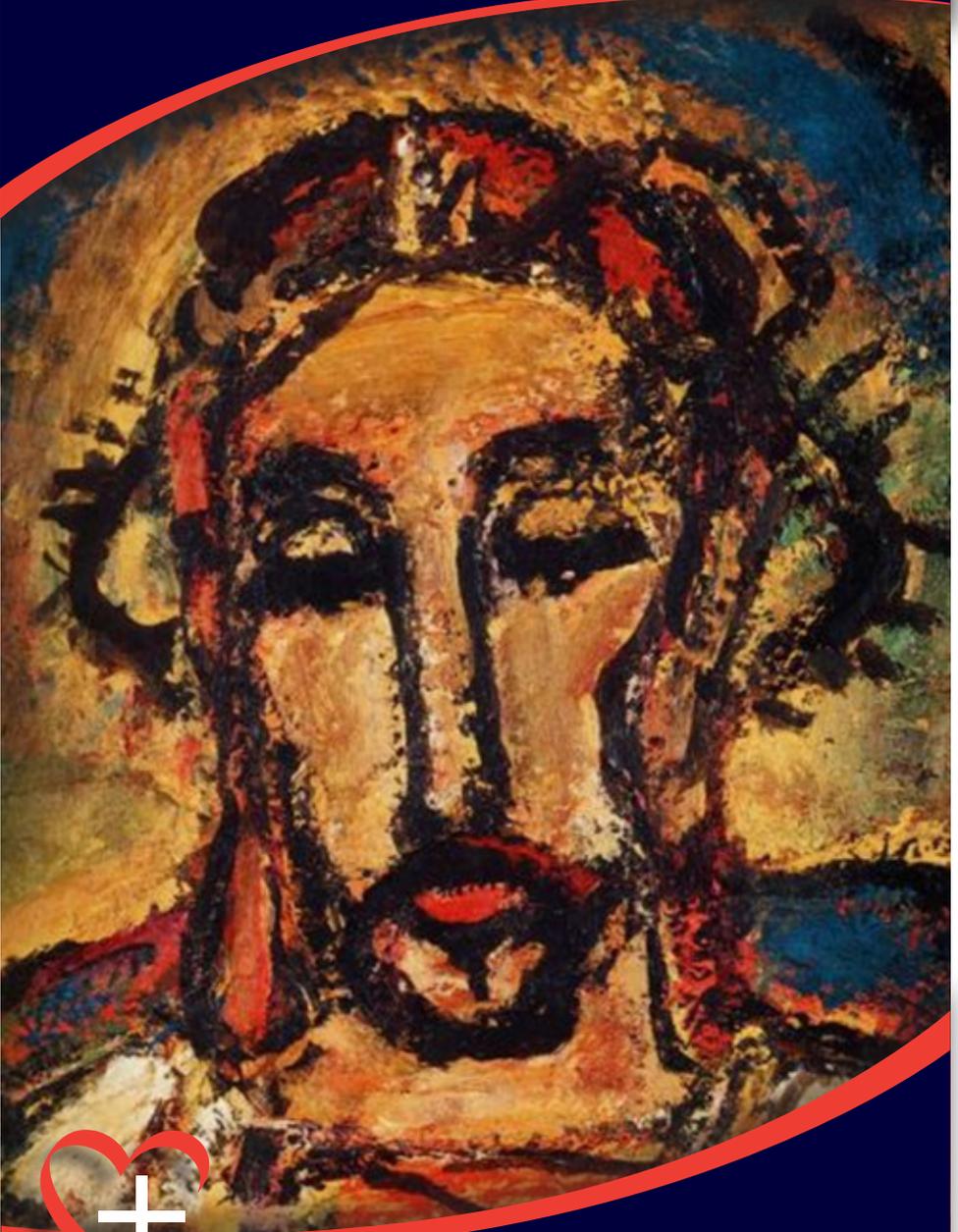


FEBRUARY 7, 2016  
TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD SUNDAY



*First Presbyterian Church of West Chester*

**Welcome** to First Presbyterian Church. As a community of faith, we strive to “above all, love.” As we worship God together, we pray that you will experience Christ’s presence in our midst, and that he will sustain you in the week ahead. A special welcome goes out to you if you are visiting. If you are with us for the first time, stop by the Welcome Center in the foyer to find out about the many opportunities available to you in the life of our congregation. We hope you will worship with us again next Sunday.

