**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO…**

Sunday, Feb. 26:     Heather Meier, Beth Brinkman, Brianna Matthews
Monday, Feb. 27:    Cookie Roffey, Jeremy Stephen, Erik Johansen, Brysen Patel
Tuesday, Feb. 28:   Marie Elliott, Carol Justice, David Robicheau
Wednesday, Mar. 1: Carol Zieres, Marcy Seckman, Pat Callan, Charlie Larson
Thursday, Mar. 2:   Gary Reeder, Georgianna Winder, Shannon Long, Sonya-Nicole Weidner
Friday, Mar. 3:     Steve Winder, Emily Fisher
Saturday, Mar. 4:   Marilyn Lindblad, Brianna Winder, Roger Winder, Drew Hatch

If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven’t seen them in church recently, give them a call!

**HYMN NOTES:**

SING OF GOD MADE MANIFEST (156) Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain (193)

Today we sing two hymns about Jesus’ Transfiguration. That lectionary text always appears the Sunday before Lent begins. The middle hymn today (156) by Carl P. Dw., Jr. in just four stanzas moves us from Bethlehem to Jerusalem. Seven weeks ago on the First Sunday after Epiphany, we sang stanzas 1 and 2 about the birth and baptism of Jesus. Today we’ll sing the final two stanzas about that first miracle at the Cana wedding and the mountain top transfiguration. Because the Sundays commemorating the Baptism and the Transfiguration stand at either end of the Epiphany season, these two events help to frame these weeks that focus on how Christ was made known.

In the closing hymn (193), the Transfiguration is described in more detail but in stanza 4 goes even further to compare the “two mountains,” indirectly referring to “Mt. Calvary” and the events of Holy Week. This detail but in stanza 4 goes even further to compare the “two mountains,” indirectly referring to “Mt. Calvary” and the events of Holy Week. This detail but in stanza 4 goes even further to compare the “two mountains,” indirectly referring to “Mt. Calvary” and the events of Holy Week. This detail but in stanza 4 goes even further to compare the “two mountains,” indirectly referring to “Mt. Calvary” and the events of Holy Week. This detail but in stanza 4 goes even further to compare the “two mountains,” indirectly referring to “Mt. Calvary” and the events of Holy Week.

**CHILDREN’S MINISTRY NEWS**

**8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (16/17 School Year)

Children may remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday School worship following the anthem.

**9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

3 Yr. Olds- Kindergarten, Room 3

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Dan Gipson & Mauricio Estavil.

1st-2nd Grade, Room 2

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Meagan & Keith Decker.

3rd-5th Grades, Room 8

Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front Sanctuary rows, closest to the band. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to room 8 with Cassondra Fredriksen & Jean Swintek.

**11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

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**Childcare for children 3yrs-5th grade who attended Sunday school at 9:30 will be in room 2.**

Parents, if you wish for your children to receive communion please have them remain with you in the worship service on Communion Sundays. If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact Elder Dawn Winder, Chair of Worship Team.

**9:30 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Middle & High School Sunday School during the 9:30am service will meet for the New Serendipity Class with Youth Director, Jon Drawdy.

**ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**9:30 TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) Class– Rooms 9 & 11**

**9:30 A.M. Serendipity Class**

The “New Serendipity Class” for youth and adults will continue a study of Job today in the Youth Room.

**11:00 AM. Experiencing God Class** in room 15 led by Vicki Krueger.

**6:30-7:30 p.m. Bible Study in rooms 4 & 6**

Join us as we continue our Bible study, Sunday evenings at 6:30. We are beginning a study on characters in the Old Testament, learning more about some of the familiar ones as well as some less well-known characters. Come see how God used ordinary, flawed people like us for his work in this world. We meet in Room 6 for one hour. This is a discussion class where everyone has a voice. The book we are using is “Characters of the Old Testament” by Peter Scaczer. If you would like a book, please call Cindy Huffman at 727-733-8726. The cost is $9.

**COME, GROW, GO!**

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February 26, 2017
Transfiguration of the Lord
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

WE GATHER
(Let the congregation be silent, and in prayer as the music begins.
Please silence electronic devices.)

CALL TO WORSHIP
(Paul Means, Associate Pastor)
Leader: The revelation of God is whole and pulls our lives together.
People: The signposts of God are clear and point out the right road.
Leader: The life-maps of God are right, showing the way to joy.
People: God's Word is better than a diamond, better than a diamond
set between emeralds.
Leader: Let us worship God and open our minds and hearts to receive his
Word!

OPENING VOLUNTARY
“Psalm CL”                            César Franck

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
Chris Curvin, Pastor

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
(Chris Curvin, Pastor)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER
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.

WE SHARE
*HYMN #15
“All Creatures of Our God and King” LAST UNS ERFREUEN
(stanzas 1,3,5,6)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)
Almighty God, through the giving of your Word you have revealed the
beauty and perfection of your character and your will. In the Scriptures
you have written love letters proclaiming your great love for flawed and
struggling human beings. Yet sadly we often times do not take seriously
your invitation to come and get to know you better through your Word.

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WE CONFESS

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
We confess our sin and our need for God’s mercy.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581
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.

ANTHEM
“Psalm CL”                            César Franck

Praise the Lord with the timbrel, the timbrel and the dance:
O praise Him with the organ and instruments of strings.
Praise Him, praise Him upon the loud cymbals.
Praise Him, praise Him upon the high sounding cymbals.
Let everything that hath breath praise, praise the Lord!

WE UNITE IN PRAYER

MUSICAL OFFERING
“Didn’t My Lord Deliver Daniel” Traditional Spiritual
Westminster Youth Choir        arr. Roger Emerson

 Didn’t my Lord deliver Daniel, then why not every man?
He delivered Daniel from the lion’s den, Jonah from the belly of the whale,
And the Hebrew children from the fiery furnace, then why not every man?
I set my foot on the Gospel ship, and the ship began to sail;
It landed me over on Canaan’s shore and I’ll never come back no more.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*MUSICAL OFFERING
“Sing of God Made Manifest” SALZBURG
(stanzas 3,4)

WE HEAR THE WORD
SCRIPTURE READING
2 Peter 1:16-21 (page 987)

SERMON
“God Still Speaks, but Are We Listening?”
(Paul Means, Associate Pastor)

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY
“Pasticcio”                            Jean Langlais

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(1907-1991)

(Thomas Beckett, “Our Life is Hidden in Christ”)
(8:15) CHILDREN’S SONG
“Tumefurahi (We Rejoice)” Dave and Jean Perry
NPC Children’s Choirs (ages 3 – 5th grade)

CLOSING VOLUNTARY
“The Lord’s Prayer”

(Closing voluntary is the final act of worship. If you must leave before the end of
the service, please respect those who are listening and leave quietly.)

*KINGDOM COMES

*TUNE:

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

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COUNTDOWN

WELCOME
“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”   arr. William Moats
Westminster Handbell Choir (Middle School)

MEET & GREET

PRAISE SONGS
“Eye of the Storm”
“Ever Be”

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