

Service of Divine Worship – February 7, 2010
Transfiguration of the Lord
Church Officer Ordination and Installation

Bible Memory Verse: “*We give thanks for you always, constantly mentioning you in our prayers.*” *1 Thess. 1: 2*

PRELUDE

(Please take this time for quiet reflection and prayer.)

We Gather To Worship our God

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. DR. PETER W. GREGORY

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST AND COLLECTION OF PRAYER REQUESTS

+ GLORY BE TO THE FATHER #813

**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.**

We Enter into God's Grace

CALL TO WORSHIP

#77 WORTHY OF LOVE AND PRAISE

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PRAYER OF WELCOMING

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+ HYMN OF PRAISE

#100 “THOU ART WORTHY”

Ministry of Prayer and Grace

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (SILENT)

REV. DR. PETER W. GREGORY

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER

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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.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW CHURCH OFFICERS

(Following the words of institution, all previously ordained Elders and Deacons are encouraged to come forward for a blessing and laying on of hands.)

THE OFFICE OF RULING ELDER CLASS OF 2013

ROBERT HOLLAND

ORDINATION TO THE OFFICE OF DEACONS

HEIDI GALLOWAY

GRACE READING

INSTALLATION TO THE OFFICE OF DEACON CLASS OF 2013

PATRICIA DURBOROW

JOYCE TOPPING

We Are Attentive to God's Word

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

II KINGS 2: 1-12

ANTHEM

“WORTHY OF PRAISES”

LYNN DESHAZO

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

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BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

+ DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

PSALM 50: 1-6

+ HYMN OF PREPARATION

#219 “SURELY THE PRESENCE (OF THE LORD IS IN THIS PLACE)”

GOSPEL LESSON

MARK 9: 2-9

PASTOR: The Word of the Lord

ALL: Praise be to God

MESSAGE

“TIME TO GET OFF THE MOUNTAIN”

REV. DR. PETER W. GREGORY

SPECIAL MUSIC

“*THERE IS A FOUNTAIN*”
PAT DURBOROW, KRIS GREGORY, KAREN THATCHER

ARR. TODD SMITH

At the Table of our Lord

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

This is an open table, for those who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, regardless of background, are welcome to partake of the Sacrament. Please retain all elements until all are served.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Please retain all elements until all are served. Parents please exercise common sense and judgment in sharing the sacrament with younger children.

We Respond With Prayer and Thanksgiving

+ HYMN OF RESPONSE #79 “*MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE*”

WORDS OF BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

REV. DR. PETER W. GREGORY

+ Please Stand if you are Able

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A hearty welcome to all who have come to praise God. Let us lift up our hearts in sincerity and openness to our Creator that we may be filled with love and light to share with the world.

VISITORS: We welcome you. If you would like a visit from Pastor Gregory, please fill out the card in the pew or the one in your visitor’s bag and place in the offering plate. Thank you.

ABOUT TODAY’S SERMON: *“The Transfiguration represented a turning point, a cross-roads in the public ministry of Jesus. Prior to the Transfiguration Jesus would speak often of his passion and the Cross. Post Transfiguration Jesus speaks more and more about his time in Jerusalem, and he would turn his eyes more often to that week, the cleansing of the Temple, the Crown of Thorns, and the Cross. Peter for one, did not want to leave the mountain he wanted to build three houses of worship and stay. Jesus reminded him and reminds us that ministry and work of the Lord is not on the mountain, but one must get off the mountain and go to where the need exists.*”

If you are in need of pastoral care please call the church office (during office hours) 609-397-0650; 8 – 12 Monday thru Friday and 8 – 3 on Wednesday. If it’s after office hours please call one of the Elders on call for month of February: Dot Kitchin at 609-291-0752 or Dan Serlenga at 908-788-5997.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TODAY

Greeting today is Debbie Crow
Sandy Lobley is the **Deacon** on stair glide duty
Nursery for church hour is provided for infants and children up to five years old. Heather Buchanan is the nursery helper this morning.
Coffee Hour after worship
7:00 PM, Famalia De Hoy
9:30 PM Soccer

MONDAY

3-7 PM, Lambertville Basketball
7:30 PM, Boy Scouts
9:30 PM, Woman’s Futball (soccer) in gym

TUESDAY

5 – 8 PM, Lambertville Basketball
7:15 PM, Praise Band
9:00 PM, AA

WEDNESDAY

5-9 PM, Lambertville Basketball in gym
7 PM, Everyone is invited to come out and meet Lynn Herring Stapleton, and learn about her work in the Philippines. Lynn grew up in our church, and is the daughter of Ted Herring and the late Phyllis Herring. Light refreshments will be available.
9:30 PM Soccer

