Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth E. Broschart, Heather Perryman, Eddie Blount, Kent Shelton, Ray Beale, and Bernadine Hayes

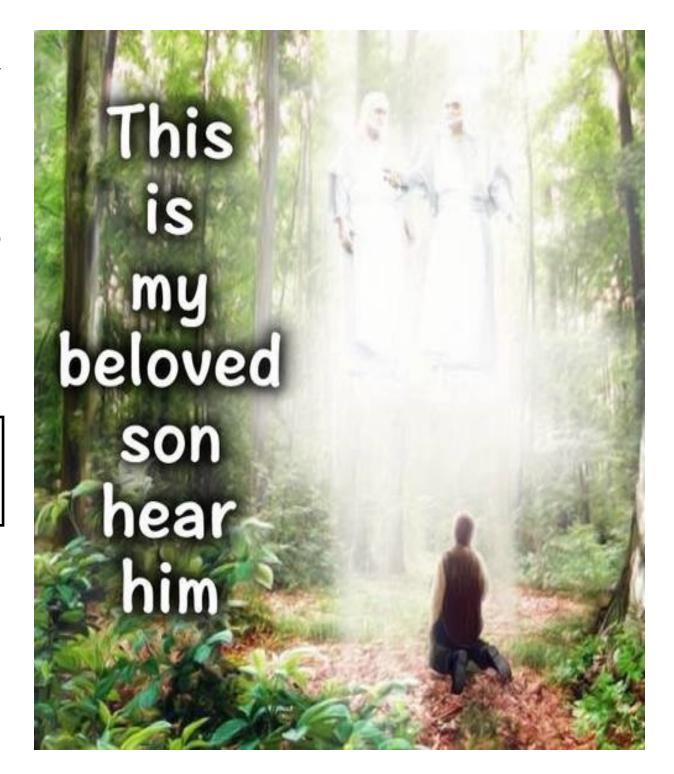
Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Dedication/Offering

Now, we know how easily we could treat our abundant resources as idols, Holy God, so we will treat them as they truly are, marvelous gifts meant to be shared so others might know of your marvelous presence in their lives. Bless what we offer to you, and use it in service to others, we pray. Amen.

Please place your tithes and offerings in the offering plates at the front of the Sanctuary as you enter or leave.

The flowers that enhance our worship are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of all those whom we have lost, by Sally and David Clark.



First Presbyterian Church

February 14, 2021

As the chimes ring in the worship hour, we invite people to enter a time of personal reflection and congregational worship. ***Please note: There will be no congregational singing.

Welcome and Invocation

Prelude "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

arr. Philip Keveren

Call to Worship

Beyond our busyness, above the cold winter floor, there is a glory rising born of heaven and reaching out to each one of us

a light that shines through the clouds, an invitation seeking all of who we are that transfigures the world

that transforms darkness into hope that brings life from a cross where old life ends and new life is born

In glory Jesus meets us here, raising us from depths of valley to the height of the mountain, carrying the weight of our humanity to the heights of heavens glory.

Let us worship from the mountain and hear again "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"

~ written by Rev. Rob Smith, Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church

Hymn of Summons "Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain"

GTG#193

A Time of Reflection

You are God's chosen Son, O Lord. Please help us listen to you. Help us open our hearts to your grace. Help us believe, help us love. We are small and we become afraid.

Show us your dazzling glory hidden in the hum-drum of our wondrous, every-day lives. Though we are sinners, make us one with you, and let us bring your life, death and resurrection to all people.

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Young Disciples

Kent Shelton

Prayers of the People

"Be Still For the Presence of the Lord"

Anthem "Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Richard Peek

Scripture Reading

Mark 9-2-9

Sermon

"Known by the Company We Keep: Called by Saints"

Hymn of Response:

"Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory"

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Sending

Come down from the mountain with mountain-like faith. Walk on God's paths as bright, shining lights. Live in God's ways with faith, hope, and love. Go into the world transformed and renewed!

Postlude

"Glorious Is Thy Name"

arr. Kenneth Varner

(Please remain seated)

Benediction

[~] from the Abingdon Worship Annual.

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

Jesus, take us to the mountain, where, with Peter, James, and John, we are dazzled by your glory, Light as blinding as the sun. There prepare us for the night by the vision of that sight.

What do you want us to see there, that your close companions saw? Your divinity revealed there fills us with the self-same awe. Clothed in flesh like ours you go, matched to meet our deadliest foe.

What do you want us to hear there, that your dear disciples heard? Once again the voice from heaven says of the Incarnate Word, "Listen, listen, everyone: this is my beloved Son."

Take us to that other mountain where we see you glorified, where you shouted "It is finished!" where for all the world you died. Hear the stunned centurion: "Truly this was God's own Son!"

We who have beheld your glory, risen and ascended Lord, cannot help but tell the story, all that we have seen and heard; say with Peter, James, and Joh: "You are God's beloved Son!"

Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

Swiftly pass the clouds of glory, heaven's voice, the dazzling light; Moses and Elijah vanish; Christ alone commands the height! Peter, James, and John fall silent, turning from the summit's rise downward toward the shadowed valley where their Lord has fixed his eyes.

Glimpsed and gone the revelation, they shall gain and keep its truth, not by building on the mountain any shrine or sacred booth, but by following the Savior through the valley to the cross and by testing faith's resilience through betrayal, pain, and loss.

Lord, transfigure our perception with the purest light that shines, and recast our life's intentions to the shape of your designs, till we seek no other glory than what lies past Calvary's hill and our living and our dying and our rising by your will.