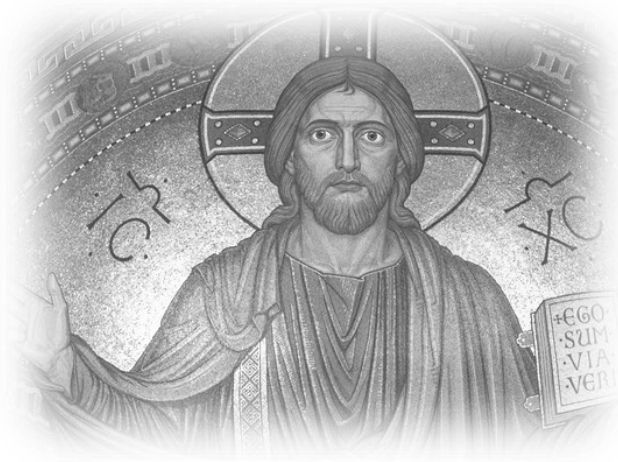


Transfiguration of the Lord February 27, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.



At the ringing of the chimes please silence your conversations and prepare your hearts and minds for an encounter with the Living God. We also ask that you power off your cell phones to prevent interference with our live-streaming and recording equipment.

Bolded text is read or sung by all.

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

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Voluntary Adagio from Concerto In C Minor Benedetto Marcello
Alex Piepenbrink, Oboe - *Laurel Labbe, Piano*

*Call to Worship Psalm 46 The Reverend David Aber

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
**Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**
Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at
its swelling.

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help
her when morning dawns.

**The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; God speaks, the earth
melts.**

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**Come, behold the works of the LORD, how God has brought
desolations on the earth.**

God makes wars cease to the end of the earth; God breaks the bow
and shatters the spear; God burns the chariots with fire.

**Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the
nations,**

I will be exalted in the earth!" The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn 478 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven LAUDA ANIMA

Call to Confession Suzanne Winland

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your ways
nor trusted your promises. We love only those who love us;
we show kindness only to those who are kind to us; we give
only when we expect to receive. Forgive us,**

Lord. Fill our hearts with selfless love. Change our lives by your matchless grace. These things we pray through Christ our Savior. Amen.

Silence is observed.

Response 574 Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Response 567 Glory Be to the Father *Gloria Patri*
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Amen. Amen.

*Passing the Peace
The Peace of the Lord be with you. **God's Peace be with you.**

During this time of pandemic, a nod of the head and wave of the hand will suffice.

Time for Church Life and Call for the Offering

Offertory Farewell to Alleluia Donald Busarow

*Alleluia, song of sweetness, Voice of joy that cannot die.
Alleluia is the anthem Ever dear to choirs on high.
In the house of God abiding, Thus they sing eternally.
Alleluia thou resoundest True Jerusalem, and free,
Alleluia, joyful mother, All thy children sing with thee;
But by Babylon's sad waters Mourning exiles now are we.
Alleluia cannot always Be our song while here below;
Alleluia our transgressions Make us for a while forego.
For the solemn time is coming When our tears for sin must flow.
Therefore in our hymns we pray Thee Grant us blessed Trinity
At the last to keep thine Easter, In our home beyond the sky,
There to thee for ever singing, Alleluia joyfully*

*Response 592 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow Doxology
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all
creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Time with Young Disciples

Stephanie Blaha

Following the Time for Young Disciples, children are invited to remain with their families, participate in the K-6 children's choir, or visit with our childcare staff in the nursery.

Prayer for Illumination

The First Lesson

Psalm 99

99:1 The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble! God sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

99:2 The Lord is great in Zion; God is exalted over all the peoples.

99:3 Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is God!

99:4 Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

99:5 Extol the Lord our God; worship at God's footstool. Holy is God!

99:6 Moses and Aaron were among God's priests, Samuel also was among those who called on God's name. They cried to the Lord, and God answered them.

99:7 God spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept God's decrees, and the statutes that God gave them.

99:8 O Lord our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

99:9 Extol the Lord our God, and worship at God's holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy.

*Hymn 306

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADER'S HYMN

The Second Lesson

Luke 9: 28-36

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Sermon

The Reverend David Aber

*Affirmation of Faith

A Brief Statement of Faith (selections)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

Prayers of the People, Silent Reflection and 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.

*Hymn 361

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary *Allegro from Concerto in C Minor* Benedetto Marcello

A note about today's anthem

It is an ancient custom in the Christian church that a “farewell to Alleluia” be sung at the close of the liturgy on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. Traditionally “alleluia” is not sung then until Easter morning, symbolizing our voluntary restraint of praise during the penitential season of Lent. The text is from an 11th-century hymn, a traditional farewell to Alleluia.

*Serving as liturgist today is Suzanne Winland.
Funding for today's musicians was provided by the Seiberling Music
Endowment Fund.*

Announcements

The White Rose in the Chancel Today is in memory of Frank Joseph Holub Jr. who entered eternal life on February 11, 2022.

The Flowers in the Chancel Today are given by Lisa and Carlton Boush in loving memory of Roy Boush and Cynthia Park Mapes.

Please Honor the reserved only handicap parking, in front of the playground, on Sunday morning.

Westminster's policy presently includes the following:

- *The rise of the Omicron COVID variant has necessitated review of Westminster's church service safety policy. Session has agreed to require masks for all worshipers until further notice.*
- *Seating in alternate pew rows will continue.*
- *Please dispose of your used masks in the trash receptacles located in Wright-Herberich Hall.*

Calendar of Church Building Events For February 27—March 6, 2022

Sunday, 2/27

- 8:30 am Nursery Opens
- 8:45 am Adult Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
- 9:30 am Sunday School - Parenting Group
- 10:30 am Worship Service & YouTube Livestream
 Children's Choir in Choir Room
- 11:30 am Worship Committee Meeting in Room 106
 Tween Teachers' Meeting in Tween Room

Tuesday, 3/1

- 2:30 pm Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, 3/2

- 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, 3/3

- 10:00 am WPC Staff Meeting in the Library
- 7:00 pm Adult Education Zoom Meeting

Saturday, 3/5

- 8:00 am Food For Life in the Kitchen

Sunday, 3/6 - First Sunday of Lent

- 8:30 am Nursery Opens
- 8:45 am Adult Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
- 9:30 am Sunday School - Parenting Group - Youth Choir
- 10:30 am Worship Service & YouTube Livestream
 Children's Choir in Choir Room
 First Sunday Food Collection
- 11:40 am Outreach Committee Meeting in Room 106



Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

- Please call ahead and inquire about building access if you are coming after 2:00 p.m.
- Weekly deadline for information to be included in the Sunday Update and Sunday bulletin is Tuesday at noon.

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