

# Transfiguration Sunday

March 2, 2025 9:00 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.

\*Congregation standing for those who are able

The Words of Welcome and Announcements  
Please sign the Friendship pads and pass them back to the center aisle.

## Our Approach to God

Prelude Deo Gracias M. B. Bennett

The Call to Worship  
Up on the mountain, the divine glory of Jesus was revealed.  
**From the heavens, God's voice proclaimed Jesus to be God's beloved Son.**  
Let us rejoice in the divine majesty of Jesus Christ. His glory shone forth as he prepared to go to the cross.  
**With hearts full of love and thanksgiving, we worship God!**

\*The Hymn of Praise Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim 477

\*The Call to Confession  
God's Word tells us that all of us have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. But in Christ, we can approach God's throne of grace with confidence, that we may receive mercy. Let us confess our sin to God.

\*The Prayer of Confession  
**Almighty God, we humbly come before you in awe of your overwhelming glory and love. We confess that although we praise you with our lips, we do not always glorify you with our lives. Forgive us for our weak faith that fades under pressure, for our quick enthusiasm that just as quickly dies, and for the hopes we proclaim but do not pursue. Have mercy on us, we pray. [Silent confession.] Lord, empower us to live in your light and to walk in your ways through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

\*The Assurance of Pardon  
Jesus came into this world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross. Trusting in God's grace, know that your sins are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

\*The Gloria Patri Glory Be to the Father 579  
**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.**

The Anthem I'm Gonna Let it Shine! D. Angerman

## The Word of God

The Time with the Children  
The Gospel Reading Luke 9:28-37 page 1477  
The Sermon The Transfiguration of Jesus Pastor Ruth Estell

## Our Response to Serve

\*The Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) hymnal, page 14

\*The Hymn Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory 73

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)  
**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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts  
The Offertory Blessed Be the Name of the Lord G. Fried & E. Butler  
\*The Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow 592  
**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.**

\*The Prayer of Dedication

\*The Hymn                      *To God Be the Glory*                      485

\*The Charge and Benediction

\*The Congregational Response                      *Go with Us, Lord*                      535  
**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,  
that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.**

Postlude                      Shine, Jesus, Shine                      D. Blackwell

**Liturgist:** Karen Kalina

**Ushers:**

**Greeter:**

**Fellowship Hour:**

**Musical Talents:** Thomas Heidenreich – Director of Music Ministry and The  
Chancel & JuBELLation Choirs.

**Please join us immediately following worship in the gathering area for  
refreshments and fellowship.**

**The flowers today are to honor D.J. Sova** who ran the travel and  
organization of our youth to REACH Workcamps for many years.

