

"Listen to him!"
MARK 9:7

TRANSFIGURATION
SUNDAY



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Transfiguration Sunday

March 2, 2025

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome

Rev. Bill Pollack

Prelude

Max Jackson

Be Thou My Vision

Noel Rawsthorne

† Call to Worship

Jimmy Hall

Leader: Like the disciples, we want to please God in our words and actions.

People: This is the Son, the Beloved; may we listen to Him!

Leader: Like the disciples, we want to have the right answers and be on the right side.

People: This is the Son, the Beloved; may we listen to Him!

Leader: Like the disciples, we sometimes think we know better, that our ways are better.

People: This is the Son, the Beloved; may we listen to Him!

Leader: We are the disciples of Christ Jesus;

People: May we follow the One who leads us into life. Amen.

† Hymn of Praise

#12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might:
Thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth Thee.

Thou reignest in glory; Thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

† **Call to Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

O God, the Source of all light, as you surrounded Jesus with Your glory, so You come to us in a penetrating brightness. You catch us off guard and expose our weaknesses. We choose the limelight while You call us to explore the shadows and brighten the darkness. We seek the spectacular while You bind up the broken in countless acts of mercy. We seek to stay on the mountain or in the comfortable pew while You walk the valleys of need. Radiant God, fill us with the light of Jesus and the courage to carry Good News into all the corners of the world and to bring back the joy of Your presence. Amen.

† **Assurance of Pardon**

† **Response**

How good, Lord, to be here! Your glory fills the night;
Your face and garments like the sun, shine with unborrowed light.
How good, Lord, to be here! Yet may we not remain;
But since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

✠ **We Listen to God's Word** ✠

Children's Message

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Anthem For Transfiguration

Paul Hofreiter

This is my Son, my chosen one. Listen to Him!

Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson

Micah 6:6–8 (NRSV)

“With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with

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thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" ⁸ He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

L: The Word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God**

Psalm 91 (tune: Azmon)

#168

Within Your Shelter, Loving God

Within Your shelter, loving God, my refuge and my tower,
I safely walk by day and night beneath Your guiding power.

Because I trust in You alone, no evil shall come near.
The strong defender of my home, with You I have no fear.

Your holy angels bear me up and keep my feet secure.
Though fierce and angry foes assail, in You my way is sure.

As often as I call to You, You kindly hear my prayer.
In times of trouble and distress I rest in Your own care.

All those who know Your name on earth shall life abundant know.
On all abiding in Your love Your saving grace bestow.

† **The Gospel Lesson:** Mark 9:2–9 (NRSV)

And after six days Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them, ³ and His clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵ And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for You and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁶ For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷ And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is My beloved Son; listen to Him." ⁸ And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, He ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

L: This is the Holy Gospel of Christ! **P: Thanks be to God!**

Let's Start with Jesus

✠ **We Respond to God's Word** ✠

† **Hymn of Response**

#837

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain: *Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]

† **Affirmation of Faith**

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who

proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Offering Acknowledgement *Special Offering: Backpack Ministry*

† **Doxology**

#394 (4)

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one:
one in might and one in glory while unending ages run!

† **Prayer of Dedication**

✠ **The Lord's Supper** ✠

Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right...Hear us, gracious God, as we join creation's song and sing Your eternal praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

...With thanksgiving, we celebrate the good news bringing great joy in celebration of an empty tomb as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. (2x)

Gracious God, pour out Your Holy Spirit.... Through Christ, all glory and honor are Yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

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 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 Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

(We will receive communion in our pews. Please eat the piece of bread individually and retain the cup until all have received it and we take it together.)

Prayer After Communion

✠ **We Are Sent in God's Name** ✠

† Hymn of Sending

#546

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing;

fill our hearts with joy and peace;

let us each, Your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.

O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for Your gospel's joyful sound;
may the fruits of Your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.

Ever faithful, ever faithful to Your truth may we be found.

Savior, when Your love shall call us,

from our struggling pilgrim way,

let no fear of death appall us, glad Your summons to obey.

May we ever, may we ever reign with You in endless day.

Postlude

Fuga from Sonate No 6

Felix Mendelssohn

† Charge & Benediction

† *Standing if you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Jan Holbrook*

Liturgist: *Jimmy Hall*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 78

CAREs: \$70.00

Flood Relief: \$20.00

General Offering: \$21,353.75

Online Offering: \$477.94

Total Offering: \$21,921.69

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

► Sunday, March 2

Sunday Morning Study, 9:28 a.m.

Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.

Harmony of the Gospels, 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

Shrove Tuesday Brunch, Noon

Genesis Bible Study, 5:30 p.m.

► Wednesday, March 5

Men's Bible Study, 7 a.m./Bob Evans

Bells and Chancel Choir Rehearsal/Cancelled

Ash Wednesday Service, 7 p.m.

► Thursday, March 6

Paper Angels, 1 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Service

Join us Wednesday, March 5 for an Ash Wednesday Service beginning at 7 p.m. The Imposition of Ashes will be offered. This service prepares us as we begin our Lenten reflection on a journey to a garden, a cross, and an empty tomb.



Lent Devotional Booklet



This year's Lent devotional booklet is titled *The Easter Code*. Embark on a 40-day journey, guided by O. S. Hawkins, to prepare your heart and mind for Easter Sunday. You may pick up a copy in the Narthex.