**We** invite you to sign the Friendship Register, which you will find at the center aisle of each pew. As you pass it to others in your pew, note who is sitting near you, so you may greet them by name. Please note that hearing aids and large print bulletins are available from the ushers. Maps showing available parking are in the racks in the Fellowship Hall.

**C**hildren are always welcome, and encouraged to participate in worship. Children’s Worship Activity Bags are available from the ushers.

**The Mission Statement of First Presbyterian Church**

Called to love God and one another, First Presbyterian Church responds to God’s grace by following Christ with ministries of hospitality, worship, faith development, service and generosity.



Leading Us in Worship Today:

Caroline Cupp, *Associate Pastor*  
 Kelsey Wallace, *Christian Education Assistant*  
 Marcia Sommers, *Director of Music and Fine Arts*  
 Joyce Chen, *Organist*  
 Jane Waddington, *Assistant Organist*

*ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME*

**CHIMES** – A call to stillness

*Use these moments prior to the Prelude to greet one another briefly. At the ringing of the chimes, please seek the presence of God in stillness and quiet. Please silence cell phones.*

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

Prelude in G Major

J.S. Bach

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsively)

from Romans 8:31-39

The Holy One is in our midst

**Preparing us for life in the service of Christ**

In Christ we are more than conquerors,

**For nothing in creation can separate us from the love of God!**

**\*HYMN #366**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Hyfrydol

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

Merciful God, we offer you our lives, full as they are of shadow and light, of kindness and apathy, of shame and hope. For those times when we have not spoken up, for those times when we have not acted, forgive us. Give us courage to name what is wrong when we see it. Give us confidence to make difficult decisions. Take what is broken in us and mend it. Take what is wrong in us and right it. Take what is destructive in us and immobilize it. Take what feels useless in us and make it useful. Heal our sin, we pray.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*RESPONSE**

Meineke

“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.”

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (unison)

The 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.

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**SCRIPTURE READING** Romans 8:1-4, 31-39

New Testament, Page 157

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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.

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

THE OFFERING

Offertory "With Praises Ring" Barbara Kinyon The JuBellation Ringers

\*Offertory Response Old Hundredth

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen."

\*Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Samuel 6:12-16, 20-23 Old Testament, Page 280

SERMON "For Shame." Rev. Caroline Cupp

GO IN GOD'S NAME

\*HYMN #39 "Great is Thy Faithfulness" Faithfulness

\*CHARGE

\*BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE Toccata in F Major Dietrich Buxtehude

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

As the children are going to their classes, we will sing Hymn #175, v.1, "Lafferty":

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you, Allelu, alleluia."

After worship, parents may pick up children at their classroom.

Lower level: Nursery rm 5, Pre-K rm 6, K-1 rm 10, Gr 2-3 rm 14, JAM in Social Hall.

Upper level: Gr 4-5 room 214B, Confirmation 209, Middle Sch 210, Sr High 216.

**SCRIPTURE READING** Romans 8:1-4, 31-39 New Testament, Page 157

**ANTHEM** "The Gift to be Simple" Traditional Shaker Tune  
arr. Bob Chilcott

*"'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,  
'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,  
and when we find ourselves in the place just right,  
'twill be in the valley of love and delight.*

*When true simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend, we shan't be afraid,  
to turn will be our delight, 'til by turning we come 'round right."*

The Chancel Choir

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MOMENT FOR MINISTRY** Deacons Art Zadrozny

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION** 10:30 a.m.

