

**February 11, 2024**  
**Transfiguration of the Lord**

**PRELUDE** "Serenade" Schubert

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MINUTE FOR UKIRK** Neil Myer

**OPENING SENTENCES** Ps. 50:1, 3; 2 Cor. 4:6; Mark 9:7

The glory of Jesus shines  
like a consuming fire.  
**We have seen the glory of God  
in the face of Jesus Christ.**

The voice of God thunders  
like a mighty storm.  
**Out of the cloud, God speaks:  
This is my beloved Son; listen to him!**  
Let us worship God!

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** Ps. 50:1, 5; Mark 9:7

**+HYMN: GTG #192** SHINE, JESUS, SHINE  
"Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining"

**CALL TO CONFESSION** Ps. 50:2, 6

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** 2 Cor. 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

God of all glory, beauty, and grace,  
we have tried to hide from you—  
to hide our faces, to hide our sin—  
yet you have never hidden your love for us.  
We have tried to search for you—  
in temples, in clouds, on mountaintops—  
yet you have already revealed yourself to us  
in the face of Jesus Christ.

Forgive us, and transform us  
so that our lives may shine  
with your glory, beauty, and grace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS** Ps. 50:3; Mark 9:7  
... In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**HYMN: GTG #666** PUER NOBIS NASCITUR  
"O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

... Lord, by your Spirit,  
**grant what we ask.**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** 2 Cor. 4:6

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School*

**INVITATION TO OFFERING** Ps. 50:1

**OFFERTORY** "Sarabande" Bach

**+RESPONSE: GTG #606** OLD HUNDREDTH  
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from A Brief Statement of Faith  
(United States, 1991)

**In life and death we belong to God.**  
**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,**  
**the love of God,**  
**and the communion of the Holy Spirit,**  
**we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,**  
**whom alone we worship and serve.**

**With believers in every time and place,**  
**we rejoice that nothing in life or in death**  
**can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.**  
**Amen.**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** Ps. 50:1; 2 Cor. 4:6; Mark 9:4

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** 2 Kings 2:1-12 O.T. page 260

**PSALM** Psalm 50:1-6  
The mighty one, God the LORD, has spoken;  
calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,**  
**God shines forth in glory.**  
Our God will come and will not keep silence;  
with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm.

**God calls the heavens and the earth from above**  
**to witness the judgment of the people.**  
"Gather before me my loyal followers,  
those who have made a covenant with me  
and sealed it with sacrifice."

**The heavens declare the rightness of God's cause,**  
**for it is God who is judge.**

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** 2 Cor. 4:3-6 N.T. page 138

**GOSPEL LESSON** Mark 9:2-9 N.T. page 34

**RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE** Mark 9:7  
And from the cloud there came a voice, saying:  
This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!  
**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** "Shine on Us" Denson / Schwarz

**SERMON** "Elijah Ascended" Rev. Bill Pinches

**+HYMN: GTG #825** "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" SWING LOW

**+CHARGE** Mark 9:9  
Now go and tell the good news:  
the Lord of life and light is with us;  
Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.  
**Amen.**

**+BLESSING** Ps. 50:2  
The very face of God shines upon you  
with beauty, blessing, and peace.  
**Alleluia!**

**+CHORAL BENEDICTION** "Sevenfold Amen" Stainer

**POSTLUDE** "Salut d'Amour" Elgar

*You are invited to join us  
for fellowship and refreshments  
after worship in the Memorial Room.  
It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.*

**SERVING US TODAY**  
**Liturgist:** Debbie Markiewicz  
**Greeters:** Debi and Mike Buchman  
**Sound:** Tim Hammond  
**Livestream:** Tami Chapman  
**Security:** Will Ozee

Today's flowers are given by  
Jane Somerville  
in memory of  
Lange Somerville and Louise Allen

## CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

### **#71. 1 Timothy:**

Paul may have written this letter, a very personal message to his protégé Timothy about Christian leadership, right near the very end of Paul's life.  
(c. AD 66-67)

## THE STUDY CATECHISM

### **Question 125. What is meant by addressing God as “Our Father in heaven”?**

By addressing God as “our Father,” we draw near with childlike reverence, and place ourselves securely in God’s hands. Although God is certainly everywhere, God is said to exist and dwell “in heaven.” For while God is free to enter into the closest relationship with the creature, God does not belong to the order of created beings. “Heaven” is the seat of divine authority, the place from which God reigns in glory and brings salvation to earth. Our opening address expresses our confidence that we rest securely in God’s intimate care, and that nothing on earth lies beyond the reach of God’s grace.

## CREDITS

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### ELDERS

**Class of 2024:** Jerry Ambrose, Lucinda Davenport, Loren Harkness, Tonya Seely.  
**Class of 2025:** Doreen Chapman, Anita Cote, Mary Garland Jackson, Monte Shuck (*Recording Clerk*).  
**Class of 2026:** Bruce Archer (*Clerk of Session*), Ginnie Gibson, Jane Hamelink, Tim Hammond

### DEACONS

**Class of 2024:** Donna Hujsak, Issie Nielsen, Camille Subject.  
**Class of 2025:** Marge Clarke, Julie Dart, Timothy Pinches, Tom Seely (*Moderator*).  
**Class of 2026:** Ron Dlouhy, Sandy Leutscher, Nancy Sue MacDonald

### DAILY PRAYER

*Book of Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2018)

### EVENTS THIS WEEK

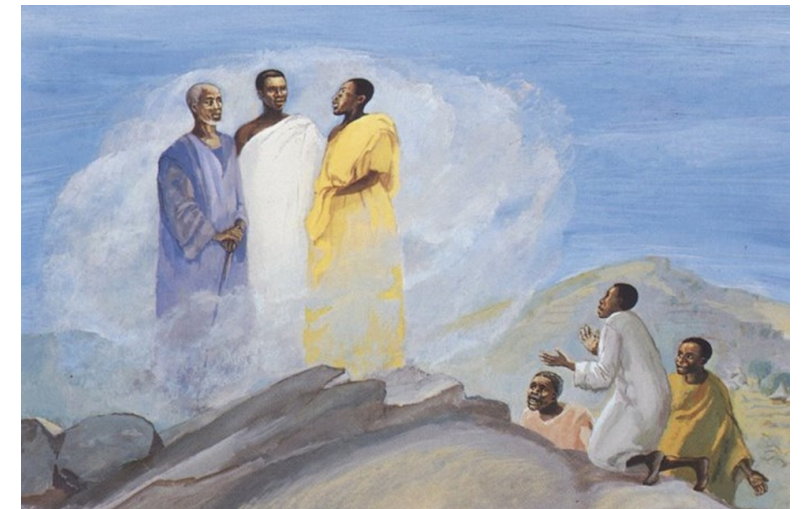
<b>Today</b>	Adult Sunday School ( <i>The Chosen</i> )	11:15 am
<b>Tuesday</b>	Friends! Worship and Music Committee	3:30 pm 6:00 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> Lunch Packing for Advent House Ash Wednesday service (Chapel) Wonderful Wednesday (children/youth) Ash Wednesday service (Dining Room) Ash Wednesday light dinner Choir Rehearsal	10:30 am 12:00 pm 4:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:10 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Session	7:00 pm
<b>Friday</b>	Church Office closed / Pastor’s Sabbath	
<b>Saturday</b>	Yarners	10:00 am

### BIRTHDAYS

Linda Guy Feb. 11  
Tom Seely Feb. 12

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*Transfiguration*  
JESUS MAFA, 1973  
Cameroon

*The fruit of the Spirit  
is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,  
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.  
(Galatians 5:22-23)*