



GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
A Stephen Ministry Congregation
Service for the Lord's Day with Communion
February 11, 2024– Transfiguration of the Lord
Rev. Robin Palmer – Pastor
Jamie Clay – Director of Music Ministries Brenda Davis – Organist
Martie Kullman – Handbell Choir Director



ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

The People Gather and Welcome One Another

[On the Mount of Transfiguration, Jesus was surrounded by the prophets of the past and disciples to follow him into the future. Help us to recognize the great cloud of witnesses that went before us, to answer the call to be your disciples here and now, and to listen for the new prophets among us. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.]

Prelude Meditation on "Jacob's Ladder" Randolph Johnston

Welcome and Invitation to Share Our Life Together
(Please sign and pass the attendance register)

Introit "Transfigured" Jay C. Treat

Call to Worship

God summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**Every time we encounter beauty, God's perfection shines forth,
calling to us.**

God's revelation is a devouring fire, burning away our doubts.

**The heavens declare God's righteousness, for God is the creator,
the redeemer and the judge.**

Let us worship God!

✠ Hymn No. 73

"Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory"

✠ *Rise in body or in spirit*

✠ Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, when we encounter beauty and love and wonder in the world, so often we seek to control it, to contain it. Forgive us for all the ways we seek to pull things under our power, for the ways we fashion the world and put ourselves first. We are selfish, God. We push aside your command to love in order to seek comfort. Heavenly parent, we take this opportunity to acknowledge our lies and our denial, laying bare our hearts and minds before you now.

✠ A Time of Silence for Private Confession

✠ Hymn

“Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us”

Capo 1: (Em) Fm (Bm7)(Em) Cm7 Fm (C) D^b

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us; Christ, have mer - cy up -

(C) D^b (B) C (Cmaj7) D^bmaj7 (Em) Fm (Bm7) Cm7 (Em) Fm

on us; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

✠ Assurance of Forgiveness

✠ Hymn No. 579

“Glory Be to the Father”

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Lesson	2 Kings 2:1-12	Bible Page 332, O.T.
Psalm 50:1-6		Bible Page 519, O.T.
Anthem	“Most Fair and Holy Lord”	J.S. Bach, arr. G. Sewell
Children’s Time		
Gospel Lesson	Mark 9:2-9	Bible Page 44, N.T.
Sermon	“Transfigured”	Rev. Robin Palmer
Meditative Music	“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”	Moses Hogan

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Reception of New Member

Shaun Phillips

✠ Affirmation of Faith (Apostles' Creed – Trad. version) Hymnal, Page 14

✠ I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

✠ Hymn No. 508

“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”

The Offering

Offertory

“A Holy Offering”

Stewart Landon

✠ Hymn No. 592*

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

* sung to the tune of Hymn No. 591

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures

here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly

host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674
MUSIC: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551

OLD 100th
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Offertory Prayer

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

. . . therefore with all creation we sing your praise:

Hymn

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Capo 3: (Em) (D) (C) (D) (Em) (Am)
 Gm F Eb F Gm Cm

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

(Em) (Am6) (B7) (Em) (D)
 Gm Cm6 D7 Gm F

pow - er, God of might, heav - en and earth are

(C) (D) (Em) (Am) (D)
 Eb F Gm Cm F

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

(Em) (D) (Em) (D) (C)
 Gm F Gm F Eb

high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the

(D) (A) (Am) (D)
 F C Cm F

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

(Em) (Am) (D) (Bm7) (E)
 Gm Cm F Dm7 G

high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

... Great is the mystery of faith:

Hymn

“Christ Has Died, Christ Has Risen”

Capo 3: (Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (B) (C) (D) (A)
 Gm F Bb Cm Gm D Eb F C

Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

(Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (B) (C) (D) (Bm7) (E)
 Gm F Bb Cm Gm D Eb F Dm7 G

Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

The Words of Institution

COMMUNION

[Each serves your neighbor the bread and wine, saying: **“THE BREAD OF HEAVEN”** and **“THE CUP OF SALVATION.”** The other responds: **“THANKS BE TO GOD”** or **“AMEN.”** The bread is eaten as it is served. Please hold the cup so that we may drink together. We eat the bread individually as a symbol of God's grace given to each of us. We drink together as a symbol of our unity in the family of God. NOTE: wine is in the outer row of cups; grape juice is in all others.]

Hymn No. 597

“Bless the Lord, O My Soul”

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

✠ Hymn No. 75

“O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair”

✠ Call to Service

May our eyes be open to the ways the Almighty reveals the divine.
It may not be as grand as the Transfiguration, but it is there: in the whiteness of snow, in the love of animals, in the joy of a good meal, in the beating of our hearts.

