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Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 23, 2020 9:30 am



***WELCOME VISITORS
DISCOVER GOD'S ABUNDANT
GRACE AND LOVE***

*We extend a cordial welcome to all
who worship with us today. We give
thanks that you are here with us.
Please sign our guest book and come
back and worship with us again.*

We Gather in Jesus' Name

Prelude

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
the eternal voice from heaven,
the anointed and beloved one,
the Spirit moving over the waters.

Amen.

As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God who searches us and knows us,
**you have shown us what is good,
but we have looked to other lights to find our way.
We have not been just in our dealings with others.
We have chosen revenge over mercy.
We have promoted ourselves
instead of walking humbly with you.
With what shall we come before you?
Forgive us our sin,
and show us your salvation
in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Beloved of God,
you have not received the spirit of the world,
but the Spirit that is from God,
poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ.
Receive the promise of baptism:
You are God's child; ☩ your sins are forgiven.
Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.
Amen.

THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

FEBRUARY 23

8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
Fellowship Time

9:30 a.m. Contemporary Holy Communion
Sunday school - age 4 to gr. 8

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time - Congregational Life

10:45 a.m. Annual Congregational Meeting

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

7:30 p.m. A.A. Open Meeting

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

7:00 p.m. Financial Committee Meeting

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

7:00 p.m. Holy Communion with
Imposition of Ashes



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

7:30 p.m. A.A. Topic Group

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:30 p.m. A.A. Step Meeting

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

10:00 a.m. Stitch Club

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 1

8:00 a.m. Traditional Holy Communion

9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
Fellowship Time

9:30 a.m. Traditional Holy Communion
Sunday school - age 4 to gr. 8

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10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study

[Cooking-Tips.pdf](#) or Hannah McCollum, our Caring for Friends Advent coordinator, Thank you for helping.

CARING FOR FRIENDS MEALS

Advent thanks Hanna McCollum, Pat Brown, Jeanne Gryska, Elizabeth Gracey, Joyce Heiss, Helen Shearer and Linda Weaver for their help on February 10, in preparing 50 meals taken by Tony Gryska to Caring for Friends.

FLOWER CHART & MISSION SUPPORT FOR 2020

The sign-up sheets for Altar Flower and Mission Support dedications for 2020 are in the narthex. The cost to dedicate one bouquet is \$25.00. One week of Mission support is \$25.00.

Gathering Song

“Here Is Our King”

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray... O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** *(Please be seated.)*

The Reading of God's Word (see insert)

Sermon

Song of Praise *(Please stand as you are able.)*

“Love”

Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, Our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

*(Each petition ends with... Hear us, O God. The congregation responds: **Your mercy is great.**)*

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(The congregation shares a sign of peace with each other).

The Offering

The Offertory *(Please stand as you are able.)*

“As the Deer”

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray... God of wonder,

**you formed us in our mother’s womb, and from
mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine.
We place them on your table, together with our lives
and all that you have made. Open the heavens to us
and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy;
we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for
Jesus Christ, our banquet of life.
Amen.**

The Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and

FELLOWSHIP TIME

Congregational Life will be providing refreshments between services beginning at 9:00 am. This is a time for fellowship with members and guests. If possible please sign up and bring refreshments, homemade or otherwise. The sign-up sheet thru March is on the fellowship table. Advent supplies hot beverages (i.e. coffee & tea) and all paper products.

Out of respect, please do not bring food or drink into the service.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

The collection of non-perishable food to benefit the Warminster Food Cupboard is starting now. All foods are greatly appreciated but ready to serve soups and spaghetti sauce hit the spot in winter!! Again, many thanks for your continued support of this local community outreach.

PRAYER CHAIN AT ADVENT

Advent has a prayer chain for anyone who would be in need of prayer. If you would like to either join as a prayer partner, or if you have a name to be prayed for please see the four ways to Access the Prayer Chain on next page:

1. Give your prayer request in person to either Bob or Karen Matlack.
2. Email your prayer request. (kmatl22349@verizon.net)
3. Text only your prayer request (Karen 215-932-1283; Bob 267-357-9368).
4. Call Fran Zanis at the office 215-355-2529.



FILL FOOD TRAYS FOR CARING FOR FRIENDS

Aluminum trays are available in the narthex. Sections include entree, vegetables & fruit. Once assembled please label and freeze at home then bring to church freezer.

For further information, please check

<https://caringforfriends.org/wp-content/uploads/Caring-for-Friends->

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the congregation will be held today following the 9:30 service.



ASH WEDNESDAY

We will observe the beginning of Lent with a service of Holy Communion on Ash Wednesday, **February 26 at 7:00 p.m.** We invite you to come and begin the season of penitence and preparation.

LENTON DEVOTION

Wednesday March 11 & 25; soup, bread, and dessert 6-7PM followed by Devotional Worship. Please consider signing up for soups, breads, butters or desserts. Sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

This year the confirmation class will be assisting with the worship. You are invited to make the effort to come as part of your Lenten commitment.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are presented by George & Peggy Spahn to the Glory of God.

NUEVA CREACIÓN MISSION SUPPORT

Support of Nueva Creación Lutheran Church is presented to the Glory of God.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: February 16, 2020

8:00 am	19
9:30 am	28
Total	47

light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

Words of Institution

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

Amen.

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

Amen.

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever.
Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray... Faithful God,
you have kept your promise to us in this meal,
nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send
your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to
your goodness and share the hope that is ours in
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Benediction
Amen.

Sending Song


"Shine Jesus, Shine"

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Let your light shine.
Thanks be to God.

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OUR MISSION		
+	To <i>gather</i> as God's people and nurture one another	
+	To <i>know</i> the Word of God	
+	To <i>grow</i> in faith, love, and service	
+	To <i>go</i> into the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ	

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor:	Rev. Josephine Wright
Music Director:	Michael Dettra
Worship Assistant:	Tony Gryszka
Lay Reader:	Ken Meyers
Ushers:	Tony Gryszka
Altar Guild:	Donna Duffy
Flower Distribution:	Kathy Sitler
Counters:	Tony Gryszka
Audio/Visual Team:	Joel Denis, Geoff Duffy
Instrumentalists:	Gail Oines, Mike Sitler
Song Leaders:	Bob & Karen Matlack, Lynn Roccograndi, Nancy Slight

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are invited to commune. We commune by intinction. Come forward and receive the bread then dip bread into the chalice of wine. If you do not want wine simply stand in front of the chalice and receive the words. Gluten-free wafers are available. Those not communing may come forward for a blessing.

GUEST REGISTER

If you are visiting with us today, please sign the guest register located in the narthex.

CONTACTING PASTOR JO

If you need to speak with Pastor Jo when she is not in the office, particularly in the case of a pastoral emergency, please feel free to call her **home phone 215-364-2298** or by email at **mamajo_rev@verizon.net**. If she is not available to take your call, leave a message and she will contact you.