

Transfiguration Sunday after Epiphany
February 19, 2023

Watchword: *God said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" Matthew 17:5*

Prelude

Call to Worship

Liturgy: Trinity **Page 100**

Congregational Concerns and Prayer **(See Insert)**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Hearing God's Word

Exodus 24:12-18 • Psalm 99 • 2 Peter 1:16-21

The Word of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God.

Hymn "How Good, Lord, to Be Here" **No. 326**

Message "God Stories"
Matthew 17:1-9

Closing Hymn "Festal Doxology" **No. 252**

Benediction

Postlude

Calendar of Events

Today 11:00 a.m. Worship
Noon Chicken Pie Group

Monday, Feb. 20 9:00 a.m. Make Chicken Pies

Tuesday, Feb. 21 Moravian Day of Giving

Wednesday, Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday

Saturday, Feb. 25 4:00-6:00 p.m. Prepare shelter "go" bags (FH)

Today's Board Members: Greg Knouse & Mark Lamb 

Next Sunday's Board Members: Warren Davis & Greg Knouse

Attendance Sunday Worship (02/12/2023): 41

Staff

Worth Green, Interim Pastor; Dana Myers, Associate Pastor;
Michael Westmoreland, Music Director & Organist;
Ashton Scott, Administrative Assistant.

Ash Wednesday: Drive-thru Imposition of Ashes will be available from 4-5 p.m. and both Ashes and Holy Communion is from 5-6 p.m. in the lower parking lot here at Fries.

Fries Financial Statement	
2023 Year-to-Date	
Offering	\$16,890.00
Expenses	\$14,571.44
Difference	\$2,318.56

Prayers for the Congregation and the World

Gracious God,

You are great, mighty and immortal,
Yet you are loving, compassionate and gentle.

You are beyond our knowing,

We see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ,
whose compassion lights our world.

We see vestiges of that glory in our everyday lives,
in both small and mighty ways.
We watch for your loving, compassionate and gentle touch
In the lives of those we love, of those we do not know,
and in the lives of all of humanity.

Transform us into the likeness of the love of Christ,
through whom we are empowered
to become the loving, compassionate and gentle touch of
this same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who live and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Submission of Pastoral Concerns and Prayer Requests

1. If you know of a pastoral concern within our congregation, please email frieschurch6@gmail.com at your earliest convenience.
2. If you want to add a name to the Confidential Prayer List contact Kathleen Brady at kabmhb@gmail.com.
3. If you wish to add a name to the Weekly Email and Sunday Bulletin contact Ashton Scott at frieschurch@gmail.com.

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Transfiguration Sunday

*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!*

Exodus 24:12-18

¹² The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.” ¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites.

¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Psalms 99

¹ The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! ² The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. ³ Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he! ⁴ Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. ⁵ Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he! ⁶ Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the LORD, and he answered them. ⁷ He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees and the statutes that he gave them. ⁸ O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them but an avenger of their wrongdoings. ⁹ Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain, for the LORD our God is holy.

2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹ So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, ²¹ because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Matthew 17:1-9

¹⁷ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves.

² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

Prayer Concerns - February 19, 2023

The Congregation: We remember those who are unable to join us in person: Jim Reed, Anna Fouts. We pray for restored health for: Pete Crater, Ken Brewer, Peggy Carter, Emma Davis, Randy Thrift, Judy Thrift and Sonny Whitney. We remember those who mourn. We also remember the John/Kate Lamb family whose family dog and son Nick were attacked by another dog. We remember those in need of God's strength. We celebrate with Ben and Jessica Lamb who are expecting a new baby in August!

Friends of the Congregation: We remember those in need of God's protection: the people of Ukraine, all our active-duty military, and missionaries of all denominations. We pray for restored health for: Gail Faircloth (Roger Faircloth) Marian Couch (Margaret Couch), Tim Knopf and Judy Knopf; for Treasure Faircloth's niece Sandy; for Don Stovall; for Nancy and Randy Welfare (Lambs); for Beth Mathis (Bradys); for Bryan Hayes (Justin Lang); for Kevin Hinson; for Bob Hunt, for Ceci Caryl, Dillon Perrell (Cindy Lamb). For those who mourn: the Andrews family, the family of Betty Brewer Kerner. We pray for strength for: David McElveen (son of Rev. David McElveen), Doris Atwood (aunt of Tommy McNulty), David Dohig (Warren Davis), Hannah Duggins (Heather Stevenson), and for Joan and Willie (Rob Lang).

Around the Province: We remember our leaders, the PEC and its president, Rev. Neil Routh, the Moravian Church Boards and Agencies, churches without pastors, and pastors taking up new ministries. For retired and retiring ministers and those in transition. For the upcoming Moravian Ministers' Retreat, Feb. 23-24.

Around the Nation and World: Peace in the world, healing of our divisions, our leaders, governing officials, and their families. For the victims of the earthquake that struck Turkey and Syria last week and their families.