

Transfiguration Sunday

March 2, 2025

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRELUDE

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

* TRANSFIGURATION CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader

The mountain top, the shining face, the voice of God speaking from the cloud, the commandments etched in stone. Sometimes God shows up in ways we cannot deny - in a place we can go, a light we can see, a voice we can hear, a stone we can touch. Sometimes, there is the veil, the questions, the appearing and disappearing, the excitement, the wondering, the silence. Sometimes God shows up in ways we cannot deny. Always God shows up somehow. So, we have shown up here, now. May God give us eyes to see.

*HYMN # 138 (Blue Hymnal)

Holy, Holy, Holy

CONFESSION OF SIN

inspired by Psalm 99

Forgive us, O God, when we stumble in the darkness and turn away from your face. Strengthen us to walk in your brightness and live in your ways. Enlighten the shadows that keep us from growing in your love and light. Shower us with your grace, that we might shine as your people upon this earth.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Fellow Christians, Cheer up! Jesus says to you: "Your sins are forgiven." My friends, permit God's mercy to transfigure your lives. Be no longer ruled by doubt and worry but by light and love. Walk as children of the light whose ultimate glory is assured. Amen!

***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.*

A WORD FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

WE GIVE THANK OFFERINGS TO GOD

GIVING GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY** - *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.*

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Exodus 34:29-35

NEW TESTAMENT READING:

Matthew 17:1-9

THE SERMON:

"You Ain't Seen Nothin' Yet"

Dr. William D. Coker

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

*HYMN #513

Let Us Break Bread Together

THE WORDS OF INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: It is a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

People: *We give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and through the Holy Spirit; who comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life.*

Leader: On the night when Christ was betrayed, he gathered with his disciples to celebrate the Passover. He washed their feet and said, "Love one another as I have loved you."

All: *Lord, you call us to remember you and to love one another; You call us to believe. Give us faith that we might be strengthened in this Holy Sacrament. Amen*

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND PREPARATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP (Please hold the elements to share together.)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The First Creed

Leader: Jesus is Lord!

People: Jesus is Lord, indeed!

All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Amen.

*HYMN # 151 (Blue Hymnal)

Crown Him With Many Crowns

* BENEDICTION FOR TRANSFIGURATION

In the coming week, may you experience the presence of God with joy. May the holy cloud comfort you. May the divine voice encourage you. May the power of the Spirit transform you, transform us, transform our world. Amen.

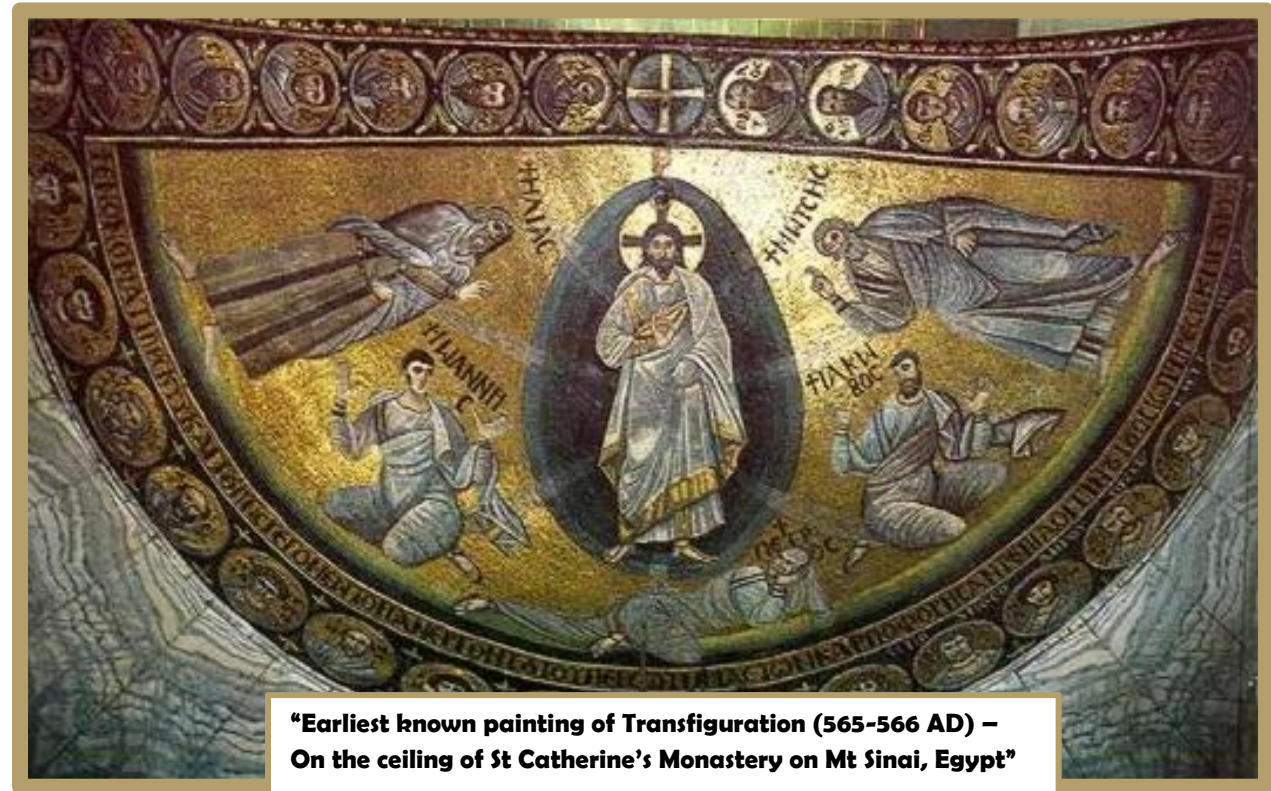
***POSTLUDE** - (*) *We stand as we are able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The flowers today are given by Betsy Leonard in memory of her husband, Ralph whose birthday was March 2, 1937. Ralph was a long-time member and very active elder in our church.
2. 8 Most Significant Words: "Who will you invite to church next Sunday?"
3. #1 Reason to Be at First Pres: *Because we know why we're here - to share the Real Jesus.*
1. A new sermon series begins today - "Difficult Sayings of Jesus"
 - March 2 - "You Ain't Seen Nothin' Yet"
 - March 9 - "O Unbelieving Generation"
 - March 16 - "Those Who See Will Become Blind"
 - March 23 - "The Kingdom of God Is Within You"
 - March 30 - "Friend, Your Sins Are Forgiven"
 - April 6 - "Whoever Blasphemes Against the Holy Spirit"
 - April 13 - "The Last Shall Be First and The First Shall Be Last"
 - April 20 - "Cold Hands" (Sunrise Service @ 7:30 a.m.)
 - April 20 - "Warm Heart" (Easter Celebration @ 11:00 a.m.)
2. Prayer List:
 - a. Cathy Martin (Biff's sister), who is battling Pancreatic Cancer.
 - b. Ben Reeves (friend of Allen Boyd)
 - c. The Need for Unity in Our Country
 - d. Our New 12 Commitments for Christ

Transfiguration Sunday

Transfiguration Sunday is the last Sunday before Ash Wednesday and marks the end of the Epiphany season. In the Bible, Jesus took Peter, James, and John up a mountain and was transfigured before them. His face became like the sun and his clothes became white. Moses and Elijah also appeared to them and spoke with Jesus. In the Presbyterian Church, Transfiguration Sunday is a time to celebrate Christ's divine majesty and glory. It's also a time to renew faith and be transformed into a new being in Christ.



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