

**The Homer Congregational Church
United Church of Christ**
February 26, 2017 Transfiguration Sunday

10:30 am Worship



Gathered on the Green in 1801- Still Gathered Doing God's Mission

Worship Service
Participants

Ushers and Greeters

Worship Leaders
Traci Bertram

Liturgist
Kyle Wright

Acolytes

Flowers

Nursery Volunteer

Coffee Hour

Attendance
February 19: 65

Our giving 1/19/17:

Operations - \$1,694.50
Missions - \$441.0

Life in the Parish
Week of February 26

Sunday – February 26

10:30 am – Worship
11:30 am – Mission Lunch with
Kelly McKenna Presentation
(after worship)

Monday – February 27

7:00 pm – Winning Ways
Investment Club
7:30 pm – Al-Anon meets

Tuesday – February 28

2:00 pm – Bridge group
6:00 pm – Shrove Tuesday
Community Meal
7:00 pm – Homer Brass
rehearsal
7:15 – Pastor Relations
Committee meets

Wednesday – March 1

7:00 pm – Choir rehearsal

Thursday – March 2

11:30 am – Bible Study Group

Friday – March 3

Office Closed

Sunday – March 5

9:15 am – The Well
9:30 am – Sunday School
10:30 am – Worship
12:00 pm – Manse
Walkthrough (after worship)

Service of Worship

Transfiguration Sunday

February 26, 2017 10:30 am

*...what if the point is...to just enter into the cloud?
What if the whole Bible is less a book of certainties
than it is a book of encounters, in which a
staggeringly long parade of people run into God, each
other, life--and are never the same again? I mean,
what don't people run into in the Bible? Not just
terrifying clouds and hair-raising voices but also
crazy relatives, armed enemies, and deep depression,
along with life-saving strangers, miraculous children,
and food in the wilderness.*

~ Barbara Brown Taylor

*those who are able, please stand.

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude
Chimes

Introit “We Are Standing on Holy Ground”

Call to Worship

One: When Jesus was in the manger, a star pointed
the way.

**Many: When Jesus was baptized, a dove
descended.**

One: When Jesus went to the mountaintop, there was
a cloud,

Many: and there was a Voice.

One: Time and again, God's voice was heard, saying:

Many: *This is my beloved child. Listen to him.*

Hymn

"We Three Kings"

Verses 1-4 will be sung by soloists. The congregation will join in the refrain.

**Glorious now behold him arise; Christ and
God and sacrifice:**

**Alleluia, alleluia, sounds through the earth
and skies.**

**O star of wonder, star of light, star with
royal beauty bright,**

**Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us
to thy perfect light.**

Prayer of Invocation

**Dazzling One, in blinding light you showed
your dearest friends a hint of your power and
purpose. Reveal yourself to us today. Let this
time of worship sparkle with your presence.**

**And when we depart, may your love within us
shine like glitter that cannot be ignored. Amen.**

GOD'S WORD BOTH ANCIENT AND NEW

Anthem "Beholding All Your Glory" Burroughs

Children's Moment

Scripture

Matthew 17:1-9

Sermon

Transformers

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Silence is kept

Prayers of the People

Our 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.

Offering

Invitation

Offertory

*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia!
Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

Long ago on that mountaintop, the disciples bore witness to the power of your transformation, O God. As we offer these gifts, we pray that lives will be transformed. May this offering bring hope to the hopeless, relief to those carrying burdens and freedom for those imprisoned by crisis. Amen

GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

*Hymn

Shalom to You Now

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*Benediction

*Chimes

*Postlude

NOTES AND NOTICES

TODAY

Mission Lunch (after Worship)

After worship TODAY we will share a mission lunch and hear from Kelly McKenna about her recent trip to Belize.

Tues., Feb. 28

Community Meal at 6 PM

We are expanding on our tradition of a Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday by making this our first community meal of 2017! The Outreach Team and CEM teamed up and have invited the families of Homer Elementary School to share the meal with our congregation. Plan to attend to welcome our Homer neighbors in the spirit of fellowship and community! Pancake races will still occur!

Wed., Mar. 1

Lent begins

Please see the insert for information on Lenten services and events.

- Wed., Mar. 5 Walkthrough of Manse**
You are invited to see the Manse and all its new improvements after Worship.
- Sun., Mar. 19 **Mission Lunch (after Worship)**
Marleah Dentes and Olivia Harrington will give a presentation on their February visit to the Youth Leadership Forum in NYC.
- Sun., March 26 **A Celebration of Installation & Ordination at 3 PM**
Don't miss this important day in the life of Homer Congregational Church! Members of the Council of Churches, the Susquehanna Association and the New York Conference will join us as Pastor Vicki is installed as our settled pastor. In addition, our own Rachel Ditch will complete her *five-year journey* toward ordination and she will also be installed into her various settings of ministry. It will be a day of great celebration, special music and joy.

Welcome friends!

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us. If you would like more information about our church, please let Pastor Vicki, the worship leader, or one of the greeters know. We hope you will choose to stay for refreshments and conversation following our service.

You should also know that we believe children of all ages have a place here. One of our greeters can bring you a children's bulletin and a "busy bag". After the Children's Time, small children may want to head to our nursery, where we provide trained caregivers and a fruit snack for the wee ones.

We want you to know...

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Joseph Ford, Director of Music

James Shultes, Organist

Gary Harrington, Sexton

Sheila Shea, Office Administrator office@homercc.org

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Our digital calendar is at homercc.com/calendar

Service information

- Individual listening headsets are available to provide hearing assistance to anyone in need. Ask our greeters for help.
- Prayer request sheets are at each entrance. Your prayers will be offered later in today's service.