

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK February 23 – March 1

Today	9:30am	Choir Practice
	10:00am	Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship
	2:15pm	Rise for Hunger Mission Depart LPC for Albemarle (3-5)
Monday	6:30pm	Session Meeting
	6:15pm – 7:15	Girl Scout Troop Meets at LPC
	6:00pm – 8:00	Card Ministry Meets (night edition)
Tuesday	11:00am	Senior Lunch Bunch-Hibachi Matthews
Wednesday	6:00pm	Wednesday Dinner
	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday	9:30-11:30am	Card Ministry Meets
	6:00pm	Weight Watchers Meet in FH
Sunday	9:30am	Choir Practice
	10:00am	Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship – Communion
	12:15pm	Congregational Mtg regarding Presbytery Disaster Assistance Building

UPCOMING EVENTS

Boy Scout Troop 202 Mtgs at LPC -*first one here*-
Tuesday, March 3, 7:00pm

10 Cent Per Meal Hunger Offering Collected
Sunday, March 8, during worship

Girl Scout Yard Sale at LPC
Saturday, March 21, 6:00am

Senior Lunch Bunch
Tuesday, March 24, 11:00am

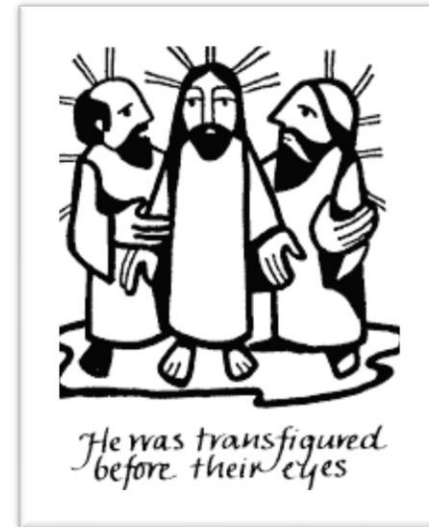
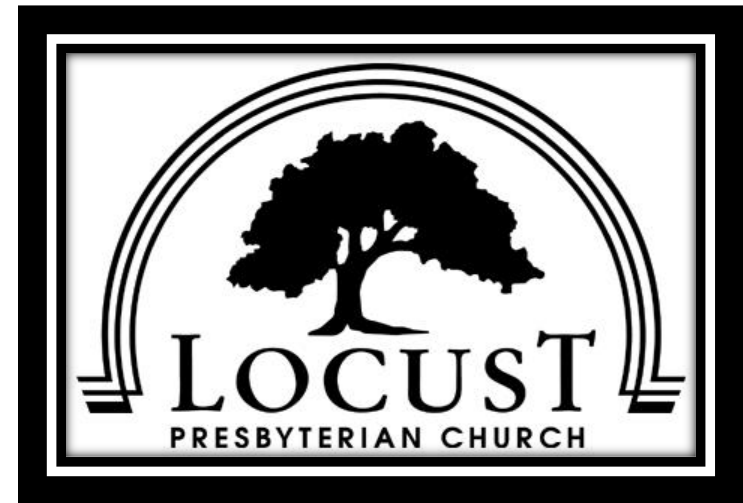
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Transfiguration Sunday celebrates the glorious revelation of God in Jesus Christ and Christ's manifestation as the fulfillment of the law and the prophets. Jesus' radiant appearance on the mountaintop evokes the devouring fire of the glory of the LORD at Mount Sinai (Exodus 24.17). Here, as at Jesus' baptism, God claims him as a beloved child, in whom God is well pleased.

*Please rise in body or spirit as you are able

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Skidmore

Please sign and pass the Register of Friendship during this time.

Choral Introit “Holy Ground”

LPC Choir

Written by Geron Davis, Christopher Beatty, Arranged by Russell Mauldin

“This is holy ground, We’re standing on holy ground. For the Lord is present, and where He is is holy.”

GATHERING

Call to Worship:

ONE: The Holy One is our sovereign

MANY: Let us praise God’s great and awesome name!

ONE: Mighty ruler, lover of justice,

MANY: You have established fairness among us. Let us worship you alone

***Hymn of Praise # 420 God of Grace and God of Glory**

Call to Confession

Rev. Skidmore

Trusting in God’s steadfast love, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession:

Glorious God, you are all wisdom and a lamp to our feet, yet we fail to listen to you and neglect to follow your guidance.

Forgive us, heal us, and lead us on, that we may walk in your ways and be happy in your refuge.