**-Anonymous-**

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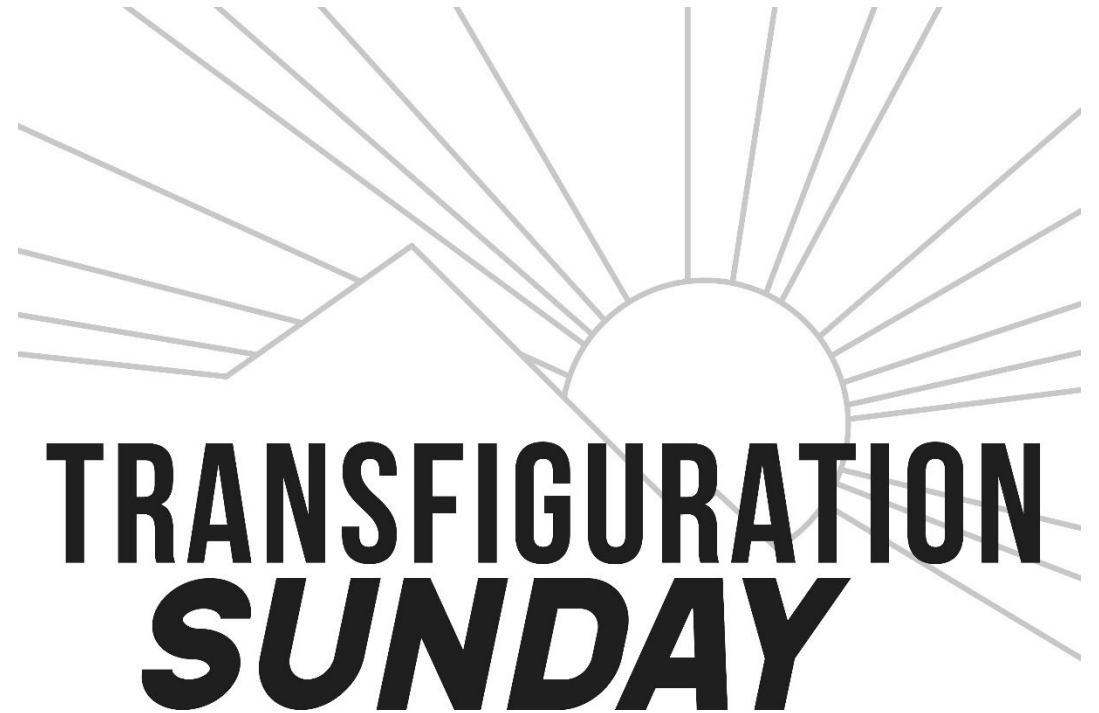
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# Announcements and Upcoming Events

## For The Hearing Impaired

The service audio is being broadcast on 96.7-FM throughout the building and parking lot. Feel free to bring your pocket size radio, with headphones or earbuds, and listen to the service at an audio level that is comfortable for you.

\*\*\* 2<sup>nd</sup> @ Second today at 10:15 in the library\*\*\*



## Office Hours

The office hours for the week of March 3 will be Monday – Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. As always, please call the office before driving to the church as unforeseen circumstances can occur.

**Ash Wednesday is March 5. A combined service with First Presbyterian Church will be @ 7:00 p.m. at Second Presbyterian Church.**



**Next Sunday, March 9, is the 1st Sunday in Lent. Communion** will be celebrated during the worship service. We hold an open Communion at Second Presbyterian Church which means all believing Christians are welcome to participate. We also invite you to bring non-perishable food items for **The Ecumenical Food Pantry at First Presbyterian Church.** We do so knowing that it is our privilege to feed the hungry and care for the poor as we are fed and sustained by the grace of God.

## Building Maintenance Announcement

- Over the next couple weeks, there will be construction in the hallway in the old section of the church. Please refrain from going into that area.
- The handicap buttons at the entrance have NOT been repaired at this time. The issue was more involved than we anticipated. A repair company has been hired, and the parts are on order.



## Worship Team

**Music and Worship Committee**  
The signup sheets are out for March Liturgist, Ushers, Greeter(s), Fellowship Hour Host(s), and Communion Servers. We also need some people willing to learn and help with the Live-Stream operations. Please see Chuck Kemerer, Cheryl Kelley, Deb Easlick, or Bruce Smith if you are interested in learning the live-stream process



**For the month of March, our mission focus will be the Old Town Baby Pantry.** The

pantry helps parents who need a hand with items for their new babies. We will have a crib set up in the hallway to accept any items that would be useful to new babies. Some suggested items include sleepers, onesies, outfits, snowsuits/jackets (all size 0-9 months),

crib sheets, receiving blankets, hooded towels, wash cloths bibs, bottles, newborn diapers, wipes, diaper bags, shampoo/baby wash, baby powder, lotions, bassinets, pack-n-plays, highchairs, and bouncy seats. We will be collecting items through March 31.

**Next Sunday, March 9 Daylight saving time begins so don't forget to "Spring Forward one hour."**



## Luke 9:28-37 New International Version

<sup>28</sup> About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. <sup>30</sup> Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. <sup>31</sup> They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. <sup>33</sup> As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, “Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what he was saying.)

<sup>34</sup> While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> A voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.” <sup>36</sup> When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

<sup>37</sup> The next day, when they came down from the mountain, a large crowd met him.