

**ST. DAVID'S (SHERMAN'S) UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY**

February 14, 2021

10:00 AM

WELCOME

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of the Prophets, make Yourself known to us as You did to them. Keep us from arrogance that erects barriers against Your revelation. Keep us from presuming to know Your intentions for us without seeking Your counsel, or from supposing that we can teach others when we have ignored Your direction. Help us to listen, and to respond according to Your purposes, revealed in Jesus Christ. AMEN

OPENING HYMN:

"COME, WE THAT LOVE THE LORD"

- 1)** Come, we that love the Lord,
And let our joys be known;
Join in a song with sweet accord,
And worship at His throne.
- 2)** Let those refuse to sing
Who never knew our God;
But servants of the heav'nly King
May speak their joys abroad.
- 3)** The God who rules on high,
And all the earth surveys;
Who rides upon the stormy sky
And calms the roaring waves.

[Key Change]

- 4)** This mighty God is ours,
Our Father and our Love.
He will send down His heav'nly powers
To carry us above.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Miss Dee

CALL TO CONFESSION

God is our hiding place, not the One from whom we can hide. The Almighty knows our inmost thoughts and secret sins. Let us pause to acknowledge the wrong in our thinking and acting, lest we waste away in evil.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all people, we confess our self-centeredness and arrogance. We have seen our advantages as our just due, and evidence of Your special favor. We have mistrusted others and misinterpreted their intentions. We have ignored sound instruction and failed to exert self-control. In the race of life, we have sometimes given far less than our best. Turn us away from all that hurts and destroys, that we may accept Your forgiving love and be transformed by it. Hear now our personal prayers of confession. ...

A TIME OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

When we acknowledge our sin and confess our transgressions, God removes our guilt and forgives all our iniquity. Hear the prophet's word. "Wash and be clean."

HOLY SCRIPTURES: Mark 9:2-9; II Kings 5:1-14; Mark 1:40-45

MARK 9:2-9

The Transfiguration

² After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. ³ His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

⁵ Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁶ (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

⁷ Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

⁸ Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

2 KINGS 5:1–14

Naaman Healed of Leprosy

¹ Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the LORD had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy.

² Now bands of raiders from Aram had gone out and had taken captive a young girl from Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

⁴ Naaman went to his master and told him what the girl from Israel had said. ⁵ "By all means, go," the king of Aram replied. "I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So Naaman left, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold and ten sets of clothing. ⁶ The letter that he took to the king of Israel read: "With this letter I am sending my servant Naaman to you so that you may cure him of his leprosy."

⁷ As soon as the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his robes and said, "Am I God? Can I kill and bring back to life? Why does this fellow send someone to me to be cured of his leprosy? See how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me!"

⁸ When Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his robes, he sent him this message: "Why have you torn your robes? Have the man come to me and he will know that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹ So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, "Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed."

¹¹ But Naaman went away angry and said, "I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy. ¹² Are not Abana and

Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Couldn't I wash in them and be cleansed?" So, he turned and went off in a rage.

¹³ Naaman's servants went to him and said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, 'Wash and be cleansed!'" ¹⁴ So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.

MARK 1:40-45

Jesus Heals a Man with Leprosy

⁴⁰ A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, "If you are willing, you can make me clean."

⁴¹ Jesus was indignant. He reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" ⁴² Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cleansed.

⁴³ Jesus sent him away at once with a strong warning: ⁴⁴ "See that you don't tell this to anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them." ⁴⁵ Instead he went out and began to talk freely, spreading the news. As a result, Jesus could no longer enter a town openly but stayed outside in lonely places. Yet the people still came to him from everywhere.

SERMON: "Celebrity"

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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

BENEDICTION

With every breath, we give thanks to God's holy name. Praise God in your daily activities. Share the good news of God's faithfulness.

CLOSING HYMN:

"MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS"

- 1)** My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

- 2)** His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. **[Refrain]**

- 3)** When he shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in him be found,
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne. **[Refrain]**

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS, February 14, 2021

ATTENTION CHILDREN: Miss Wanda is in need of birthday cards for our shut-ins. Your homemade birthday cards are always so special and very much appreciated by our shut-ins. You can give your cards directly to Miss Dee or Miss Wanda on Sunday mornings or put them in a baggie and place them on the table outside of the Medical Supply closet entrance and we will be sure to get them to Miss Wanda. We could probably buy cards but it just wouldn't be the same. Your homemade cards are ever so much better. Thank you for this very important, very special ministry.

BELL PRACTICE: Mondays, 7:00 PM in the Sunday School wing.

GRIEFSHARE: GriefShare, Sundays at 3:00 pm. The group meets in person in the Sanctuary (with masks and social distancing). Sessions will also be shown on Uber-conference 717-388-0676. You will need a computer or another device with video technology to view the video. The sessions will be about 2 hours in length and will run until March 28.

MEN'S GROUP: The next meeting is Monday, February 22 at 7:00 PM at the church with masks and social distancing. The 9-week curriculum is entitled "The Discipleship Playbook." Meetings can also be accessed via Uber Conference (717-388-0676). You will need a computer or another device with video technology to view the video.

