

# TOWNLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" (Luke 9:35)*

*Transfiguration Sunday*

*March 3, 2019*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAY LEADER

## CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

LAY LEADER

Climb with Moses up the mountain of God.

**God's glory shines like the sun.**

Climb with Jesus up the mountain of God.

**Christ's glory shines like the sun.**

Climb with the faithful up the mountain of God.

**The Spirit's glory shines like the sun.**

Climb the mountain of God.

**We have come to see and to worship.**

## OPENING PRAYER

LAY LEADER

Source of awe and mystery,

as your presence caused Moses' face  
to shine with your glory,

may your presence in our time of worship  
cause our lives to shine with your glory.

Reveal the glory of Christ to us this day,

as you revealed it to Peter, James and John  
on that mountaintop long ago.

Transform our worship with the light of discovery,  
that our souls might shine the light of Christ  
into a world in need of your love. **Amen.**

**\*HYMN:** #66 Every Time I Feel the Spirit

## CALL TO CONFESSION

LAY LEADER

In trust, let us call upon God's holy name,  
confess our sin,  
and receive forgiveness.

**\*Please stand if you are able**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)**

**ALL**

**God of majesty and might,**

**we imagine the face of Moses shining with the radiance of your glory;  
we pretend that we would not look away in fear  
or feel relieved when he shielded our eyes from the effects of your power;  
we imagine being commended for our courage in the face of your splendor—  
but we know better.**

**We long to be invited like Peter, James, and John**

**to witness Christ's glory,  
but we secretly suspect that we too would be weighed down with sleep,  
or feel the need to speak when we should be listening.**

**Test our hearts, O God.**

**Call us to climb your mountain,**

**that we might face our fears and prove ourselves worthy  
of your holy calling. Amen.**

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

**LAY LEADER**

Jesus was transfigured on the mountaintop  
to show us the power and the glory of God.

In the light of Christ's glory,  
know that we are made whole  
through the love and grace of God.

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**ALL**

**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.**

**\*THE PEACE**

**LAY LEADER**

See the light of Christ shining in those around you,  
greet one another from where you stand with signs of Christ's peace  
and signs of God's love.

The Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also, with you.**

**\*Please stand if you are able**

**ANTHEM:**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**PASTOR**

**SCRIPTURE:**

**PASTOR**

Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12–4:2; Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

**SERMON “*Listen to Him*”**

**PASTOR**

**\*HYMN:** #190 Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

**THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

**PASTOR**

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**A TIME OF SHARING – *JOYS AND CONCERNS***

**PASTOR**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**PASTOR**

*(Responsively)*

To you, O Lord, we pray.

**Answer us with mercy.**

Almighty, all-merciful God,  
lover of justice and giver of peace,  
Hear our prayer:

**Answer us with mercy.**

For your people Israel,  
for the church of Jesus Christ,  
and for all who seek your face.

**Answer us with mercy.**

For leaders and elders  
that they will abide by your commandments.

**Answer us with mercy.**

For the earth that you have made,  
trembling for redemption and re-creation.

**Answer us with mercy.**

For those who are tormented  
by the demons of illness, addiction, and grief.

**Answer us with mercy.**

Let our lives and our world  
be transfigured by your glory  
and transformed by your love;

**\*Please stand if you are able**

**Answer us with mercy.**

As we pray in the name of the One who taught us to pray, saying...**Our Father...**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**LAY LEADER**

We serve the Lord with freedom;  
we worship God with joy.  
In freedom and in joy,  
let us present the offerings of our lives to the Lord.

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE: HYMN #175 Seek Ye First**  
*Seek ye first the kingdom of God*  
*And His righteousness;*  
*And all these things shall be added unto you.*  
*Allelu, alleluia!*

*Ask, and it shall be given unto you;*  
*Seek, and ye shall find.*  
*Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.*  
*Allelu, alleluia!!*

*You shall not live by bread alone,*  
*but by every word*  
*that proceeds from the mouth of God.*  
*Allelu, alleluia!*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**LAY LEADER**

Lord of Light, when we become complacent  
and fail to see the wonder of your presence,  
you bless us with your radiance and your love.  
Illumine these gifts,  
that the world may see your light  
shining in our gifts and our offerings.  
Illumine our very lives,  
that our souls may shine like Christ  
as he was transfigured upon the mountaintop. Amen.