Take time to drink in the wonder of this life, and then go out to share it with others.

In the name of our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, may we know God's blessing and be at peace. Alleluia! Amen.

✠ Benediction

“Transfiguration”

Brian Wren

✠ Postlude

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

L. van Beethoven

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR LITURGIST TODAY is Judy Rich.

TODAY we welcome Shaun Phillips as a new member of our church.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE is this Wednesday, Feb. 14th at 7pm.

OFFICE HOURS: Robin is usually in the office Mon.- Fri. 9:00am-3pm but will be working from home Tues., Feb. 13th. Alex is in the office Wed. and Thurs. 9:00am-2pm.

WEEKLY LENTEN DEVOTIONS will be emailed out to Gracelist beginning Feb. 18th. We will be using the Presbyterian Outlook Devotion "Local Pilgrim."

POTLUCK: Our next potluck (soup) will be Feb. 25th.

LECTIONARY READINGS for Next Week:

Gen. 9:8-17

Ps. 25:1-10

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:9-15

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Today, Jan. 7 TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

9:30–10:30 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship (in-person and livestreamed)**

Tuesday, Jan. 9

12:00 p.m. Al-Anon (in person and ZOOM)

Wednesday, Jan. 10

6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir rehearsal

Thursday, Jan. 11

12:00 p.m. Al-Anon (ZOOM Only)

4:00 p.m. Barbershop Quartet rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Voice Choir Rehearsal

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Sunday, Jan. 14 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

9:30–10:30 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship (in-person and livestreamed)**

Grace Presbyterian supports the following ministries: Enable of Madison County, Presbyterian Home for Children, and St. Elizabeth Food Bank. The produce from the Harvest of Grace Community Garden is donated to the hungry of Madison County.

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Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

GENEVA 8.7.8.7 D

Thomas H. Troeger, 1985

George Henry Day, 1940

1. Swift - ly pass the clouds of glo - ry, Heav-en's voice, the daz - zling light;
 2. Glimpsed and gone the rev - e - la - tion, They shall gain and keep its truth,
 3. Lord, trans - fig - ure our per - cep - tion With the pur - est light that shines,

Mo - ses and E - li - jah van - ish; Christ a - lone com - mands the height!
 Not by build - ing on the moun - tain An - y shrine or sa - cred booth,
 And re - cast our life's in - ten - tions To the shape of Your de - signs,

Pe - ter, James, and John fall si - lent, Turn - ing from the sum - mit's rise
 But by fol - low - ing the Sav - ior Through the val - ley to the cross
 Till we seek no oth - er glo - ry Than what lies past Cal - vary's hill

Down-ward toward the shad - owed val - ley Where their Lord has fixed His eyes.
 And by test - ing faith's re - sil - ience Through be - tray - al, pain, and loss.
 And our liv - ing and our dy - ing And our ris - ing by Your will.

LORD'S SUPPER

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KINGDOM 8.7.8.7

Louis FitzGerald Benson, 1924; alt.

V. Earle Copes, 1959

1. For the bread which You have bro - ken, For the wine which You have poured,
 2. By this prom - ise that You love us, By Your gift of peace re - stored,
 3. With the saints who now a - dore You Seat - ed at the heav - en - ly board,
 4. In Your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; In our hearts keep watch and ward;

For the words which You have spo - ken, Now we give You thanks, O Lord.
 By Your call to heav - en a - bove us, Hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
 May the church still wait - ing for You Keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
 In the world to which You send us Let Your king - dom come, O Lord.

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O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

DEO GRACIAS LM

Trans. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1861

"The Agincourt Song," England, c. 1415

1. O won - drous sight, O vi - sion fair Of glo - ry
 2. From age to age the tale de - clare, How with the
 3. The law and proph - ets there have place, Two cho - sen
 4. With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray Christ deigns to
 5. And faith - ful hearts are raised on high By this great

that the church shall share, Which Christ up - on the
 three dis - ci - ples there, Where Mo - ses and E -
 wit - ness - es of grace; The Fa - ther's voice from
 man - i - fest to - day What glo - ry shall be
 vi - sion's mys - ter - y, For which in joy - ful

moun-tain shows, Where bright - er than the sun He glows!
 li - jah meet, The Lord holds con - verse high and sweet.
 out the cloud Pro - claims His on - ly Son a - loud.
 theirs a - bove Who joy in God with per - fect love.
 strains we raise The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.