The Sacrament of Adult Baptism is given to:  
Brandon Michael Rowan

In addition, we welcome new members:  
Brandon Rowan and Priscilla Jaramillo

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\***HYMN #215** "What Wondrous Love Is This" Wondrous Love

**SCRIPTURE READING** 2 Samuel 6:12-16, 20-23 Old Testament, Page 280

**SERMON** "For Shame." Rev. Caroline Cupp

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\***HYMN #39** "Great is Thy Faithfulness" Faithfulness

\***CHARGE**

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**CHORAL RESPONSE** "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" Peter C. Lutkin

*"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord lift his countenance upon you and give you peace.  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. Amen."*

**ORGAN POSTLUDE** Fanfare Jacques Lemmens

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Our sympathy and prayers are with:

Cesar and Estilita Lopez of Getsemeni Church, Guatemala,  
in the death of their son Aldolfo.

**Ushers**

**8:00 a.m.** – Mark Creager, *Head Usher*; Charles Haverstraw

**9:00 a.m.** – Mike Condon, *Head Usher*; Steve and Sue Soulas, Scott Drap,  
Greg Speer, Kip Volkman

**10:30 a.m.** – Michael Louis, *Head Usher*; Debby Louis, Dick and Linda Seiwel,  
Bruce Cavin

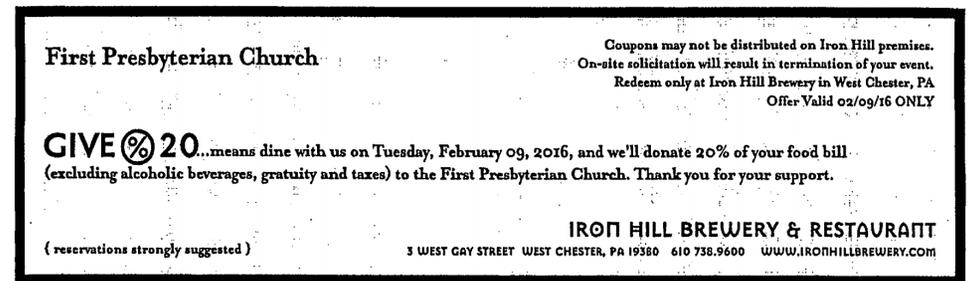
**Coffee Deacons today:** Charles Simon and Bill Keltz

**Flower Deacons today:** Monica and Rudy Treichel

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SERVICE AND OUTREACH**

• **Take a break from packing lunch or making dinner! Support Stop Hunger Now!** by visiting Iron Hill restaurant in West Chester for lunch and/or dinner on Tuesday, February 9. Iron Hill will donate 20% of your food bill to the 24-hour, joint Stop Hunger Now! event with Westminster Pres. You need to present this coupon to your server in order for First Pres to get the contribution:



The 24-hour meal packaging event is scheduled from 4:00 p.m. Friday, **April 29** through 4:00 p.m. Saturday, **April 30**. In those 24 hours we will pack 120,000 meals. In order to do this, we need to raise a total of \$34,800. Other dates to mark on your calendar include:

- **Thursday, March 10, 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.**, at PJ Whelihans in West Chester;

(will donate 15% of your bill)

- **Sunday, March 20** for the Stop Hunger Now! bake sale.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Please be sure to stop by the Bake Table next Sunday, February 14**, in Fellowship Hall and help support the Presbyterian Women's mission projects. Your patronage is much appreciated.

### WORSHIP AND MUSIC



- **Lenten Worship Services and Lunches Begin This Wednesday:** Join us every Wednesday beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 10, through March 23 at noon, for a half hour service and a luncheon following. Center yourself for the Lenten season, hear a guest speaker and fellowship with church and community members. Lunch is \$6 and includes a main dish, side dish, dessert and drinks cooked and supplied by fellow church members. Services and lunches are open to everyone!

*This Wednesday's pulpit: Rev. Caroline Cupp*

- **SAVE THE DATES – March 4-5-6 – the 10th Annual WEEKEND WITH THE ARTS** You'll want to be here during the 10th anniversary of the annual art show and accompanying programs that will brighten your winter. Thirty artists will have their works on display, and we will welcome jewelry artists Katy Winters, working with her high-quality silver jewelry at the art show opening on Friday.

