



Kelly Latimore, Transfiguration

FIRST 
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Transfiguration
of the Lord
Sunday, February 27, 2022
10:30 A.M.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*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 midst.

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 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Matt Curry

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

Luke 8:17

Jesus said: Nothing is hidden that will not be disclosed, nor is anything secret that will not come to light. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Lord, we confess that we do not always seek the light of your way. We are satisfied to dwell in darkness, holding fast to the comforts of material fortune. We ignore the needs of others, and selfishly look the other way when our neighbors are oppressed. In your merciful way, help us to establish your equity in the world. Move us to protect creation and ensure equality, that all of our siblings may have a share of your abundance and the safety of your peace, and that the light of your face may shine upon all creation.

Silence is kept.

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

2 Cor. 4:6

The one who calls light out of darkness now shines in our hearts to reveal the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

*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 339)

*Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies; let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on, till victory is won.*

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

Exodus 34:29-35 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Luke 9:28-36 The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

“It is Good for Us to be Here”

Rev. Matt Curry

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from a 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

O Christ Surround Me

arr. Sims

*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

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 193

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

UNSER HERRSCHER

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Matt Curry*

Liturgist: *Sam Smith*

Communion Servers: *Shannon & Craig Smith*

ASH WEDNESDAY

8:00-9:00 AM

MARCH 2

Ashes on the Go

Drive through or walk up to the front steps of the church to receive a prayer of blessing and imposition of ashes as you begin your day.

6:00 PM

Ash Wednesday Worship

Join us in the Sanctuary or online for the liturgy of Ash Wednesday, including communion and imposition of ashes.



The Life of the Church

Resources for families with kids to use during the Lenten season are available today. Fish banks for the One Great Hour of Sharing, along with a sharing calendar can be used for family giving and may be returned on Easter. The Christian Education Committee, with financial support from the Presbyterian Mission Agency, has purchased copies of *Faithful Families for Lent, Easter, & Resurrection: Simple Ways to Create Meaning for the Season* by Traci Smith for each family to use for at-home faith formation.

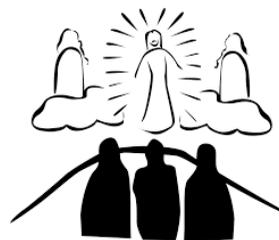
On Earth as It Is in Heaven: Mission as a Spiritual Practice is the the theme of a two-part class being led by Jeff Moles on Tuesdays February 22 and March 1 at 7:00pm on Zoom. We will be exploring ways to re-think the ways we have done "mission" - moving from a model where those who "have" provide for those who "have not" to something that more closely resembles God's radical vision of love in community.

The Pastor's Lenten Book Study begins Wednesday, March 9, running through April 6. We will be discussing the book *I'm Proud of You: My Friendship with Fred Rogers* by Tim Madigan. Classes will meet each Wednesday at 6:00pm. Please contact the church office if you would like help purchasing the book.

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

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, this festival is observed on the Sunday before Lent begins.



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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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