



Welcome  
TO  
Worship

**March 3, 2019**  
**Communion Sunday**

**Leading Worship Today:**  
**Pastor: Brian Entz**

**Lay Leader: Mary Markve-Patch**

PRELUDE

Suite on 'Deo Gracias' (Mark Sedio)

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & MINUTE FOR MISSION

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*O wondrous sight! O vision fair of glory that the church shall share, which Christ upon the mountain show, where brighter than the sun he glows!*

*The law and prophets there have place, two chosen witnesses of grace, the Father's voice from out the cloud proclaims his only Son aloud.*

*With shining face and bright array, Christ deigns to manifest that day what glory shall be theirs above who joy in God with perfect love. - Sarum Breviary*

CHORAL INTROIT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 29

Leader: Above the floodwaters is God's throne

**People: from which God's power flows, from which the Holy One rules the world.**

Leader: God makes God's people strong.

**People: God gives God's people peace.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

\*OPENING HYMN

#769 For Everyone Born

*As water is poured into the font remember your baptism and that in these waters you are named as one of God's beloved and joined to Christ forever.*

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Leader: No one knows God's fullness or rests completely in God's grace. Therefore, let us approach God's throne together and confess our sin.

**People: Gracious God, you know us better than we know ourselves. Find in us, we pray, the pockets of resistance and patches of coldness that keep us closed to your movement among us. Root them out and open us that we may be agents of your grace and channels of your love. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: As far as the East is from the West, so far has God removed our sin from us. As near as hands and feet and breath, so near does God stand with us. As close as the Spirit's tether can draw, so close does God bring us together. Friends, believe the Good News; in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**People: Alleluia, Amen.**

**\*RESPONSE**

***The 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.

**\*Passing of the Peace**

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

*The people may exchange with one another, by words and gesture, signs of peace and reconciliation.*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Barb Janski

**ANTHEM**

Shine on Us. Arr. Harlan

## HEBREW BIBLE READING

Exodus 34:29-35 (NRSV)

29 Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. 30 When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. 31 But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. 32 Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. 33 When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; 34 but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, 35 the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

## EPISTLE READING

Romans 16:1-16 (NRSV)

16 I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church at Cenchreae, 2 so that you may welcome her in the Lord as is fitting for the saints, and help her in whatever she may require from you, for she has been a benefactor of many and of myself as well.

3 Greet Prisca and Aquila, who work with me in Christ Jesus, 4 and who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles. 5 Greet also the church in their house. Greet my beloved Epaenetus, who was the first convert in Asia for Christ. 6 Greet Mary, who has worked very hard among you. 7 Greet Andronicus and Junia, my relatives who were in prison with me; they are prominent among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was. 8 Greet Ampliatus, my beloved in the Lord. 9 Greet Urbanus, our co-worker in Christ, and my beloved Stachys. 10 Greet Apelles, who is approved in Christ. Greet those who belong to the family of Aristobulus. 11 Greet my relative Herodion. Greet those in the Lord who belong to the family of Narcissus. 12 Greet those workers in the Lord, Tryphaena and Tryphosa. Greet the beloved Persis, who has worked hard in the Lord. 13 Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord; and greet his mother—a mother to me also. 14 Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brothers and sisters who are with them. 15 Greet Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them. 16 Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.

## GOSPEL READING

Luke 9:28-36 (NRSV)

28 Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. 29 And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. 30 Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. 31 They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. 32 Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. 33 Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. 34 While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. 35 Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" 36 When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Just as you were fully revealed to Peter, James, and John on the mountain, reveal yourself to us now by Word and Spirit. Amen.

## MESSAGE

*Pastor Brian Entz*

## OFFERING SONG

#533 In the Singing

*(We will receive the morning offering while singing this song.)*

*Let us present ourselves to God as those who have been delivered from death to life.*

\*DOXOLOGY #606

\*OFFERING PRAYER

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH (11.4-11.6)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.\*

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

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

Leader: Eternal Wisdom,...we praise you singing:

### **Holy, Holy, Holy**

**#552**

Leader: ....whenever you drink it, to remember me."