#### Friday, March 4 - Art Show Opens

6:30-9:30 p.m. Live jazz and refreshments

#### Saturday, March 5 - Art Show continues through the day

9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

#### Sunday, March 6

9:00/10:30 a.m. *100% Chance of Rain* The Celebration Singers lead us in the story of Noah  
3:00 p.m. The Choirs of First Presbyterian and Paoli Presbyterian, in a festive concert of music with chamber orchestra; Free; offering received; reception to follow

Art Show will be open from 8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ADMINISTRATION

- **Sunday, February 28 – The Congregation and Corporation of the First Presbyterian Church, West Chester, PA are called to meet for the annual meeting, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service.**

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- **“CALLED”** is a faith formation opportunity for adults this Lent, led by Pastor Steve Clark. You'll have **three opportunities** to be part of this series:

**6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays (beginning February 17)**, as part of the “Bridge” study,

**9:45-11:00 a.m. Thursdays (beginning February 18)** and

**9:00-10:00 a.m. Sundays (beginning February 14)**.

In this six-week series we'll explore what it means to be people of Christ, people who live in the world with meaning and purpose. *What are our lives in this world about? What are we to make of being human, and how can we live fully?* To guide our conversations, we'll use Mark Labberton's book, *Called: The Crisis and Promise of Following Jesus Today*. Each participant will need a copy of the book (\$15). **Sign up** in Fellowship Hall Sunday mornings, at Bridge gatherings, or at the First Pres website. For details on the Sunday morning sessions, contact Bob Atchinson ([batchinson@aol.com](mailto:batchinson@aol.com)).

- **Bucket School Open House and Art Show Monday, February 29 (Leap Day):**

5:30-7:30 p.m. Tour the preschool, meet our director and teachers, and enjoy the artwork displays. Jody Weaver, from *Makin' Music*, will be here at 6:30 to perform for the children. We are opening up this event to the community, as well as our Bucket School families, to come check out our fabulous facilities, and to enjoy the children's artwork.

### CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & MEMBERSHIP

*Please note: parent/responsible adult presence required at all family friendly events.*

- **The Bridge Dinner** – Team Campbell will serve hearty minestrone soup, with a gourmet bread and butter bar. Salad bar and dessert will be available as well. Vegetarian option also available. If you are interested in cooking a Bridge dinner, please contact Jennifer Rosenberg at [jrosenberg@firstpreswc.com](mailto:jrosenberg@firstpreswc.com). For reservations, contact Nakeya Hovington at [nhovington@firstpreswc.com](mailto:nhovington@firstpreswc.com), or call the church office to be connected to her voicemail by 12:00 noon on Monday.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **BridgeKidz This Week:** We'll have a shortened session (6:30-6:45 p.m. in Fellowship Hall) so children and their families can attend the Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Steve will talk with the children about the story of Lent, and the meaning behind Ash Wednesday.



- **First Pres is having another Movie Matinee for Adult Seniors on Wednesday, March 2 in Fellowship Hall.** A light lunch will be served at 12:00 Noon and movie starts at 12:30 p.m. We'll be screening the 2015 film, "War Room" starring Alex Kendrick, Priscilla Shirer, T.C. Stallings, Michael Jr., Karen Abercrombie, Alena Pitts, and Beth Moore. A compelling drama with humor and heart that explores the power that prayer can have on marriages, parenting, careers, friendships, and every other area of our lives.

Starting today, there will be a sign-up table in Fellowship Hall, or contact Linda Simunov, Event Coordinator, with any questions or sign-up at 610-696-0554 or [lsimunov@firstpreswc.com](mailto:lsimunov@firstpreswc.com). Please sign up by Sunday, February 28, 2016.

