

February 15, 2026

Transfiguration of the Lord

PRELUDE "Going Home" arr. Martin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESENTATION OF COLORS Boy Scout Troop 763

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 17:1-9 N.T. page 14
Christ revealed as God's beloved Son

OPENING SENTENCES

At the mountain of the Lord bow down, *Ps. 99:9*
for the Lord our God is holy.
On a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured, *Matt. 17:1-2, 5*
and God said: This is my Beloved Son.
As God spoke, calling light out of darkness, *2 Cor. 4:6*
God's glory shines in the face of Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+ HYMN: GTG #12 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" ST. DENIO

CALL TO CONFESSION *Luke 8:17*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait.
Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS *2 Cor. 4:6*
... In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

HYMN: GTG #193 "Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain" UNSER HERRSCHER

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... God of glory, **hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN Mary Garland Jackson

Children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

INVITATION TO OFFERING *2 Cor. 9:7*

OFFERTORY "Serenity" Cumbie

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

+ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Adapted from the Belhar Confession (1982)*
We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another.

We believe that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ.

We believe that, through the working of God's Spirit, it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 24:12-18 O.T. page 54
Moses enters the cloud of God's glory

PSALM Psalm 99
Worship upon God's holy hill

The LORD is king; let the people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

**The LORD, great in Zion,
is high above all peoples.**

Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome;
God is the Holy One.

**O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD
and fall down before God's footstool;

God is the Holy One.

**Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those
who call upon your name, O LORD;**

they called upon you, and you answered them,
you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;

they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

**O LORD our God, you answered them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

**Proclaim the greatness of the LORD
and worship upon God's holy hill;
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 2 Peter 1:16-21 N.T. page 186
Shining with the glory of God

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE

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

ANTHEM "Fairest Lord Jesus" arr. Courtney

SERMON "The Majestic Glory" Rev. Bill Pinches

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

+ CHARGE *1 Cor. 16:13; 2 Tim. 2:1; Eph. 6:10;*
Go out into the world in peace; *1 Thess. 5:13-22; 1 Pet. 2:17*
have courage;
hold onto what is good;
return no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak, and help the suffering;
honor all people;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

+ BLESSING *2 Cor. 13:13*
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.
Alleluia!

+ CHORAL BENEDICTION "May the Light of Christ" McDonald

POSTLUDE "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" arr. Larson

*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: Greg Lang

Greeters: Boy Scout Troop 763

Next Week's Greeters: Debi and Mike Buchman

Sound: Tami Chapman

Livestream: Tami Chapman

Security: Dan Baker and Mike Buchman

Today's flowers are given by Gladys Welker
in memory of Gerald Welker
and by Karen O'Malley
in memory of Elizabeth and Charles Neighbor

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#65: Death of Peter

Early Christian writings say that Simon Peter was crucified upside-down in Rome after the great fire in Rome, which the Emperor blamed on Christians. (c. AD 64)

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 101. Why set aside one day a week as a day of rest?

First, working people should not be taken advantage of by their employers (Deut. 5:14). My job should not be my tyrant, for my life is more than my work. Second, God requires me to put time aside for the regular study of Holy Scripture and for prayer, not only by myself but also with others, not least those in my own household.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	Adult Sunday School	11:30 am
Wednesday	Lunch packing for Advent House	10:15 am
	Ash Wednesday Worship Service	12:00 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday (K-12)	4:00 pm
	Ash Wednesday Worship Service	5:30 pm
	Wednesday Night Dinner	6:00 pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:10 pm
Thursday	Session	7:00 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor's Sabbath	
Saturday	Yarners	10:00 am

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Feb. 19: Kelli Green

Feb. 21: Issie Nielsen

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The Fourth Mystery of Light (the Transfiguration)

by George Walsh, 2005

Church of the Most Holy Rosary, Tullow, County Carlow, Ireland

*And he was transfigured before them,
and his face shone like the sun,
and his clothes became bright as light.
(Matthew 17:2)*