Transfiguration Sunday

February 26, 2017 11:00 am

"God is Spirit, and His worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth." (John 4:24)

Prelude **"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"** (arr. Broughton) Sandy Griese

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**
L: As God called to Moses from the mountain,
P: we are called to be God's people.
L: As Jesus called the disciples to climb with Him to the peak of a mountain,
P: we are called to follow wherever He leads.
L: As the disciples stood in awe at the sound of God's voice,
P: we are called to worship in wonder and praise. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** **"Lift High the Cross"** **UMH 159**

Lighting of the Candles

***Opening Prayer** (in unison)
"Holy One, Light of light, God of all creation, long ago You showed Your majestic glory to the disciples in Jesus' transfiguration. Shine in us, around us, and through us, that the world may see your glory in the faces of your people— faces transfigured in the light of Your love. Amen."

Anthem **"I Will Sing with the Spirit"** (Rutter) Voices In Praise

Children's Message

Hymn Response **"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"** **UMH 349**

Prayer of Petition (in unison)
"Gracious God, we have seen Your light and glory in the work of Your church, in the faces of loved ones, and in the life of Jesus Christ. When we feel You are far away, remind us how You have loved us. Open our eyes and our ears, Lord. Teach us to seek You and to listen as You call. Amen."

Hebrew Scripture **2 Peter** **1:16-21** Will Fowler
Epistle Lesson **Matthew** **17:1-9**
L: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
P: Thanks be to God.

Please rise either in posture or in spirit.

Hymn of Faith **"Open My Eyes, That I May See"** **UMH 454**

Message **"This Is My Son"** Rev. Wayne Chung
The Transfiguration ends Christ's ministry in Galilee. Now, Jesus journeys to the cross. So do we as we prepare for our Lenten journey. The One who is to suffer and die is no less than the beloved Son of God.

Giving in Response to God's Love
Offertory **"God Sits on High"** Voices In Praise

***Doxology** **"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"** **UMH 94**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer (in unison)

***Closing Hymn** **"Because He Lives"** **UMH 364**

Sending Forth God's Light and Love

***Hymn Response** **"Amen"** **UMH 898**

Postlude **"Festive Voluntary"** (Purcell) Sandy Griese

Lection Reading for Following Sunday

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 **Psalm 32** **Romans 5:12-19** **Matthew 4:1-11**

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The flowers on the altar today are given by Ray, Tina, Kevin, & Jonathan Wilkerson in honor of Margaret Revelle's Birthday today, February 26th!

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The rosebuds on the altar are in celebration of the births of Ivar Leif & Norah Jane Montgomery on Saturday, February 18 to Grace Booker & Eric Montgomery

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Our Prayers: Iva Gene Ward having surgery this week, Deloras Ward, Carole Butler & family following the death of Carole's mother, Olivia Gammel – friend of Chris Heyer, Sarah Stallings, Jerome Stallings, Shirley Wood, Minerva Moreland, Carl Stallings, Sr., Laura Wise – sister of Donna Nestor, Diana Marshall – niece of Martha Wooldridge, Debbie Holloway's mother recovering from surgery, Jack Dorsey, Kathy Wallace, Bill Fowler, Courtney Schultz, friend of the Distlers, Those who travel

Our Presence:		
	Worship Attendance Last Sunday	168
	Average Weekly Attendance	183
	Sunday School Attendance Last Sunday	68

Our Gifts: Please strive to tithe! The Bible asks us to tithe 10% of our income to God. Many of our members are doing this already. How about you? You may give your offering electronically (EFT). Call the church office to set it up. ***Stewardship is rather a way of life than an annual campaign. Thank You for your faithful stewardship!***

Record of Giving (Funds Received by the Church)

	January-December 2016					
	Actual		**Budget**		**Surplus / (Deficit)**	**Var %**
General Fund	$391,895		$401,811		($9,916)	-2%
Missions Fund	$24,829		$23,000		$1,829	8%
P&I Fund	$27,782		$24,500		$3,282	13%
Building Fund	$76,634		$76,800		($166)	0%
Kitchen Fund	$60,348		$6,504		$53,844	-
Weekly SCAN Report	Cereal	33	Other	0	YTD Cereal	208

*Kitchen Fund Balance = $112,911 as of December 31, 2016
Mortgage Loan Balance = $511,947 as of December 31, 2016

Service:

Ministers	All Members and Volunteers at Friendship
Secretary	Bonnie Dean bsuedean@friendshipmethodist.org
Music Team	Sandy Melson Griese, Holly Reynolds Lee, Chrys Hill, Micah Cooley
Custodian	Jim Fowler
Counters	Joyce Terry & Ed Hall
Ushers	Doris McMichael & Bonnie Revell
Junior Usher	Matthew Trickle
Acolytes	Rebecca & Seth Heyer
Altar Guild for March	Van King (410-741-1778)
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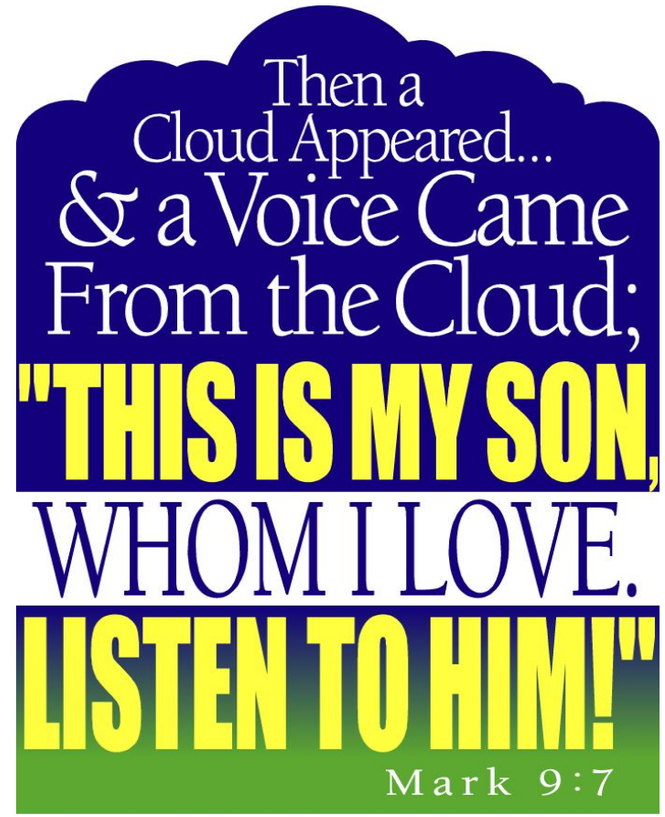
Sunday, February 26, 2017
11:00 a.m. Worship Service



Our Mission : "Grow as Disciples, Serve as Friends. Love All; Serve All; Follow One!"

Our Motto : "Each One, Reach One!"