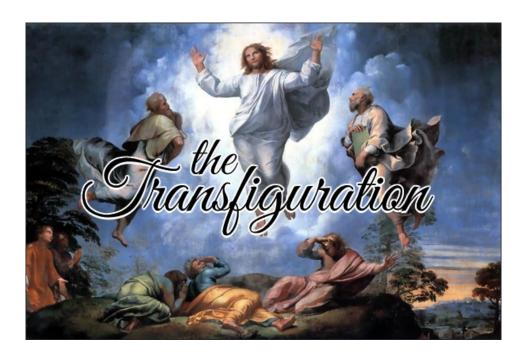
# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



# Transfiguration Sunday Sunday, February 11, 2024 10:00 A.M.

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Agincourt Hymn" John Dunstable

WELCOME Liturgist

# **GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

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It is God who gathers us here. It is not our denomination that gathers us, or our church staff or family, or our political parties.

It is God who gathers us here.

We find ourselves on the mountain this Transfiguration Day, witnessing a last flash of glory before a forty-day journey. It is not about us;

it is all about Jesus Christ.

From the river Jordan to this place,

it is all about Jesus Christ.

From Ash Wednesday toward Easter,

it is all about Jesus Christ. Let us worship God!

\*HYMN-(INSERT) "Christ Whose Glory Fills The Skies"

#### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Rev. Kaul

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Transformation, you make new life where there was old, dazzling light where there was violence, and friends where there were enemies. Forgive us, O God, when we stand in the way of your transformative love. Forgive us when we do not live as people who have been changed by your grace. Call us to the mountain once more, and send us out to be witnesses of your transformative grace. (Silent Reflection)

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Those who trust in God will renew their strength, they will run and not be weary, they will walk and not grow faint. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! **Amen!** 

#### \*GLORIA PATRI

**ANTHEM** "Shine, Jesus, Shine" G. Kendrick/arr. Jack Schrader (Congregation encouraged to sing along on the refrain)

#### A TIME TO BE YOUNG

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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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.** 

O.T. READING 2 Kings 2:1-12 Liturgist

GOSPEL READING Mark 9:2-9 Rev. Kaul

**SERMON** "The Bridge To The Future"

With the whole church, let us confess our faith:

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## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

# INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND OFFERING

Glorious God,

thank you for the invitation to immerse ourselves in the stories of our faith. Today we watch with Peter, James, and John as you shine before us. We see your garments glisten intensely. We are just as frightened and confused as the disciples were, not because we do not believe, but because we trust what is to come. We give you thanks for the reminder that

in Jesus we are not alone, a truth that never changes. 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.

**OFFERTORY** "All Glory Be to God on High" J.G. Walther

\*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 DEDICATION

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray now with confidence as children of God the prayer Jesus taught his disciples to pray saying:

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

## SHARING CHRIST'S LIGHT

Rev. Kaul

**HYMN-(INSERT)** "I want to Walk as A Child of The Light"

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

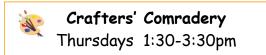
#### **BENEDICTION**

"May the Lord watch between me and thee, while we are absent, one from the other." (Mizpah Benediction)

POSTLUDE

"Bell Symphony"

Henry Purcell





# In Honor of Super Bowl Sunday:







# **Serving Today**

LITURGIST- John A.
USHERS- John A., Bruce C., Ken F.
COUNTERS - Joyce I., Marie D.
FELLOWSHIP - Soup & Potluck Lunch
FLOWERS -