# Connection Card

I would like more information about:

- Becoming a Christian
- Becoming a member of First Presbyterian
- Connecting with a group
- Offering Envelopes
- Children's Ministries (Birth - Grade 5)
- Youth Ministries (Grades 6-12)
- Adult Ministries
- I would like a call from a pastor
- Other:

Prayer Request or other information you'd like to share with the pastoral and church staff:

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**SUNDAY** – February 7  
**TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD SUNDAY**  
 8:00am Worship  
 8:30am Sunday Social ('til 10:30am)  
 9:00am Worship; Nursery to age 2; Sunday School for all ages; Radio Broadcast on 1520AM; Live web stream  
 10:30am Worship; New Member Recognition; Baptism; Nursery to age 2; JAM age 3-Grade 5  
 11:30am Column Classics Bd mtg.  
 1:30pm Children's Musical Auditions  
 2:00pm Celebration Singers Rehearsal ('til 3:00)

*NO Senior High & Middle School Youth Group*

**MONDAY** – February 8  
 7:15am Worship Comm mtg. (off site)  
 7:30am Building & Maintenance  
 5:30pm New Deacon Orientation  
 7:00pm Grace Circle; Deacon Chairs & Officers; Congregational Life & Membership mtg.; Personnel Committee

**TUESDAY** – February 9  
 10:00am Faith Community Nurse Office Hours  
 5:30pm Men's Ministry Studies - Mars Group  
 7:00pm Stewardship Ministry mtg.; Peace Circle (off site)  
 7:30pm Men's Ministry Studies

**WEDNESDAY** – February 10  
**BRIDGE**  
 9:00am Sew Many Blessings; Sermon Talk  
 9:30am Praise Circle (off site)  
 10:00am Bulletin deadline  
 12:00pm Lenten Worship  
 12:35pm Lenten Lunch  
 4:30pm Cherub Choir  
 5:00pm Celebration Singers; Cherub Club  
 5:30pm Bridge Dinner

6:15pm Youth Singers  
 6:30pm BridgeKidz (until 6:45pm)  
 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship

**THURSDAY** – February 11  
 9:00am Hope Circle  
 6:30pm JuBellation Ringers  
 7:30pm Chancel Choir; Middle School Bible Study (off site)

**FRIDAY** – February 12  
 6:00am Men's Study Groups  
 1:00pm Sweet Dreams

**SATURDAY** – February 13

**SUNDAY** – February 14  
**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**PW BAKE SALE**  
 8:00am Worship  
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 11:30am Youth Committee mtg.  
 4:00pm Senior High & Middle School Youth Group

*Office Hours:  
 Mon - Fri 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.*

#### LOOKING AHEAD

**MONDAY** – February 15  
**PRESIDENTS DAY**  
**OFFICES CLOSED**  
**NO BUCKET SCHOOL**  
 6:00pm Exchange Club Family Center Advisory Bd. mtg.  
 6:30pm Finance Committee  
 7:00pm Service & Outreach mtg.

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## Interfaith Housing Assistance Corporation of Chester County

Interfaith Housing Assistance Corporation of Chester County is a non-profit corporation that has as its purpose the prevention and/or the end of homelessness among single parents with dependent children in Chester County, Pennsylvania. It is our goal to provide financial assistance, social service and mentoring support, enabling families to remain in clean, safe, affordable housing while they work towards independence.

We were founded by a committee of representatives from the West Chester (PA) Council of Churches and Incorporated in 1993 to help our less fortunate neighbors, regardless of any religious affiliation. Since that time, Interfaith Housing has helped hundreds of families of single working parents throughout all of Chester County. More than half of those have received rental assistance in addition to extensive case management, keeping their families clean and safe and out of homeless shelters.

Working parents accepted into our program benefit from our staff's expertise in all facets of homelessness prevention. They:

- can be either single mothers or fathers with their dependent children living with them.
- can receive services for up to three years.
- can meet with our case managers after hours and on weekends, when it is most convenient for them.
- receive personal financial coaching, attend workshops, and have access to services of other agencies who specialize in job skills training, free income tax preparation, savings programs, and more.

Single parents who stay in our program for three full years emerge stable and proudly able to provide for their families.

*Interfaith Housing is one of our local mission partners. Our continued support of this and all partners goes so far beyond purse, time and talent, in impacting the lives of those in need.*

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