

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

February 14, 2010

(You may use the following prayer as you prepare for worship)

We have come to offer honor and praise to the sovereign Lord. It is God who said to his followers of old, "Gather to me my faithful ones" (Psalm 50:5, NRSV). Thank you for your grace. O God, who gifted the world with your presence: Grant us eyes that never lose sight of your great gift, Jesus. God of mercy, have mercy on us. God of light, shine into our hearts. Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil. God of Power, be our refuge and our strength, now and forever. Amen.

THE RINGING OF THE BELL: At this time, please help us maintain silence in the sanctuary as a mark of reverence.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE Gayle Schaeffer

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

INTROIT **Come, Holy Spirit**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God instructs us to be joyful always.

We pray continually in spite of mounting odds.

We give thanks in all circumstances.

We trust God's will for us even amid uncertainty.

By the power of God's word, we are created.

By the power of God's passion, we are redeemed.

By the power of God's presence, we are renewed.

We stand firm in the knowledge that nothing can separate us from all that God desires to give us.

In our living and in our dying, we belong to God.

In the shadow of God's wings, we sing for joy. Let us worship God.

*HYMN of PRAISE No. 210 *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

O God, if we carry the name Christian, we are signs of Christ's presence in the world. Yet we confess that we do not always live as joyous, loving and hopeful people in our homes, our workplaces, and our communities. We get so caught up in the values of this world that we do not seek to discern your will for our lives. By your grace and forgiveness, renew us in mind, body and spirit, that we will witness and work for Christ wherever you have placed us. In His name we pray. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

From this moment on, live joyously as God's forgiven people! Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

*GLORIA PATRI (both inside cover – Burg. Hymnal)

ANTHEM **Under His Wings**

CHILDREN'S TIME

SHARING OF FRIENDSHIP REGISTERS
JOYS, CONCERNS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord;
Incline Thine ear to us And grant us Thy Peace. Amen.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

OLD TESTAMENT READING (p. 322 Pew Bible)

2 Samuel 7:1-16

The Word of Our Lord.

Thanks Be to God.

*HYMN No. 640 *"Sweet Hour of Prayer"*

DEDICATION of OURSELVES and OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY and *PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING No. 815

*NEW TESTAMENT READING (p. 1094 Pew Bible) *Luke 15:11-32*

The Word of Our Lord.

Thanks Be to God.

MORNING MESSAGE

"Let's Have a Pity Party"

"Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'" (Luke 15:31-32)

SENDING FORTH GOD'S PEOPLE

*HYMN No. 436 *"Freely, Freely"*

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

**God be with you till we meet again; By His counsels
Guide uphold you, with His sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.**

POSTLUDE

* indicates congregation should stand, if able



Today's Worship Participants

Liturgist	Bill Barnett
Acolyte	Victoria Ricketts
Greeter	Naomi Eaton
Children's Time	Shelby Sealock
Nursery	John Davis
Coffee Hour	

Next Sunday's Worship Participants February 21, 2010

Liturgist	Roberta Lauder
Acolyte	Caitlyn Dove
Greeter	Billy Chapman
Children's Time	Bill Barnett
Nursery	Patty Callihan
Coffee Hour	Joy Stiles

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THE LENTEN SEASON BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY

Rev. McDermott's Message

First Sunday in Lent
Sunday, February 21, 2010

"Identity Theft"

Based on Deuteronomy 26:1-11
and Luke 4:1-13

Celebration of the Lord's Supper will be observed

**Regular
Worship
Schedule**



**Transfiguration
Sunday**

CHOIR PRACTICE following Coffee Time at 12:30 p.m. and each week thereafter.



OUR PRAYER LIST

Abe Henry	Gil Barrington
Patricia Stiles	Emerson Leach
Charlotte Thren	Bill Hallman
Greg Vaught	Betty Chapman
Jack Betler	Gary Eaton
Irma Armburger	Joyce Dicks
Dick Russell	John Messick
Michelle Spencer	Angela Ladd
Sam Hallman	Mindy Hottinger
Tommy Nicewarner	Norma Capps

Dan Hallman	Elaine Hollingsworth
Charles Totten	Janice Ridgley
Anna Chaney	Jerry & Thelma Wines
Doug Dicks	Tony Wallace
Patricia Rosenberry	JoAnn Terry
Lynwood Williams	Robert Williams
Marian Armburger	Howard Betler
Phyllis Spinks	Paul Terry
Glen Mikulak	John Rosenberry

If you would like to include some person or family on the prayer list, please contact Rev. McDermott at 635-4254 or e-mail him at rev.mcdermott@comcast.net. Please include the person's address, if known, so that we can send them notes and cards of encouragement and knowledge of our prayers for them.

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING REPORT

Attendance Last Sunday (01/31/10)	30
Sunday School Attendance	
Offering Received last Sunday	\$ 1,162.55
Building Fund	5.00
Family in Need Fund	100.00

It's Remarkable What Your Gift Will Do.