Let our lives be transformed by you, let our sinful nature be changed to be more like you, in love, in forgiveness, and in mercy. Hear the silent cries of my heart’s confession.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Skidmore

Children’s Message

Children are invited to join Rev. Ardy at the front

Anthem: “People Like Us”

LPC Choir

Written by Michael Fordinal, David Moffitt, Jerry Salley; Arranged by Cliff Duren

“People like us need a mighty Savior, People like us need a whole lotta love. All in need of a grace that’s greater reachin’ down and liftin’ up... people like us.”

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Matthew 5:33-48

Matthew 17:1-9

Sermon – “Love and other Transformations”

Rev. Skidmore

***Affirmation of Faith: (unison)**

Apostles Creed

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Hymn of Worship # 75 “O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair”**

Offering

Prayer requests may be placed in the offering plate

***Doxology**

Dedication Prayer and Prayers of the People

SENDING INTO THE WORLD

Sending Hymn “May You Run and Not Be Weary” see insert

Charge and Benediction

Rev. Skidmore

Postlude

Kay Howell



PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER FOR:

Our Session & Our LPC Family, Our Pastor- Rev. Ardy Skidmore, Our Government Leaders, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Our Youth, Military, Police Officers, Ruth, Bill, Helen, Virginia, Katherine, Fannie, Ruth, Bonnie, Karen, Glenda--knee recovery-at her daughters, Kelly-cancer, Tommy, Ray, David.

February Greeter/Usher: Leah Joyner & Janice Hils

March Greeter: Greta Baucom

Ushers: James Baucom, Dennis Joyner, Scott Hall & Rex Hovey

March Offering Counters: Chris Fish & Greta Baucom

WEDNESDAY MEAL TEAMS (captains listed) see one to volunteer

Team 1 – Cindy Fish 3-4, 4-1, 5-6
Team 2 – Ardy Skidmore 3-11, 4-8, 5-13,
Team 3 – LPC Team 3-18, 5-20
Team 4 – Amy Ennis **2-26**, 3-25, 4-22, 5-27
5th Wednesday Team – Girl Scout Troop – Contina Salyer – 4-29,

BRIDGE TO RECOVERY BREAKFAST TEAMS

Team 1 – Bob R, Ardy Skidmore, James B.
Team 2 – Larry B, Vicki. Chris F.
Team 3 - Nancy B, John H, Cindy F. – **2-24-20**
Team 4 – Matt S, Fred W, Skip H. - 3-9-20

SESSION Clerk of Session – Michael Longhurst

Class of 20: Nancy Bartlett, Jane Blackman, Michael Longhurst
Class of 21: Leah Joyner
Class of 22: Tammi Remsburg

MINISTERS: All of the Members of LPC

Stated Supply Pastor: Rev. Ardy Skidmore - revardylpc@gmail.com
Organist: Kay Howell Choir Leader: Bob Remsburg
Treasurer: Cindy Fish Piano: Patsy Smith
Sound Board: Stephen Remsburg, Lilly Hall
Bulletin/Communications: Amy Ennis - abbiv4@yahoo.com / 704.622.5003

Bulletin Announcements or prayer request:
Amy Ennis at abbiv4@yahoo.com or 704.622.5003

Session Committee Chairs:

Administration & Finance: Tammi Remsburg
Building & Grounds: Michael Longhurst
Congregational Life & Mission: Jane Blackman
Christian Education: Nancy Bartlett
Worship & Music: Leah Joyner

The church office phone number is 704.888.4339.

WE REJOICE THAT YOU ARE WORSHIPING WITH US

If you are visiting and would like to know more about the church and membership here, speak to Rev. Ardy Skidmore. You may email her at revardylpc@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S BAGS: Children's activity bags are in the Narthex for them to use during worship service. Please return to the usher as you leave.

RECYCLE: We have a box in the Narthex for you to place your bulletins to be recycled. We hope you will take the notes home as a reminder!

MUSIC TODAY: A few changes today... we'll open worship with a nice choral introit, *Holy Ground* and join in with the hymn *God of Grace and God of Glory*. The choir will share the anthem, *People Like Us*. This gospel song reminds us that all of us all need God's love. Our second hymn will be unfamiliar to most despite the fact that it dates to the 1400s. We close worship as our acolyte takes the light of Christ into world with the song, *May You Run and Not Be Weary*.