BIBLE STUDY: Bible Study, Tuesdays (Mornings, 9:30 AM; Evenings, 7:30 PM). We are studying the Minor Prophets. All sessions will be in-person in the church Sanctuary with masks and social distancing being practiced. Bible Study will also be available via Uber Conference (717-388-0676) for anyone who does not feel comfortable meeting in person. We look forward to having you join us.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES: There is a link on the church's FB page for ordering girl scout cookies from Kendall Bostian. Other girl scouts are welcome to add their ordering link.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: Wednesday, February 17 at 7:00 PM. The service will be held in the church parking lot and broadcast to your car radio on FM 95.9 and will be available on Uber Conference for those who wish to tune-in from home via your house phone or cell phone. As a covid precaution, there will not be the usual ritual of the imposition of ashes. The mark of the cross in ashes represents our pleas to God for mercy, compassion, and forgiveness for our sin. For those in attendance on Ash Wednesday, there will be a safe alternative to receiving the mark of the cross on the forehead.

LENTEN COMMUNION: We begin the Lenten journey on Sunday, February 21. It is customary for us to share in the Sacrament of Communion on the 1st Sunday in Lent and in keeping with that tradition, drive-thru Communion will be offered following the 10:00 AM Parking Lot Worship Service on Sunday, February 21.

CHOIR REHEARSAL: The choir will begin rehearsing on Thursday, February 25 at 7:00 PM. We will not be rehearsing any anthems at this time, but instead will be

singing and recording the hymn selections for upcoming worship services. We plan to record hymns for February 28, March 7, March 14, and March 21 (8–10 hymns) at our first rehearsal. The next choir rehearsal would be on March 25 at which time we would record another 4-weeks-worth of hymns. Anyone who would like to help record the hymns is welcome at these rehearsals. Masks and social distancing will be mandatory at these rehearsals.

COMBINED LENTEN SERVICES: We will be joining with Bethel UCC, Stone Church and St. Bartholomews for Lenten worship services. All services will be held on Sunday evenings at 7:00 PM. You can join in on the services at Bethel, Stone Church and St. Bartholomew's through Uber Conference or via Zoom Conference. The service here at St. David's will be held in the parking lot and available from home through Uber Conference. The theme for these services is "In This Together" (How congregations are dealing with the Covid pandemic). We encourage you to join in on all of the Lenten services.

7:00 PM, Sunday, February 28: Pastor Bruce Bouchard (Stone Church),
"Reaching Out as a Spiritual Practice that Connects Us."

7:00 PM, Sunday, March 7: Pastor Zoë D'heedene (Bethel UCC), TBD

7:00 PM, Sunday, March 14: Pastor Scott Sager (St. David's), "Hospitality."

7:00 PM, Sunday, March 21: Pastor Steven Thomas (St. Bartholomews),
"Meditation that Connects us with God."

MAUNDY THURSDAY: Parking Lot Worship Service, 7:00 PM, Thursday, April 1 followed by Drive-thru Communion.

GOOD FRIDAY: Parking Lot Worship Service, 7:00 PM, Friday, April 2.

EASTER DAWN: Sunday, April 4. Bring your breakfast of choice with you and worship as the sun comes up on a glorious Easter dawn. Worship service, 7:00 AM in the parking lot.

EASTER: April 4, 10:0 AM in the parking lot, followed by Drive-thru Communion.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please send your prayer requests directly to Pastor Scott either by text (717-880-6082) or e-mail (pastor@stdavidsucc.com or

pscott8283@comcast.net) prior to Sunday, so that he can lift them up during worship.

YOUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS: If you would like to mail your offerings to the church, please mail them to Harley Hartman, 2195 Blackrock Rd, Hanover, PA 17331 and include one offering envelope indicating the manner in which you would like to have your funds applied. Thank you for your continued support of the ministries of St. David's!

COMMUNITY AID UPDATE: Community Aid is currently accepting donations of *clothing, shoes, toys, books and jewelry* at the store on Baltimore St. Just mention St. David's United Church of Christ and our **Code number, #20003** and we will receive \$.06 per pound for clothing donations. Drive-up hours are Monday-Saturday, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM.

HANOVER NEW HOPE NEEDS: Canned Fruits and Vegetables, Canned Soups, Shampoo, Bars of Soap and Toilet Paper.

HANOVER AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (HACC)

PAL DATE: February 27 **CLOTHING BANK DATE: February 19**

HACC Job Openings: Intake Office Personnel for our afternoon/evening shifts 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM; 5:00 PM -11:00 PM; and 11:00 PM – 7:00 AM. If interested, please stop by our office for an application or email your Resume to: adminhacc@hanoverareacouncilofchurches.org.

HACC ITEMS NEEDED:

<u>PAL</u>	<u>Changing Lives Shelter</u>	<u>Clothing Bank</u>
Single-serve Fruits	Deodorant (Men & Women)	Family-Size Toiletries
Individual Size Chips, Pretzels, etc.	Exam Gloves (Med & Lg)	Sheet Sets (All Sizes)
Laundry Detergent	Hand Sanitizer	Bath Towels
Instant White Rice	Bottled Water	Men's (L & XL) White T-shirts
Scallop Potatoes	Shampoo/Conditioner	Baby Diapers (Sizes 4 & 5)

Ruth's Harvest

Single-serve Entrees (Cereal, Juice Boxes, Snacks or Veggies)