THURSDAY

10:00 AM, Staff Meeting at the Church Office
5-9 PM, Lambertville Basketball in gym
6:15 Bell Choir
7:30 PM, Adult Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY

5:30 PM, AA
6-8 PM, Skating
8:15 PM, Friday Night Hang

SATURDAY

8 AM to 5 PM – Lambertville Basketball in gym
11 AM to 5 PM, Soup Sale

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 AM, Sunday School for all Ages
9:00 AM, New Members – Pastor’s Office
10:30 AM, Morning Worship
Coffee Hour
12:30 PM – 2:30 PM, Church Officer Training
7 PM Familias De Hoy
9:30 PM Futball

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Annual Church Officer Training: Pastor Gregory will offer his annual church officer training for new and returning Elders and Deacons next Sunday, **February 14, 12:30 – 2:30 PM** in the Westminster House.

Ash Wednesday Service: We will mark the Lenten Season with our traditional Ash Wednesday service, **February 17 at 7 PM.**

Interested in Joining the Church? Any who wish to explore church membership and what it means to be Presbyterian can meet with Pastor Gregory, Sunday, **February 14, 9 AM in his office.**

There is a 1-bedroom apartment for rent on the 2nd floor of the Studdiford building. It will be available on February 1. The rent is \$1,000 and includes heat. 1 ½ months security is required. Contact Dan Serlenga at 908-963-9617.

SOUP SALE, Saturday, February 13, 2010, 11 am to 5 PM at FPCL. Soups that will be for sale are: Onion, Roasted Tomato, Italian Vegetable, and Minestrone. Be sure to tell your friends and relatives. \$4 for ½ quart and \$8 for a full quart

Kids and Communion: I am occasionally asked by parents and grandparents alike, “What is the appropriate age to share the Sacrament with them”? In the liturgical church, this is a set age, about 5,

6 when they take First Communion after a period of instruction. There is no formal or set minimum age in the Reformed Tradition. The counsel of the historical Reformed church is that the elements of Bread and Wine must be respected and treated with reverence by all concerned at the Communion Meal. The proper age for the meal is when a child is able to comprehend and understand the symbolism of the elements and why we do this in a Church. There is not set age for that, it varies from child to child. The onus of responsibility is upon the responsible parent or adult to monitor the child and to ensure the reverence of the Sacramental elements. Again, the Sacrament is meant to be shared in the community of faith. Our faith community encompasses all people, newborn to 95. Children and young people are part of lives, just as any other age group in our church.

PRAYER CHAIN If you have any prayer needs during the week that you want the prayer chain to pray for please call Karen Seymour at 215-862-9359 or e-mail the church office.

PRAYER CONCERNS: our senior saints; our military at home and abroad; Dorcas Thompson cancer treatments; Naomi (daughter of Ursula Chirico) undergoing cancer treatment; Josephine (mother of Grace Reading) health concerns; Chad Ege, Marine who is serving his 1st tour of duty in Iraq; Kay Hagney, health concerns; Joyce Hayes, (Pat Buchanan’s mother) health concerns.

HOME BOUND: Mr. Lowell Hunter, at home; Theresa Castle, at home

SCHEDULED FOR NEXT SUNDAY: February 14, 2010

Lay Leader: Bob Holland

Greeting: Ken and Carol Kusant

Deacon scheduled for stairglide: Sandy Lobley

Church Hour Nursery: Danielle Griffiths

Hymn Tune

"My Jesus I Love Thee"
William Featherston (1846-1873)

The spiritual depth of today's hymn is made all the more remarkable by the knowledge that it was written by a teenager. William Featherston, from Montreal, Canada, is thought to have written these lines of heartfelt gratitude to Christ at the time of his conversion experience when he was only 16. It is believed he then sent a copy of his poem to an aunt in Los Angeles, and somehow the text appeared anonymously in print in an English hymnal, *The London Book*, in 1864.

Several years later, a well-known American Baptist pastor, Dr. A.J. Gordon, discovered the anonymous hymn in the English hymnbook and decided to compose a better melody for it. With its new tune, the hymn has since been included in nearly every evangelical hymnal and has been sung frequently by believers everywhere during hushed moments of rededication to God. May these words cause each of us even now to renew our devotion to God so that this love for Christ may be reflected in all of the activities of this day.