MEAL PACK TODAY: First Pres Church, Albemarle will host our meal-packing event sponsored by all 3 churches. We will start packing meals at 3:00 p.m. to be shipped around the world. We are planning to pack about 15,000 meals over the course of 2 hours. Those that have signed up we will plan to leave LPC at 2:15. **REMINDERS: Do wear comfortable clothing and footwear, Do not wear dangling jewelry, Wear a hat if you do not wish to wear the hairnet provided by the event organizers.** Please pray for those that will be receiving these meals and the volunteers that will pack & deliver them.

SENIOR LUNCH BUNCH: The SLB will travel to Matthews to have their monthly lunch at the Hibachi Grill. The van will leave LPC at 11:00am.

WEDNESDAY DINNER: We invite everyone to join us for Wednesday dinners each week at 6:00pm. This week Amy & Team will prepare the meal.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: This Wednesday will be Ash Wednesday and we will begin the Lent Season with the service at 7:00pm.

MISSION OPPORTUNITY: A congregational meeting will be held next Sunday - March 1st immediately after worship to vote on partnering with Presbytery Disaster Assistance to develop a lease for a portion of our property for an ongoing mission project. This project is headed by a national group as part of the PCUSA and has been looking for a home base and have determined that using a portion of our property will fulfill their need. **If you haven't seen the presentation, contact Rev. Ardy as you will need to have seen this before you vote.**

BOYSCOUTS: Cub Scout Pack 202 and Boy Scout Troop 202 will begin meeting at LPC on Tuesday, March 3rd at 7:00 PM. All boys from Kindergarten to age 18 are welcome to join and be a part of these fantastic units.

Matthew 5:33-48 (The Message)

Empty Promises

³³⁻³⁷ “And don’t say anything you don’t mean. This counsel is embedded deep in our traditions. You only make things worse when you lay down a smoke screen of pious talk, saying, ‘I’ll pray for you,’ and never doing it, or saying, ‘God be with you,’ and not meaning it. You don’t make your words true by embellishing them with religious lace. In making your speech sound more religious, it becomes less true. Just say ‘yes’ and ‘no.’ When you manipulate words to get your own way, you go wrong.

Love Your Enemies

³⁸⁻⁴² “Here’s another old saying that deserves a second look: ‘Eye for eye, tooth for tooth.’ Is that going to get us anywhere? Here’s what I propose: ‘Don’t hit back at all.’ If someone strikes you, stand there and take it. If someone drags you into court and sues for the shirt off your back, giftwrap your best coat and make a present of it. And if someone takes unfair advantage of you, use the occasion to practice the servant life. No more tit-for-tat stuff. Live generously.

⁴³⁻⁴⁷ “You’re familiar with the old written law, ‘Love your friend,’ and its unwritten companion, ‘Hate your enemy.’ I’m challenging that. I’m telling you to love your enemies. Let them bring out the best in you, not the worst. When someone gives you a hard time, respond with the energies of prayer, for then you are working out of your true selves, your God-created selves. This is what God does. He gives his best—the sun to warm and the rain to nourish—to everyone, regardless: the good and bad, the nice and nasty. If all you do is love the lovable, do you expect a bonus? Anybody can do that. If you simply say hello to those who greet you, do you expect a medal? Any run-of-the-mill sinner does that.

⁴⁸ “In a word, what I’m saying is, *Grow up*. You’re kingdom subjects. Now live like it. Live out your God-created identity. Live generously and graciously toward others, the way God lives toward you.”

Matthew 17:1-9 (The Message)

Sunlight Poured from His Face

¹⁷ ¹⁻³ Six days later, three of them saw that glory. Jesus took Peter and the brothers, James and John, and led them up a high mountain. His appearance changed from the inside out, right before their eyes. Sunlight poured from his face. His clothes were filled with light. Then they realized that Moses and Elijah were also there in deep conversation with him.

⁴ Peter broke in, “Master, this is a great moment! What would you think if I built three memorials here on the mountain—one for you, one for Moses, one for Elijah?”

⁵ While he was going on like this, babbling, a light-radiant cloud enveloped them, and sounding from deep in the cloud a voice: “This is my Son, marked by my love, focus of my delight. Listen to him.”

⁶⁻⁸ When the disciples heard it, they fell flat on their faces, scared to death. But Jesus came over and touched them. “Don’t be afraid.” When they opened their eyes and looked around all they saw was Jesus, only Jesus.

⁹ Coming down the mountain, Jesus swore them to secrecy. “Don’t breathe a word of what you’ve seen. After the Son of Man is raised from the dead, you are free to talk.”