

**First Congregational Church of Plainfield**

**United Church of Christ**

Rev. Terry Hood – Pastor 860-564-5932 www.fccplainfield.org

**FEBRUARY 7, 2016 – Last Sunday after Epiphany**

**Transfiguration Sunday**

**Please silence all cell phones. PRELUDE– Jean Barrett, pianist**

**Let us prepare our hearts for worship as we sing**

**“Spirit of the Living God” (see below)**

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;*

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

*Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.*

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

*Spirit of the living God, move among us all;*

*make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love;*

*humble, caring, selfless, sharing.*

*Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love.*

**INTROIT - The Choir Chimes**

**CANDLE OF REMEMBRANCE & PRAYER**

We light this candle for those in harm’s way;  
for those serving our country in the military,  
for those in the service of the United Nations and  
for those involved in other humanitarian agencies.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Terry Hood**

**CALL TO WORSHIP – Deacon Chelle Wright**

**One:** Something drew us together this morning.

**All:** **Something we can’t name  
but which we experience in worship.**

**One:** Some holy mystery we call God

**All:** **Some sacred calling we hear in the life of Jesus.**

**One:** Some indescribable hope  
we feel when we gather in the Spirit.

**All:** **May our experience of the Divine  
transform our doubts and fears  
and prepare us to love the world.  
We give thanks to God who is Love.**

**For Pastoral Care/Spiritual Needs**

Contact Pastor Terry Hood at (home) 860-564-7558 or  
chaplainterry@yahoo.com or call a deacon listed below.  
Alternates: Arte Baton and Patti Ihloff

If you have a special prayer request, please see a deacon, Pastor  
Terry, or write your request and put it in the offering plate.

Chelle Wright	860.465.7577 cell
Merry Humphrey	860.655.4837 cell
Rebecca Theriaque	860.382.5505 cell
David Young	860.608.4696 cell
George Brew	860.367.5232 cell
Sherry Mason	860.913.4801 cell/860.822.1153 home
Jean Lukin	860.377.4488 cell

**Deacons for February – Chelle Wright**

**ATTENTION**



**Choir chime members wanted –  
Rehearsals are Sunday mornings, at 9:15.  
Grades 3-ADULT. No music experience needed.**

**GENERAL**

- Visitors will find a guest book inside the front doorway on right.
- Child care is provided in our nursery.
- There are activity bags located in the back of the sanctuary;  
filled with books, games and puzzles- help yourself.
- Card Request boxes are available upstairs on each side of the  
sanctuary. Let us know if we might send a card to show we care.

**Church Cancellation due to weather tune into  
Channel 3 WFSB TV or Channel 8 WTNH TV**

**Luke 9:28-36**

New Living Translation

The Transfiguration

28 About eight days later Jesus took Peter, John, and James up on a mountain to pray. 29 And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was transformed, and his clothes became dazzling white.

30 Suddenly, two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared and began talking with Jesus. 31 They were glorious to see. And they were speaking about his exodus from this world, which was about to be fulfilled in Jerusalem.

32 Peter and the others had fallen asleep. When they woke up, they saw Jesus' glory and the two men standing with him.

33 As Moses and Elijah were starting to leave, Peter, not even knowing what he was saying, blurted out, "Master, it's wonderful for us to be here! Let's make three shelters as memorials—one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

34 But even as he was saying this, a cloud overshadowed them, and terror gripped them as the cloud covered them.

35 Then a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to him." 36 When the voice finished, Jesus was there alone. They didn't tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

Please stand.

**HYMN** – "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" # 504

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION** – in unison led by Pastor Terry

O God, you are beyond words and description,  
your love is beyond knowledge and explanation.  
Make our hearts ready to receive you.

Change us, we pray,  
that our lives may reflect the glory of your transfiguration.  
We rejoice in the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** – led by Pastor Terry

*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.*

Please be seated.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** – Pastor Terry

*(The children may go down to Sunday School.)*

Please stand.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** – in unison led by Pastor Terry

*(based on Jeremiah 1: 4-10)*

**One:** Peter, James, and John went up on the side of a mountain  
with Jesus and experienced glory.

But then Peter wanted to stay.

We are also often tempted to stay where it's comfortable,  
instead of going back down the mountain  
to continue being God's hands and feet in our world.

God knows this temptation of our hearts  
so we confess that we need help.

**All:** **God of glory and light,**  
**forgive us when we are complacent and comfortable**  
**with keeping the riches of your love to ourselves.**  
**Keep calling us down from our mountains of privilege.**  
**Keep expecting more of us as your disciples.**  
**Keep reminding us to listen to your Son,**  
**in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**– Pastor Terry

One: Whether we hear a voice from the heavens  
or a still small voice in our hearts,  
listen carefully for the love of God.  
Believe and accept God’s love and live in God’s freedom.

**All: We believe! Thanks be to God!**

**GLORIA PATRI**

*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.*

[Please be seated](#)

**OFFERING INVITATION** – Deacon Chelle Wright

The needs of our world are too numerous to name.  
The biggest gift we can give is to love the world  
so much that we give of ourselves.  
Nothing will transform need more than sacrificial love.  
May God bless your gifts of pledges and offerings.  
[We will now have our morning offering.](#)

**OFFERTORY**

[Please stand.](#)

**DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God the source of life and breath;  
Praise Christ, now born to conquer death;  
Praise Holy Spirit’s mystery:  
One God, pure grace, who sets us free. Amen.*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**- in unison led by Deacon Chelle Wright

Bless these gifts, we pray.  
May they represent just the beginning of our journey  
to show forth your glory to the world. Amen.  
[Please be seated.](#)

**PRAYER REQUESTS** – Pastor Terry Hood

**PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR PRAYER**

*Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.  
You are the Potter, I am the clay; mold me and make me, this is what I pray.  
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**THE CHURCH FAMILY AT PRAYER** – Pastor Terry

*Lead me Lord; lead me in Thy righteousness.  
Make Thy way plain before my face.  
For it is Thou Lord, Thou Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.*

**SPECIAL MUSIC** – Our Choir – “Hallelujah”

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Exodus 34:29-35      pew bible p. 80      Deacon Chelle Wright  
Luke 9:28-36      bulletin p. 5      Pastor Terry  
**THE MESSAGE**      “Radiant”      Pastor Terry

**COMMUNION HYMN** - Our Choir – “We Remember You”

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**INVITATION AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION** (in unison led by Pastor Terry)

Holy God, we offer you thanks for the work you have done in our world  
to keep us close to you. We praise you for the gift of your Son, the Light  
of the World, who came to give sight to the blind and set the prisoners  
free. Bless us now as we remember Jesus and his love. Amen.

**SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

**COMMUNION THANKSGIVING PRAYER** (in unison by Pastor Terry)

Lord, in this meal together we feel a peace that surpasses our  
understanding. We thank you for this time to remember and we look  
forward to the time we will share this meal with you, face to face. Amen.

[Please stand](#)

**CLOSING HYMN:**      “Open My Eyes, That I May See” #480

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor Terry Hood

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*As we go now from this moment, as we leave behind our time together.  
May we walk with one another, may we help each other on the way.  
As we go now from this moment, as we go into the future together.  
May we treasure one another, may we realize how precious we are.*

**POSTLUDE** – Jean Barrett, pianist

*Please join us after the service for fellowship and refreshments.*

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Debbie Ducharme (*battling cancer*)  
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