

Fries Memorial Moravian Church

February 27, 2022



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***The Motto: In Essentials, Unity; in Non-Essentials,
Liberty; in All Things, Love.”***

***The Good News: God Creates, Redeems, and Sustains,
That we might respond in Faith, Love, and Hope!***

Transfiguration Sunday
February 27, 2022

Watchword for the Week

And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus alone. Matthew 17:8

Prelude

Call to Worship

The Church Litany

pages 5-9

Congregational Notes & Concerns: Peggy Carter, Randy Thrift, Sonny Pruette, and shut-ins Jim Reed and Julia Spainhour. A quick end to the Pandemic; the Possibility of War in Europe and the possibility of U.S. involvement.

Presentation of Tithes & Offering

Offertory Prayers of Praise & Petition

Offertory Music

Offertory Response

Hearing God's Word

Exodus 34:29-35

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Luke 9:28-36

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

Hymn

“How Good, Lord, to Be Here”

No. 326

Message

“*Two Veils*”

Hymn

“*God of Grace and God of Glory*”

No. 751

Benediction & Postlude

Covid Precautions

We have modified our Sunday worship to minimize the risk of meeting together. Please always wear your masks, making sure that it covers both the mouth and the nose, and remember to social distance! The streaming service is available live and on-demand from the first page of the website, www.frieschurch.org.

Lenten Communions

Ash Wednesday falls on March 2. We will have a drive-by communion from 6:00-7:00 p.m. We will have an in-person communion on Sunday, March 6. We will announce the Holy Week Schedule, including the Maundy Thursday Communion, at least one week before it begins.

Lenten Study in 2022

During Lent the pastor is leading a Zoom Bible Study on Galatians, “The Epistle of Faith.” We will meet from 7:00 to 7:45 p.m. on March 9, 16, 23, and 30. Would you like to participate? Email: frieschurch6@gmail.com.

Watchwords Still Available

You may still draw a personal watchword. The basket containing the texts is in the foyer.

Submission of Pastoral Concerns

If you know of a pastoral concern within our congregation, please email frieschurch6@gmail.com at your earliest convenience.

Staff:

Worth Green, Interim Pastor; Dana Myers, Student Pastoral Intern; Michael Westmoreland, Music Director & Organist; Heather Doty, Administrative Assistant.

Exodus 34:29-35 (NRSV)

29 Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. 30 When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. 31 But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. 32 Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. 33 When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; 34 but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, 35 the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 (NRSV)

12 Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, 13 not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. 14 But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. 15 Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; 16 but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. 4:1 Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. 4:2 We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Luke 9:28-36 (NRSV)

28 Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. 29 And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. 30 Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. 31 They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. 32 Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. 33 Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" -- not knowing what he said. 34 While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. 35 Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" 36 When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Galatians: A Lenten Study

The Lenten Study is about both method and content, that is, about how to approach and study the scripture, and about what scripture says. Our goal will be to identify keywords, key questions, contrasts, comparisons, etc. The study will last four weeks. The following is a general outline of St. Paul's letter to the Galatians, not a guide to what we will study on a particular night. If you want to get the most out of the study, read Galatians at least five times before the first session.

General Outline of St. Paul's Letter to the Churches of Galatia.

I. Chapters 1 & 2: Paul Defends his apostleship and his message. **Interpretive Questions:** Why was Paul defensive about his apostleship? His message?

II. Chapters 3 & 4: We become the children of God through faith in Jesus, not through the Law. **Interpretive Questions:** What role did the Law of Moses play before Christ? What role does the Law play in our lives now?

III. Chapters 5 & 6: As God's Children, possessing our freedom, God gives us guidance. **Interpretive Questions:** How does God give us guidance? How have *you* experienced God's guidance?

Key Observation: Contrast the way Paul begins his letter to the Galatians with the opening of his letter to the Philippians. Is there a difference? Why, do you think? **Key Observation:** What details that are extremely personal to Paul do we find in his letter to the Galatians? **Key Question:** What is the main theme of the letter, i.e., "the occasion for writing?"

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