**People: Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: And now as Christ our Savior taught we are bold to pray,

**People: 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.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

### SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Holy Communion will be served by intinction. As you come forward you will be given a piece of bread. Take that bread and dip it in the cup (grape juice). Then, eat it together.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available. All who believe in Christ are welcome to join us.*

### \*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**All: Gracious God, how can we thank you for such a gift? For you have met us, fed us, drawn us to you, and bound us to one another. Now send us out to share your love and proclaim our hope until Christ comes again. Amen.**

### \*CLOSING HYMN

#547 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

Praeludium in D Major, BuxWV 139 (Dietrich Buxtehude)

- The Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon are taken from the November/December issue of Horizons.
- The prelude is based on the tune 'Deo Gracias', which was originally written to commemorate the military victory of an English king. However, the tune finds its best use when paired with the Transfiguration hymn 'O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair' (#189). The shifting, unrelated chords in the slow movement paint a musical picture of transfiguration. Mark Sedio is the organist at Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis.
- The setting of 'Brewer's Trumpet' is by the composer of the hymn tune, David Ashley White.
- The Praeludium in D Major by Dietrich Buxtehude is an example of a North German sectional prelude. Different sections of the piece are intended to be played on different divisions of the organ. Buxtehude was the organist and kapellmeister at the Marienkirche in Lubeck.

WELCOME to Buffalo Presbyterian Church. We are a congregation in which the Word, the Spirit, and the Love of God enrich and strengthen us as individuals and families in Christ.

The purpose of this Church is to fully equip us to become disciples of Jesus Christ, obeying His commandments to love and worship God, love and care for our neighbors, and make new disciples in our community and the world.

We are a congregation in The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and have been part of the Buffalo community since 1875. We moved to our present property on County Road 134 in 1996. Our Sunday morning worship time is 9:30 a.m. throughout the year. Please join us again!

Classes Coffee and  
Conversations  
10:45am  
*Hunger Action*

Sunday School for  
Elementary Age

Confirmation for 6th-9th  
Graders

### Worship Notes

- The People say the text printed in **bold**. \*Please stand in body or in Spirit
- We are equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an usher for a receiver.
- All children are welcome to join us for worship. If you desire, our nursery is available for children ages kindergarten and under.
- Activity bags are located in the back of the sanctuary for older children (first grade and up).
- Please refrain from bringing food and beverages (other than water) into the worship area.

Helpful and insightful hymn notes can be found under the hymns in the *Glory to God* hymnal.

## Buffalo Presbyterian Church Notes and News

**Ash Wednesday:** Service will be on March 6 at 6:30pm.

**Lenten Soup Suppers:** Stay tuned for the upcoming Lenten soup suppers. They start on March 13th and go through April 10th. There will be classes for all to attend. Please sign up outside the office if you would like to bring soup and/or bread/crackers.

**March 13 -April 10 Wednesday Schedule:** 5:30pm Joyful Noise Choir, 6:00pm Soup Supper, 6:30 pm Children Imaginative Prayer, Yac (Youth Adventures with Christ), Adults Re-Confirmation, 7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal.

**Love INC-Big Woods is hosting an All You Can Eat Belgian Waffle Breakfast:** at St. Francis Xavier Catholic church on Sunday, March 31, from 8:30am – 1:00pm. There will be waffles, sausages, toppings and beverages. Tickets will be sold at the door – Adults \$8, children under 10 \$6, and kids under 5 eat free. (To-Go boxes available at the same price)

Come before or after church - This is a great way to benefit one of the local missions that our church supports!

*Coming soon..... Watch for more details in the bulletin, newsletter and bulletin board.*

- Ash Wednesday service will be on March 6 at 6:30 pm.
- The men's Wednesday night Bible study will not be meeting from March 6 through April 17.
- C.A.P. "Flower Spring Fling" with Linda Pacel will be on March 13 from 10am to noon.
- Synod School 2019: Cultivating Civil Community will be from July 21st through 26th at the Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, IA.

## **This week at BPC**

### **Sunday, March 3**

8:00a Adult Sunday School  
9:30a Worship  
10:45a Classes, Coffee, and Conversations  
11:30a Worship and Music Committee Meeting

### **Monday, March 4**

6:30p Prayer Shawl Meeting  
7:00p AA Meeting

### **Tuesday, March 5**

7:00a Kiwanis  
7:30a Guy's Breakfast  
9:00a Crafty Ladies  
10:30a Men's Bible Study  
2:30p Finance Committee Meeting

### **Wednesday, March 6**

10:00a Personnel Committee Meeting  
6:30p Ash Wednesday service  
7:30p Adult Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, March 7**

6:30a Women of Faith  
10:00a Women of Faith  
6:30p Communications Committee Meeting

### **Sunday, March 10**

8:00a Adult Sunday School  
9:30a Worship  
10:45a Classes, Coffee, and Conversations

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