



Illustration from children's book *What a Wonderful World*, Ashley Bryan

FIRST 
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Transfiguration
of the Lord
Sunday, February 19, 2023
10:30 A.M.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

CHORAL INTROIT

I Owe My Lord a Morning Song

John Bell

*LITANY FOR TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Blessed is the Lord our God, who revealed the law to Moses.

The Lord our God is holy!

Blessed is the Lord our God, who has spoken through the prophets.

The Lord our God is holy!

Blessed is the Lord our God, who came to us in Jesus Christ.

The Lord our God is holy!

The one who spoke and called light out of darkness now shines in our hearts.

The Lord our God is holy!

The one who comes and does not keep silence now speaks in our midst.

The Lord our God is holy!

Now we have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The Lord our God is holy!

*OPENING PRAYER

Great God of dazzling beauty and overshadowing majesty, in Jesus Christ, your beloved, we glimpse the image of your glory. Teach us to listen to him so that we may hear your voice and follow your holy way; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

*HYMN 662

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

RATISBON

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Andi Wallace

May God be with you in worship here.

May God be with you in worship there.

Children may depart the sanctuary with their teacher for Worship & Wonder. They will return to the sanctuary before communion.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Deut. 30:19-20

Standing in the light of Christ, we see the shadows hidden in our hearts. Let us tell the truth about ourselves, trusting in God's grace, that we might receive mercy and be renewed.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Magnificent God, we cannot stand before the glory of your presence. You shine with divine light, and we are overwhelmed by your goodness. Lift us in your mercy, release us from our fear, and fill us with your Spirit, that we might reflect your light and share your love, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior.

Silence is kept for personal reflection and prayer.

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Children of God, hear the good news: We are forgiven, again and again, by this glorious God.

What a wonder! Alleluia!

*GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

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

Since we have been reconciled to God, let us also be reconciled to one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 853)

SIYAHAMBA

*We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching, we are marching, oh, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, Oh, we are marching in the light of God. (repeat)*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of shining splendor, your voice makes the earth tremble in wonder.
Overshadow us with your Spirit so that we may hear your Word and live as faithful disciples and covenant people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

2 Peter 1:16-21 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 17:1-9 The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

“Who’s Being Transformed Here?”

Rev. Matt Curry

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Declaration of Faith

We affirm that Jesus was born of woman as is every child, yet born of God’s power as was no other child. In the person and work of Jesus, God and a human life are united but not confused, distinguished but not separated. The coming of Jesus was itself the coming of God’s promised rule. Through his birth, life, death, and resurrection, he brings about the relationship between God and humanity that God always intended.

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

And Can It Be
Shelby Ratliff, Soprano

Dan Forrest

*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest!

THE 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All who seek God are invited to the table, regardless of church affiliation or any other condition or identity. You may take communion by taking a small piece of bread and dipping it in the cup.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, Lord Jesus Christ, for the gifts of grace we have received from your hand. Now send us forth to reflect your light, proclaiming your saving death and resurrection until you come again in glory. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 66

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Matt Curry*

Liturgist: *Patrick Wallace*

Communion Servers: *Debbie McCoy & Diane Bowers*

Choir Leader: *Shelby Ratliff*

Organist: *Jeff Moles*

About Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday



“Transfiguration” refers to a change in form or appearance. At the Transfiguration of the Lord, we celebrate the revelation of divine glory in the human life of Jesus Christ. Jesus’ radiant appearance on the mountaintop evokes the consuming fire of the glory of the Lord at Mount Sinai. Standing with Moses and Elijah, Jesus represents the fulfillment of the law and the prophets. The transfiguration looks back to Jesus’ incarnation and baptism, as God again claims him as a beloved child. This event also looks forward to his death and resurrection, as the one who is lifted up on the cross will reveal the glorious victory of God.

Because of the tradition that Jesus’ transfiguration took place forty days before his crucifixion, we observe this festival on the Sunday before Lent.

The Life of the Church

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the season of Lent, is this week, February 22. Pastor Matt will be offering drive-thru “Ashes to Go” in front of the main entrance to the sanctuary from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. Our traditional Ash Wednesday worship service, including imposition of the ashes, will be at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

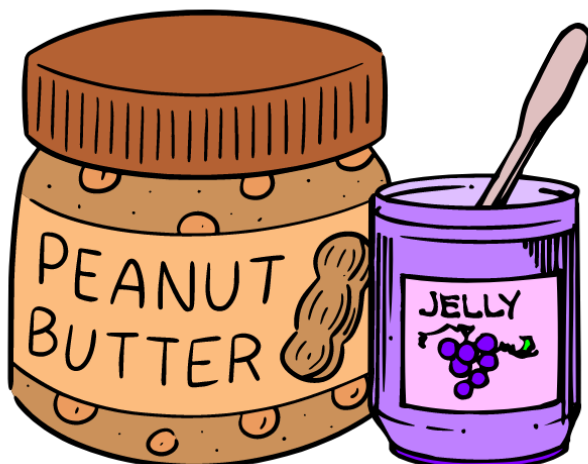
Coffee Cup Theology & Prayer Group will not be held this week, due to Ash Wednesday.

Our Lenten Book Study begins Wednesday, March 1. We will explore *Meeting Jesus at the Table*, by Cynthia M. Campbell and Christine Coy Fohr. Classes will meet at 6 p.m. in the Parlor. Contact Sasha if you need help ordering the book.

A Lenten Food Drive will give us an opportunity to make sure our neighbors served by the Help Office have the food they need. During the Sundays of Lent, there will be a different item you will be encouraged to bring to church each Sunday. Next week, February 26, bring peanut butter and jelly. There will be a table at the front of the sanctuary where you can place your contribution.

Hearing Assistance Devices are available. Please see an usher if you would like to use one.

Next Sunday, Feb. 26, Bring:





First Presbyterian Church is an inclusive community of faith called to proclaim the good news of the love of Jesus Christ for all people, and to join God in the building of a just, peaceful, and compassionate world.



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