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This is my memorial unto all generations.
(Exodus 3:15.53)

Your charitable bequest can support mission long after your lifetime.

Lenten Bible Study and Soup and Salad Dinner

Begins Tuesday, February 16

Dinner 6:00 – 6:45 p.m.
Bible Study 7:00 p.m.



With a Study of

"Paul's View of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ"

Rev. McDermott is leading this study.

We will provide a nursery and children's program during the Bible Study. Debi Barnett will lead a program for the children on *"The Parables of Jesus."*

The Bible, a Letter from God to You

Søren Kierkegaard, a brilliant 19th-century philosopher, said this about the Bible: "The Bible should be read as a letter from God with our personal address on it."

How true! The Bible tells us who's behind our amazing lives. The Bible makes clear the source of our existence and explains how we're to live out our years on Earth. The Bible gives us the best rules for living with others and for living in our own skin.

Scripture tells us of the wisdom of saints and the foolishness of scoundrels. It explains how God tries to relate to us. It guides us and provides strength and courage through our daily lives.

The Bible tells how God walked among us on Earth in the person of Christ. Most importantly, it details how Christ revealed God's immeasurable love for all humankind.

Finally, the Bible assures us that God not only cares for us here and now but will care for us in the hereafter. Forever and forever!

This Lent commit yourself to studying God's Word by attending weekly Bible Study group with others at Buckton.

Do we have...

your@e-mail.address?

Have you signed-up for the Buckton E-NEWS, so you can receive breaking news from the church, news about worship,

information about coming events and activities. Maybe you have changed your e-mail and forgot to tell us. Send an e-mail to rev.mcdermott@comcast.net and request the *Buckton E-NEWS*.



LENT BEGINS THIS WEEK
Ash Wednesday, February 17

**The 2010
Lenten Prayer and Devotional
Guide**
is available for distribution

The purpose of this guide is two fold.

First, this guide is to assist you in your own personal spiritual growth. Daily use of the guide during Lent will help to develop the spiritual disciplines of daily scripture reading, daily prayer, and increasing our knowledge and awareness of our lives in Christ.

Next, this guide can assist us in our church outreach to our community, neighbors, family and friends. We would encourage you to select at least five individuals you know personally who do not participate regularly in any church and pray for them during Lent. Pray that Christ's grace might touch their lives and that God might open opportunities for Christ's gospel to be opened to them. Then, we want you to give away at least one or more copies of the *2010 Lenten Prayer and Devotional Guide* to these individuals or others, along with an invitation to join us during Lent for worship, Lenten Bible study or other church events. The *2010 Lenten Prayer and Devotional Guides* are available for distribution today with copies located in the Narthex and in the fellowship hall. Please pick up your copy today and a copy to give away.

The Quilters

The Quilters meet the Second and Fourth Wednesday's each month at Noon to make quilts for the homeless. Anyone is welcome to join us for fellowship and fun together.

Next meeting, February 24, 2010.



QUILTING GROUP

Regular Monthly Session Meeting
Wednesday, February 17, 2010
7:30 p.m.
Church Library

Woodworker's Club

Will be meeting
Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.
due to the prior meeting being postponed for weather

WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS

We are glad to have you worship with us this morning, and we hope that you are blessed by our time together. As we open our hearts to God, may we extend our hands and hearts in friendship to one another. May all who have come to worship know that they're sincerely welcomed in this house of God.

If you are a first time visitor, we have a Welcome Packet for you, which shares some information about who we are. Please join us for our coffee and fellowship time following worship downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

Please sign our Friendship Register in the pews and share your address and e-mail with us so we can stay in contact about the life of the church. Take the time to visit our web site at www.bucktonpresbyterianchurch.org If you have any questions or would like to discuss the ministry of the Buckton Presbyterian Church, please call Rev. McDermott at 635-4254 or e-mail at rev.mcdermott@comcast.net



JOIN THE JOURNEY DURING THE 40 DAYS OF LENT

The liturgical season of Lent begins Feb. 17 with Ash Wednesday, which derives its name from the ancient practice of marking the foreheads of worshipers with ashes from the unused palm branches of the previous year. Ashes historically have had a dual significance.

First, they are Old Testament symbols of sadness and humility. Job, in the midst of all his troubles, cried out to God from the ash heap.

Secondly, the ashes are a reminder of our mortality. Each of us faces the inevitability of physical death. Our bodies and material possessions eventually will turn to dust and ashes. This is a reminder that we dare not trust in things that crumble. But Lent does not leave us on the ash heap. It begins with Ash Wednesday, but ends with Easter. And Easter proclaims that, through Christ, God resurrects us from our dust and ashes, makes us new creatures and brings life out of death!

During the 40 days of Lent, not counting Sundays, Christians reevaluate their spiritual lives. It's a time for us to have a spiritual check-up. We strive to take ourselves beyond ordinary spiritual practices by attending worship and study opportunities to help us grow spiritually and become more intentional and informed about our Christian faith. Our journey through Lent should inspire us to serve God more faithfully in our daily lives.