Food Drive Continues

We will continue to collect food for Ashland Blazer Youth Service Center Food Pantry until **Sunday, March 16**. See the list of items needed in the Narthex.

Flood Relief Items Needed:

Once again, our Presbytery has experienced a natural disaster. This latest event hit across Kentucky but much of the worst damage was in the bounds of our Presbytery. We here at FPC are collecting the following items:

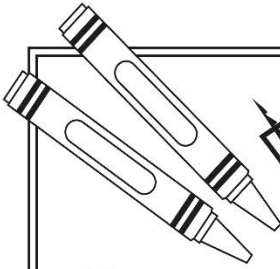
- A mold or mildew preventer like Shockwave or Microbium
- Scouring pads
- Sponges
- Scrub brush
- Reusable, lightweight multipurpose cleaning towels
- Liquid dish soap
- Heavy-duty, waterproof dishwashing gloves
- 20-28 heavy-duty or 30-45 gallon trash bags
- Brooms
- Heavy dust pans
- Push brooms
- Long handled Floor Scrubber/ Brush
- Heavy Shovels (not rounded spades)
- Scoop Shovels
- Box or high velocity fans
- Heavy duty work gloves
- Monetary gifts

Clothing Swap

Ladies, you don't want to miss the fun on **Saturday, March 29 beginning at 1 p.m.** Barb Payne does an excellent job organizing this fun event. Please bring in your donated items as soon as possible. You may put them downstairs under the coat rack. If you need anything picked up or have questions, please contact Barb (606.922.6617).

Clothing Swap



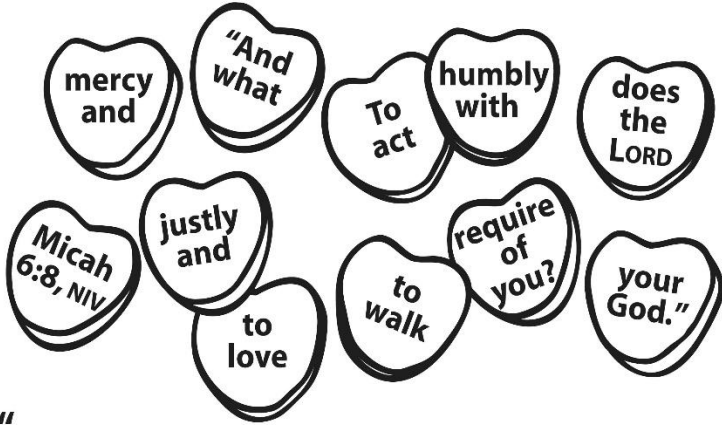


PUZZLE

Conversation hearts

The world encourages people to look out for themselves and seek success, but in Micah 6:8, God tells us to live differently.

Directions: Put the conversation hearts in the correct order by writing the words on the lines below. Hint: Capitalization and quotation marks are included.



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_____ 6:8 _____ , _____

Answer: "And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8, NIV

PRAYER CONCERNS

Week ending February 27, 2025

Craig Ellsworth (Ann Wiseman)

Flood Relief Efforts

Shirley O'Neal (Nanette)

Chris Payne

Randy Smith (Chris & Barb Payne's friend)

Family of Jill Sparks (Nanette)

Week ending February 20, 2025

Sydney Anderson (Kathleen Filkins)

Family of Mikey Gamble (Kris Adkins)

Barb Payne

Family of Iris White (Ish & Lisa Stevens' aunt)

Week ending February 13, 2025

Family of Lee Hogsten (Larry Wilson's cousin)

Greg Sanders (Pastor Bill's brother-in-law)

Tim Shephard

Prayer requests will rotate off after three weeks. If you have an ongoing concern, please contact the church office.

Ongoing: Pastor Bill; Bill Gesling; Charlie Holbrook; Dr. Matthew Lewis; Kenny McGill; Derek Payne; Nancy Payne; Bonnie Pettijohn; Tim Shephard; Kim Whitman; Jan Winans; Ann Wiseman

Kingsbrook Care Center: Barry Barbour

The Lantern: Carolyn Graber

Military: Erik Adkins (USAF Reserves, son of Kris Adkins); Cadet Katie Brown (West Point, granddaughter of Kim & Mike Whitman); Greg Weston (Kuwait); Major Kaitlin Whitmore (US Army, niece of Don & Judy Lilly)

STAFF

Minister: *Rev. William Pollack*
Choirmaster/Organist: *Max Jackson*
Administrative Assistant: *Nanette Pollack*
Facilities Manager: *Glen Thomas*
Nursery Attendant: *Kara Adkins*

SESSION MEMBERS

President of Congregation: *Mitch Hall*
Secretary of Congregation/Clerk of Session: *Kelly Hanni*
Treasurer: *Cathy Wilson*

2025	2026	2027
<i>Kelly Hanni</i>	<i>Mitch Hall*</i>	<i>Jimmy Hall</i>
<i>Kim Whitman</i>	<i>Jan Holbrook</i>	<i>Lee McCloud *</i>
<i>Geri Willis</i>	<i>Ryan Whitman*</i>	<i>J.T. Norris *</i>
	*2nd term of service	

MINISTRY TEAMS

Building & Grounds: <i>Glen Thomas</i>	Membership: <i>Kim Whitman</i>
Christian Education: <i>Lee McCloud</i>	Mission: <i>Geri Willis</i>
Congregational Life: <i>Cathy Wilson</i>	Personnel: <i>Janet Holbrook</i>
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