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

**PASTOR**

Come into the deep water of God's love.  
Cast your nets into the miraculous waters of Christ's grace.

**\*Please stand if you are able**

Drink of the living water,  
eat of the bread of life,  
for this is the table of abundant love.

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** (*Responsively*)

Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to our loving God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

In ancient days,

you created us in your image,  
and called us to be your people.

Even when we turned away and ignored your voice,

you pursued us and called us:  
through the proclamation of your law,  
the words of your prophets,  
and the wisdom of your poets and storytellers.

In the fullness of time, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ  
to call us yet again:

on the shores of Galilee,  
in crowded markets, and on dusty roads,  
inviting us to risk everything,  
and to place our trust in you.

And so, with your creatures on earth  
and all the heavenly chorus,  
we praise your name  
and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy One,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in your holy Name.**

**\*Please stand if you are able**

## **Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you and holy is your Son, Jesus Christ,  
who called to his disciples,  
even as he shared a final meal with them,  
calling one and all to remember and reflect  
when we eat of the bread and partake of the cup.

“Take, eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.”

“Drink from this, all of you.

This is my life, poured out for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of your mighty acts of love and grace,  
We offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and vine.  
Make them be for us the body of Christ,  
and make us all members of the body of Christ,  
nourished for the healing of the world. **Amen.**

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS**

**ELDERS**

**\*HYMN:** #192 Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining

**CHARGE and BLESSING**

**PASTOR**

**POSTLUDE**

***WORSHIPPERS AND GUESTS ARE INVITED:***

*Join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service for refreshments and a time of fellowship.*

**\*Please stand if you are able**

## PASTOR'S CORNER

### Operation Warm Heart

During the coldest months, December to March, the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless sponsors an emergency shelter program called Operation Warm Heart. With the help of local churches and community groups, up to 14 homeless individuals are given clothing, toiletries, a hot meal and a warm bed each night of the week. Volunteers to help cook meals, provide hospitality or sort donations to make personal kits for each guest are always needed.

Townley has partnered with the St. Elizabeth Episcopal Church in Elizabeth to provide temporary overnight shelter for these individuals. The dates are as follows:

#### **Monday, March 11**

Monday, March 25

Volunteer to greet and serve an evening meal from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Let Pastor Ron know what dates you are available. You need not volunteer for all the dates. Thank you!

### Reflections on the Lord's Prayer

#### *A Lenten Study*

- The goal of this study is for all of us to deepen our understanding of the Lord's Prayer and pray it with new energy. Lent is a period of fasting, moderation, and self-denial. During Lent, some eat sparingly or give up a particular food or habit.
- Why not take time this season to get closer to God through His Word? **Join us on Wednesday evenings beginning March 6 at 6:30 PM.**

To learn more about Townley Presbyterian Church:

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- Visit our website: [Townleychurch.org](http://Townleychurch.org)
- Like Us on Facebook: Townley Church

*Ron Thompson, Pastor*

A huge **"Thank You"** to all the helping hands that made the **Sweetheart Brunch** possible:  
Glenn Zehner: Beautiful decorations  
Lisa Heims: Beautiful baskets  
Kathy Kreie: Facilitating the raffle  
Betsy Smith: Table Favors  
Kitchen Crew:  
Betsy Smith, Linda Zehner, Maryanne Cove, Irene Schoenwalder, Kathy Kreie  
I very much appreciate your time and hard work.

Many thanks,

*Jane Donahue*

### "A Time for Prayer"

Mondays at 4:00 PM

If you can't make it to the church, take some "Time to Pray".

### Nursing Home Visitation

Second Sunday of the month:

**March 10, 2019**

Join us at 2:00 PM at the Delaire Convalescent Center 400 W Stimpson Ave, Linden, NJ to share the Good News in word, song and presence.

### Book Club

Meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month right after service. We are currently reading "A Year of Living Biblically". Join us!

### A Note from Our Treasurer

2/24/2019

We received \$948 in pledge & plate.

*Janet Sangekar*

An anonymous \$1500 donation was received in memory of S.H.S. with the note "Use where best needed".

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

7 Cayla Kerekgyarto

12 Tom Catalano

**\*Please stand if you are able**