

Sunday, February 27th, 2022
Transfiguration Sunday
10:30 AM



The Transfiguration of Jesus

First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City
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“Back Down the Mountain”

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Hours: 9:00 – Noon, Tuesday-Friday

Liturgy for Sunday, February 27th, 2022

Transfiguration Sunday

We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds: *"Listen to Jesus and follow him. That's the message of the Transfiguration."* ~ Pope Francis

Ringling of the Church Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 99 (responsive)

Beth LaBrunda

The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

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.

He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.

O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings. Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy. Amen.

Prelude

Choral Introit: "Heaven Came Down"

*** Hymn: "Come Christians Join to Sing" # 108**

Current Prayer Concerns: Hannah Roberts, Janice Beckham, Jim Phillips, Lakelyn Draheim, Rose Mary McAleer, Phil Steil, Bill Outten, Amy Perron, Nancy Kaiser, Melissa Fields, Russ Shallcross, Carol Nelson, Joyce & Jack Vavrek, Jack Hood, Maggie Mazcho, Lynda, Martha Sekely, Terry Campanella, Bob Lebo, Tanya Ehlers, Andy Hales, and Lydia Frasca.

Those homebound or undergoing treatment: John Snyder, Debra Latture

Berlin Nursing Home: For all those who we were unable to visit or sing with during this time of virus.

Food Pantry & Samaritan Shelter

We have established an Amazon Wish List to help folks see and purchase items that are needed. <https://a.co/5wVUWSL>
Call or email the office with any questions. Thank you for being part of this Kingdom work right here in our community.

Items needed in our Pantry this week:

- * Disposable razors
- * Small mayonnaise jars
- * Tuna cans
- * Juices
- * SPAM
- * Eggs
- * Dinty Moore Beef Stew
- * Chunky Soups
- * Frozen Dinners
- * Nissin Chow Mein Dinners
- * Bar Soap



Fellowship Hostesses for February & March

February 27	Jan Owens & Peggy Webster
March 6	Sarah Dypsky & Beth Fisher
March 13	Sue Latour & Mary Snyder
March 20	Karen Eberle & Nancy Wright
March 27	Jackie Bates & Mabel Rogers

Calendar, Birthdays ... and more!

Sun, Feb 27	Boy Scout Troop # 2173	4:00 PM
Tues, Mar 1	Mobile Showers	9:00 AM
Tues, Mar 1	Setup for Grace Parker	10:00 AM
Wed, Mar 1	Grace Parker Breakfast	7:00 AM
Wed, Mar 2	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
Wed, Mar 2	Girl Scouts # 812	6:00 PM
Fri, Mar 4	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM
Tues, Mar 22	WOW Meeting <i>New Date!</i>	11:00 AM
Tues, Mar 22	Book Club (after WOW Meeting)	

Birthdays: Jim Latour (2/29)

WOW & Book Club

Due to scheduling conflicts the WOW Meeting for March will be pushed to **Tuesday, March 22nd**. Jackie Bates' Bible Study will focus on Bathsheba. Bring your Bibles, your bible study folders and a bag lunch to enjoy both a good discussion and fellowship.

The Book Club will be held after the WOW Meeting (approximately 1:00 o'clock). We will be discussing the *"Lineage of Grace"*, Francine Rivers' compilation of five women in Jesus' lineage (Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary). This will dovetail nicely with our on-going Bible Study.



Prayer of Confession (unison)

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 the wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

When we listen to Christ as God the Father tells us we live lives of righteousness.

When we listen to Christ as God the Father tells us we live lives of peace.

When we listen to Christ as God the Father tells us we live lives of joy.

When we listen to Christ as God the Father tells us we receive his mercy and his grace. Thanks be to God.

* Gloria Patri (unison)

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.

Invitation to the Offering

We serve the Lord with freedom.

We worship God with joy.

In freedom and in joy,

let us present the offerings of our lives to the Lord.

* Doxology (unison)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly Hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Holy are you, O Lord!

We praise your great and awesome name.

Use us, and these our gifts, in your service,
to establish justice, righteousness, and equity,
all for the good of your people
and the glory of your eternal realm. **Amen.**

Choral Anthem: "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

God of shining splendor, your voice makes the earth tremble in wonder. Overshadow us with your Spirit so that we may hear your Word and live as faithful disciples and covenant people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

1st Scripture Reading: Exodus 34: 29-35 [NRSV]

Elder Mabel Rogers

The Shining Face of Moses

34:29 Moses 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. 34:30 When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. 34:31 But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. 34:32 Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. 34:33 When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; 34:34 but 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, 34:35 the 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.

Minsters of the New Covenant

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

2 Corinthians 3: 12-4:2

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- Malcolm Guite -

*For that one moment, 'in and out of time',
On that one mountain where all moments meet,
The daily veil that covers the sublime
In darkling glass fell dazzled at his feet.
There were no angels full of eyes and wings
Just living glory full of truth and grace.
The Love that dances at the heart of things
Shone out upon us from a human face
And to that light the light in us leaped up,
We felt it quicken somewhere deep within,
A sudden blaze of long-extinguished hope
Trembled and tingled through the tender skin.
Nor can this blackened sky, this darkened scar
Eclipse that glimpse of how things really are.*

2nd Scripture Reading: Luke 9: 28-36, 37-43a [NRSV]

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9:28 Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray.

9:29 And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. 9:30 Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. 9:31 They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. 9:32 Now 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. 9:33 Just 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. 9:34 While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. 9:35 Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" 9:36 When 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.

Jesus Heals a Boy with a Demon

9:37 On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. 9:38 Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. 9:39 Suddenly 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. 9:40 I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." 9:41 Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." 9:42 While 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. 9:43a And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

Time with Children & Youth

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Sermon: "Back Down the Mountain"

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*** Hymn "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" # 26**

*** Affirmation of Faith** (unison)

We believe Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation,
in him all things in heaven and on earth were created,
things visible and invisible.

All things have been created through him and for him.

He himself is before all things

and in him all things hold together.

He is head of the body, the church,

he is the beginning,

the first born of the dead,

so that he might come to have first place in everything.

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things,

whether on earth or in heaven,

by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (unison)

To you O Lord we pray,

Answer us with mercy.

Almighty, all-merciful God,

lover of justice and giver of peace,

Hear our prayer:

For your people Israel,

for the church of Jesus Christ,

and for all who seek your face.

To you O Lord we pray

Answer us with mercy.

For leaders and elders

that they will abide by your commandments.

To you O Lord we pray

Answer us with mercy.

For the earth that you have made,

trembling for redemption and re-creation.

To you O Lord we pray.

Answer us with mercy.

For those who are tormented

by the demons of illness, addiction, and grief.

To you O Lord we pray.

Answer us with mercy. And we pray for

Let our lives and our world

be transfigured by your glory

and transformed by your love;

in the name of Jesus Christ, your chosen one, our Lord who taught us

to pray to you by saying, **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.

***Hymn: "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" # 276**

Charge

Benediction

Postlude and Response "Three-Fold Amen"