 10:00 am - Worship & Communion 11:00 am - Coffee Hour & Fellowship

Pastor Julie is on study leave March 2-4 – Call any Deacon or Elder if you have a pastoral care emergency.

WORSHIP RESOURCE SCHEDULE

Date	February 23	February 26	March 1	March 8
	Transfiguration of the Lord	Ash Wednesday	1 st Sunday in Lent	2 nd Sunday in Lent
Worship Leader	Stu Rutter	George Rogers	K Groenewold	C Walker
Disciple on Duty				
Usher/Greeter	Karen Franz		Buchholz	Amos
Counter				Jane Lesch
Communion Set Up				
Communion Servers				
Coffee Hour	Pastor Julie	Agape Supper		George Rogers