



*Niccolls Memorial  
Presbyterian Church*

*Sunday Morning Worship*

*Transfiguration of the Lord*

*February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
10:00 am*

*Our Mission*

*To live out Christ's love  
by nurturing spiritual growth and fellowship,  
and by reaching out in faith and love.*

## PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

It doesn't have to be the blue iris, it could be weeds in a vacant lot,  
or a few small stones; just pay attention,  
then patch a few words together and don't try to make them elaborate, this isn't a contest but the doorway into thanks,  
and a silence in which another voice may speak.

-- Mary Oliver

## GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WELCOME & PRELUDE

### INTROIT –

#413

*Come in to God's presence singing "Alleluia, Alleluia,. Alleluia."*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Liturgist: Jeff Livingstone*

One: God who said, "Out of darkness the light shall shine!"

All: **is the same God who made light shine in our hearts**

One: to bring us the knowledge of God's glory

All: **shining in the face of Christ.**

One: We worship so we can continue to see this shining face

All: **and become ourselves the shining faces sharing the Good News near and far.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

All: **Almighty God, whose son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross,: Give us faith to perceive his glory that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### HYMN – *God You Spin the Whirling Planets*

#23

*(Please remain standing for the Prayer of Confession)*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

One: The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves those  
who are crushed in spirit. Let us admit who we are, and what we have done before God in prayer.  
Together let us pray....

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: **God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and savior. Amen.**

## **MOMENT FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION, PRAYER & CONFESSION**

### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

One: Hear the Good News! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us. Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone, a new life has begun.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Amen**

### **THE PEACE**

One: As God in Christ has forgiven us, let us forgive one another and pass the peace of Christ to each other.

Greet those around you with: *"The peace of Christ be with you."*

### **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE –**

#616

Our God is an Awesome God who reigns from heaven above  
With wisdom, power, and love; our God is an awesome God!

### **ENGAGING THE WORD**

**All: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

One: The New Testament reading from: *2 Corinthians 4:3-6*

*pg.939*

### **TIME WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

*We invite all children & youth to come forward.*

### **RESPONSE –**

#453

Open your ears, O faithful people, open your ears  
and hear God's word.

Open your hearts, O royal priesthood;

God has come to you.

God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!

God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!

One: The Gospel reading from:

*Mark 9:2-9*

*pg.820*

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

*"Every Breath is a Miracle"*

by Reverend Dr. John Wilde

**HYMN – "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"**

#366

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**MOMENT FOR MISSION –** *Alisha Robinson*

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

#### \*DOXOLOGY –

#607

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Christ, all people here below:  
praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

One: O lord our God ... We praise you for your saving grace.

**All: Transfigure us by your Spirit, and let your love shine in all we do and say that all the world may see the radiant light of God guiding all creation. Amen.**

#### HYMN – *God of the Sparrow*

#22

### CHARGE & BENEDICTION

#### EXTROIT – (all sing)

#700

I'm gonna live so God can use me  
Anywhere, Lord, anytime.

### POSTLUDE

We welcome our guest preacher is the Rev. Dr. John A. Wilde. He received academic degrees from Northeastern University (B.A.), Boston University School of Theology (M.Th.) and Chicago Theological Seminary (D. Min.). Recently he was certified as an Inter Spirituality Mentor by the Spiritual Paths Institute. He served churches in New Jersey, Indiana, Michigan and here in the Utica Presbytery. Since retiring he has created and maintained a website --- [abundancetrek.com](http://abundancetrek.com) -- and blog devoted mainly to wisdom and spiritual practice. John and his wife, Mary, are active at First Presbyterian Church, Utica.

### Notes and Announcements

*Whatever your religious background and however you have come to be here, we welcome you to our fellowship in Niccolls Memorial Presbyterian Church. We hope you feel comfortable and will be strengthened in your walk with God. We invite you to join us for fellowship and sustenance in the Social Room following worship.*

*We begin our worship this day by remembering our baptism. Also, please notice the empty plate (paten) and cup (chalice) on the center of the Communion Table. These symbols speak to us of our hunger for Christ who feeds us at this table.*

**THE DEACON OF THE MONTH** is Tina Yukel If you or someone you know has a special need, please call her at 315-2823

**PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY**– Praying for others is a blessing and a privilege. If you know of someone who is in need of prayer, please ask if you may share his or her name and need with the prayer chain at Niccolls. To initiate the chain, please call Sue Mahoney at 315-390-4025. All information is confidential and is not shared with anyone other than prayer chain members.

**CHURCHES PRAYER CYCLE** – The Presbyterian Church is connectional by design and practice. Every week we lift up in prayer a church or ministry within the Presbytery of Utica. This week we pray for: First Presbyterian Church Cooperstown.

**MEMORIAL FLOWERS** – Time once again to order flowers for a Sunday service to honor someone’s birthday, anniversary, special event, or donate in memory of a loved one. Please call the office to make your order.

**STAFF OPENING** – Our church has a paid staff opening. We are looking for a part time Music Director who will lead our singing church. Must be able to play either organ and/or piano, direct our Sunday choir and be willing to work with our pastor and worship committee in creatively taking our church in worship through music. For inquiries, please e-mail us at niccollschurch@gmail.org or call the church office at 315-369-3475.

**BIBLE STUDY** – We use the PW Horizons Bible study, Cloud of Witnesses; The Community of Christ in Hebrews. We are exploring and discussing the major themes in Hebrews and relating them to other parts of our faith and to community. The group meets on Tuesday mornings in Niccolls Social Room at 9:30 until 11:00. All are welcome.

**MISSION COMMITTEE** – Church World Service’s Blanket Sunday is February 18<sup>th</sup>. Please contribute to provide for people around the world who need the warmth and comfort of a blanket. *Blanket the world with love*

**ASH WEDNESDAY** – Service at 7pm on Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup> with the Rev. Naomi Kelly. Communion will be offered.

**Note:** For immediate Pastoral needs, please contact: Naomi Kelly at 315-369-6614 cell 315-369-8253

### Calendar of Events Week of February 12<sup>th</sup> - February 18<sup>th</sup>

<b>Monday</b>	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Sorting
	5:30pm	Grief Group
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:30am-11pm	Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b>	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Sorting
	10am-2pm	Senior Activity Program
	<u>7 am</u>	<u>Ash Wednesday Service</u>
	8pm	AA at Social Room
<b>Friday</b>	9am	AA at Social Room
	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Open

7pm-8:30 pm Mission Boutique Open  
8pm AA at Social Room

**Saturday** 10am-12pm Mission Boutique Open  
8pm AA at Social Room

**Sunday** 7:30 am & 10:00 am Worship Service  
9am Choir Rehearsal  
5:30 pm AA at Social Room

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**Guest Preacher** – Rev. John Wilde

**Pastor Emeritus** – Rev. James L. Ulrich

**Organists** – Susann Rundell, Josef Kovalovsky

**Ushers** – Deb Graydon, Dawn Timm and Holly Zaglaniczny