

College Hill

Presbyterian Church

Transfiguration Sunday

February 15, 2026

10:30 a.m.

Assemble in God's Name

Preservice Music

Greetings and Announcements

PRELUDE Fantasia in G minor (BWV 542)--Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The LORD is sovereign; let the people tremble!
God sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
The LORD is great in Zion; God is exalted over all the peoples.
Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is God!
Extol the LORD our God, and worship at the holy mountain;
For the LORD our God is holy.

Come, let us worship God!

*HYMN #189 "O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair" (Deo Gracias)

*OPENING PRAYER

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who calls all people into your light and love: We recognize the ways we shrink from your call; we confess our failure to come into your light. We have not loved you or our neighbor as we ought. Forgive us. Hear us now as we pray in the silence of our hearts...

*KYRIE ELEISON *Lord, have mercy upon us;*
 Christ, have mercy upon us;
 Lord, have mercy upon us.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI #581** *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.*

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Please greet one another with a sign of God's peace

CHILDREN'S TIME

Proclaim God's Word

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 24:12-28 (OT, 70)
Matthew 17:1-9 (NT, 18)

SERMON *The Light We Have*

Give Thanks to God

***HYMN #274** "You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd" (Picardy)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (From The Belhar Confession)

We believe that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world...

To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"--music by J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*Jesu, joy of man's desiring, holy wisdom, love most bright,
Drawn by thee, our souls aspiring, soar to uncreated light,
Word of God our flesh that fashioned
With the fire of love impassioned,
Striving still to truth unknown, soaring, dying, round thy throne.*

*Text (not a translation of the German original) by Robert Bridges (1844-1930)
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***DOXOLOGY #606** *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

We have glimpsed, O God, your glory on the mountain. And we would follow you down into the work waiting for us. May our gifts given be a sign of our commitment to follow you in the days ahead. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

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.

Go in God's Name

***HYMN #192** "Shine, Jesus, Shine" (Shine, Jesus, Shine)

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "Great" Fugue in G minor (BWV 542)--J. S. Bach

*Please rise, in body or spirit

Service Notes

Assisting in Worship Today

Liturgist	Betty Pigliacampi
Ushers	Glen Engler, Bob Foltz, Lou Johnson, Scott Novick, Rich Wamsley
Zoom Producer	Dan Brashler

Flowers are given in memory of John & Gertrude Plummer from Kathy & Robert Booth and family.

Flower chair for the month of February is Tammy Kliment.

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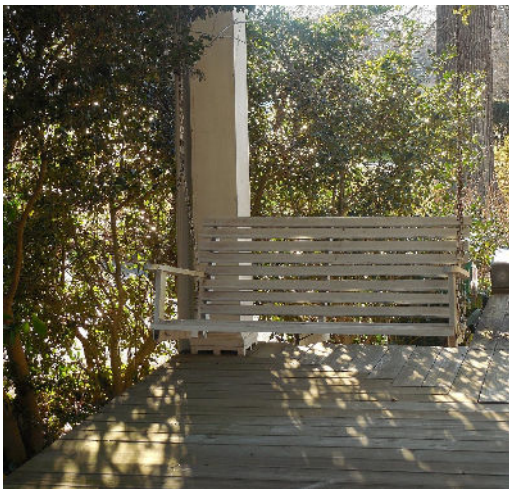
Nursery School Director	Megan Schaeffer
Office Manager	David Kmetz

ABOUT THIS WEEK’S MUSIC: There has long been a story that Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) improvised his “Great” Fantasia and Fugue in G minor at an audition for an important German church position in Hamburg. Whether this is true or not, the Fantasia is an almost stupefying demonstration of musical harmony, and it is one of Bach’s most dramatic pieces. The stunning nature of the piece makes it, I think, a fitting prelude for focusing on the Transfiguration of Jesus, an event that had to be stupefying itself.

The fugue has long had the nickname “the Great” to distinguish it from the popular “Little” fugue in G minor (BWV 578.) “The Great” fugue in G minor is equally tuneful, with a subject based on a Dutch folksong, and it also weaves several tuneful countermelodies into the texture as the piece progresses. “The Great” is heard less frequently, and it might be simply because it’s longer and more difficult to play. Two early copyists of the fugue, as well as Bach’s son, Carl Philipp Emanuel, felt that this fugue was “the best of all the pedal works of J. S. Bach.”

There is no evidence that Bach meant the pieces to be played together, but they have been paired in performance for many years. The incredibly bold harmonies of the Fantasia along with the tuneful drive of the fugue, make this pair among the very finest of J. S. Bach’s organ works. And that’s saying a lot!

THE FRONT PORCH



The Front Porch will next meet again on March 1. Please join us at 9 AM in the sanctuary for simple music, shared prayer and conversation about our faith.



The CHPC Adult Dinner Group will host its annual **Soupfest** in the Fellowship Hall **today**, immediately after worship.



Traditional Ash Wednesday worship will be February 18 at 7:30 in the sanctuary. Join us for a moving service of reflection and prayer with the optional imposition of ashes. All are welcome!



On Wednesday, February 18 all are welcome to join us in Fellowship Hall at **6:00 PM** for Pizza and Penance -a simple, family friendly event in which we will share some food and have a brief service of worship with the optional imposition of ashes. Watch for the link to a Google Form in the eChronicle and [please RSVP by February 16!](#)

FURNITURE BANK

The Furniture Bank recently was able to help some truly deserving members of the community. As a result, we are in need of mattresses, small dressers/chests, kitchen tables and chairs, small sofas and kitchen items, as well as small appliances. Thank you!

Please contact Harriet Dufton (610) 216-9860 hrdufton@gmail.com

FAITH FORMATION



Fish and Chyps will meet today 6-7:30pm. The youth will be cake decorating! Please reach out to Lauren Joujan (kids@collegehillpc.org) with questions or for more information.

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Save these dates!



The CHPC Easter Egg Hunt will be on **Saturday, April 4th**. More details to come!



VBS Family Fun Day will be held on **Saturday, July 25th from 10am-1pm**. This will be a family friendly day full of chapel chats, food, games, music, and much more! More details to follow!