

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Transfiguration of the Lord
Forgiveness Sunday

March 2, 2025

Eleven O'Clock

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast
Liturgist: Thomas Boyanton

PRELUDE:

CHIMING THE HOUR

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Psalm 118 says: **This is the Day that the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! Good morning and welcome. It is so nice to see all of you here this morning. Visitors, please sign the attendance registers located in each row.**

Please stand, in body or spirit, and join me in our Call to Worship and remain standing through the Assurance of Pardon

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Responsively)

Leader: **The Lord is a Spirit,**

People: **and we worship God with our hearts and our spirits.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

Please bow your heads for our Opening Prayer

***OPENING PRAYER** Holy God, mighty and immortal, You are beyond our knowing, yet we see Your glory in the face of Jesus Christ, whose compassion illumines the world. Transform us into the likeness of the love of Christ, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in His divinity, the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Our first hymn today is:

***HYMN** No. 12 "*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*" ST. DENIO

***CALL TO CONFESSION** If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves. Let us confess our sins before Almighty God.

Let us pray together

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Be with us Lord as we go through our life. We glorify You and utter our praise, but live in a world where honesty is no longer valued. We are faced daily with choices, in business, in family life, and with our friends, to follow the lead of the world or to be faithful to Your claim on our lives. Give us the strength to stay strong, even when there is pressure to do the wrong thing. Give us the courage to stand up against wrongdoing, even at the cost of friends, jobs, and possessions. Standing in the shadow of Your wing we are strengthened and know that in You we are redeemed and safe. (Say – “Please pray silently,” and after about 20 seconds, say,) In Jesus’ name, Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Brothers and sisters in Christ, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

You may be seated.

A TIME FOR YOUTH At this time would our youth please come forward.

Please bow your heads for our Prayer for Illumination

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION God, who knows all that we are and all that we need, open our minds to hear and understand Your words today. Give us the wisdom to discover how Your words apply to our lives. And, Lord, open our hearts so that we may hear the scripture with joy and rejoicing at Your continued presence in this world. Amen.

PSALTER LESSON Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 99, please read it responsively with me.

Leader: **The Lord is King; let the peoples tremble!**

People: **He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!**

Leader: **The Lord is great in Zion; He is exalted over all the peoples.**

People: **Let them praise Your great and awesome name. Holy is He!**

Leader: **Mighty King, lover of justice, You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

People: **Extol the Lord our God; worship at His footstool. Holy is He!**

Leader: **Moses and Aaron were among His priests, Samuel also was among those who called on His name. They cried to the Lord, and He answered them.**

People: **He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept His decrees, and the statutes He gave them.**

Leader: **O Lord our God, You answered them; You were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.**

People: **Extol the Lord our God, and worship at His holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy.**

Leader: **The Word of the Lord.**

People: **Thanks be to God!**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS Our Old Testament Lesson comes from [Exodus 34:29-35](#) you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 81 of the Old Testament

Exodus 34:29-35

²⁹Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³²Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The choir will now sing the Anthem:

ANTHEM: “*Shine, Jesus Shine*” by Lloyd Larson

GOSPEL LESSON Our Gospel Lesson comes from Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a) you may follow along in your pew Bibles on pages 69-70 of the New Testament

Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah” —not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

³⁷On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸Just then a man from the crowd shouted, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. ³⁹Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. ⁴⁰I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.” ⁴¹Jesus answered, “You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.” ⁴²While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ⁴³And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Janet Boyanton

Those who are able, please stand and join with me in singing:

***HYMN** No. 193 “*Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain*” UNSER HERRSCHER

Please join me in Affirmation of Faith as it is printed in your bulletin.

***AFFIRMATION** The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 581 "*Glory Be to the Father*" 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.

You may be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS It is time for announcements, does anybody have an announcement they would like to make?

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY And now it is time for our Prayer Concerns and Celebrations. Does anybody have anything they would like to share?

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY:

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 606 "*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*"

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Let us come to God with our prayer of Thanksgiving

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Eternal God, You revealed to the disciples the everlasting glory of Jesus Christ. Grant us, who have not seen and yet believe, the gift of Your Holy Spirit, that we may boldly live the Gospel and shine with Your transforming glory, as people changed and changing through the redeeming presence of our Savior. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

(For the music used during the prayer turn to #552, 553, and 554 in the hymnal.)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Pastor: To the one true and living God...

Therefore, we praise You, joining our voices with the choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, 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.

How wonderful are the works of Your hands, Holy God, and how gracious is the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior...

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Breathe on us, breath of God, and upon these gifts of bread and cup...

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

Our last Hymn today is:

***HYMN** No.853 *“We Are Marching in the Light of God”* SIYAHAMBA

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 542 *“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”* GOD BE WITH YOU

**God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***POSTLUDE:**

***Those who are able may stand.**

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY – 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group

THURSDAY – 10:00 AM Art Group

NEXT SUNDAY –

10:30 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Leaders

Our Presbytery, our church, our Session

Our Troops

Joe and Lorrinda Alexander

Thomas Alexander – please continue to pray

Jim Glander

Martha Brashear – continued prayers

The church and nation of Ukraine

Makia's people in Cameroon

DeSoto Food Pantry

Max Jewell is at home, but needs our continued prayers as he is still recovering

Chikezie is very weak

Christians in Pakistan

Janet

Joan Christy

Devynne's grandmother, Doris Poteet, had a heart attack during surgery. She has a long recovery ahead of her

Pope Francis is very ill

All those in our congregation who are sick

Makia just came back from Cameroon, prayers for Robert Johnson and family

CELEBRATIONS

Elizabeth celebrated her 97th birthday

Heidi is going to have a birthday on February 27th