

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP  
Transfiguration Sunday

February 19, 2023

11:00 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

GATHERING

**Prelude** “Prelude and Fugato on Crusader’s Hymn” (Young) Rita Harmon

**Call to Worship** Bob McCully

One: It is easy to stand here in the valley of our comfort.

**Many: We know what to expect and what is expected of us.**

One: But Christ calls us to the mountain top to receive a new vision.

**Many: We are not sure we are ready for that.**

One: Place your hope and trust in Christ, for He is your guide.

**Many: Let us open our hearts to Christ, ready for the vision he places before us.**

**\*Hymn of Praise #394** “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

**\*Call to Confession** Bob McCully

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**Holy God, in your Son Jesus, we saw your love, your glory, your truth, your justice, your mercy, and your compassion.**

**If we conceal your love because our pursuit of other priorities prevents us from seeing and serving people in need: forgive us, Lord.**

**If we conceal your glory because all we reflect is our own self-centeredness: forgive us, Lord**

**If we conceal your truth through our lack of credible witness: forgive us, Lord.**

**If we conceal your justice because we fail to empower those who are powerless: forgive us, Lord.**

**If we conceal your mercy because we have hard and unforgiving attitudes: forgive us, Lord.**

**If we conceal your compassion because of our prejudice and intolerance: forgive us, Lord.**

**Change us, Lord. Make us true disciples whose lives bear witness to the faith we profess. Amen.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

One: Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. The brilliance of Christ’s presence outshines our sin. Friends, believe the good news.

**Many: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**\*Gloria Patri #581**

*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.*

THE WORD

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon on the Steps** Carrie Wyatt

**Anthem** “How Firm a Foundation” (Pethel) Chancel Choir

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!

What more can He say than to you He has said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed  
I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;

I will strengthen thee help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.”

How firm a foundation, How firm a foundation.

**First Reading** Exodus 24:12-18 (Pew Bible OT p.70)

**Second Reading** Matthew 17:1-9 (Pew Bible NT p.18)

One: The Word of God, for us, the people of God.

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon from the Pulpit** “Magical Laundry Moments” Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (Apostles' Creed)

**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 is seated 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.**

**Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

**Invitation to the Table**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

One: The Lord be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**Many: We lift them up to the Lord**

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

**Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**(Prayer continues concluding with the Lord's Prayer)**

**Words of Institution**

**Communion of the People**

**Prayer After Communion**

**O God, you revealed the majesty of Jesus on a mountaintop. Give us faith to perceive his glory here on earth. In this meal, may we be strengthened by his grace and changed into his likeness, more and more each day. Amen.**

**Service of Giving**

**Offertory** “To God Be The Glory” (Whitworth) David Thompson

**\*Doxology #606**

**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**

**\*Hymn #498** “Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken”

**\*Charge and Benediction** Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

**\*Postlude** “Praise Him! Praise Him!” (Mary McDonald) Rita Harmon

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*\*Please stand, in body or in spirit.*

The flowers for worship today are given for the glory of God and in honor of Bill Wheeler’s birthday by The Wheeler family.

**Please remember in prayer:**

Friends & Family of Ken Byers; Dave Pingitore; Larry Vincent; Peggy Wyatt;

Jenni & Ashton Lail; Justina Eddy; Ashley Warmoth; Henry Lewis; Nicholas

Parker; Bobby Westmoreland; Bill Wheeler; Anna Cox; Steve Beheler;

Confirmation Class: Layla Lemmonds, Taylor Miller & Leah Miller; Confirmation

Sponsors: Michelle Jolly, Hazel Hubbard, & Becky Wheeler.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Sunday School Offering** for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter will be donated to Smile Train.

**Next week's lectionary readings are:**

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11.

**Large Print Bulletin**

Would it be helpful for you to have a large print bulletin on Sunday? Please call the church office to express your interest.

## Bible 101

During Lent, Lynn will be leading a Bible study on **Tuesday** evenings (February 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4). The study will be an overview of the Bible -- what's in it and where, how it came to be, why it matters, how to study it, and more. It will be a quick trip in just five weeks, but you'll get tools and insights that will help you dig deeper on your own. And you might get a couple of songs to help you learn the books of the Bible in order.

## Resources for Lent

The season of Lent begins this Wednesday. There are several resources available for you during this Lenten season. One is a devotional booklet on the theme "Redeemed" published by the Society of St. Andrew. There is a short devotional, scripture reading, and prayer for every day of Lent. A second resource is a Lenten calendar focusing on the theme "Journey to Jerusalem." Daily scripture readings from Luke's gospel let you read through the end of Jesus' ministry -- from the moment he "sets his face to go to Jerusalem" to his entry into Jerusalem. On that calendar are the services we will be having during Lent and Holy Week, program topics for Wednesday nights, etc. The booklet and calendar are available outside the sanctuary opposite the CE office.

## Mardi Gras, Fat Tuesday, Shrove Tuesday...Pancakes!

The day before Ash Wednesday has several names. Shrove Tuesday comes from the word "shrive," which refers to the practice of confessing one's sins and being given absolution. Fat Tuesday comes from the practice of using all the fats in one's house ahead of Lent's fasting. Mardi Gras is the literal French translation of Fat Tuesday. Whatever you call it, we'll celebrate with a Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 21 at 6 p.m. in the Family Life Center. And if you haven't had enough sugar after your pancakes, we'll have a fire set up for making s'mores, too!

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# CALENDAR of EVENTS

## Sunday, February 19

9:45 AM Confirmation Class – Parlor  
9:45 AM Children's Sunday School  
10:15 AM Chancel Choir Practice – Choir Room  
11:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary & via Facebook Live  
12:30 PM Stated Session Meeting – Conference Room

## Monday, February 20

5:30 PM Girl Scouts  
5:45 PM Handbell Rehearsal – Handbell Room  
6:30 PM Bible Study – FLC

## Tuesday, February 21

6:00 PM Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper – FLC

## Wednesday, February 22

6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service – Chapel

## Sunday, February 26

9:45 AM Confirmation Class – Parlor  
9:45 AM Children's Sunday School  
10:15 AM Chancel Choir Practice – Choir Room  
11:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary & via Facebook Live

## Upcoming

Feb 21 – Meeting of Foothills Presbytery  
Feb 24-25 – Meeting of Synod of South Atlantic  
March 2 – Circle 4  
March 14 – Circle 1

## NEXT STEPS

- Make reservation for Pancake Supper
- Review a book from our Library
- Pick up a hard copy of the LimeLight
- Respond to Soup Kitchen sign ups. (See LimeLight)

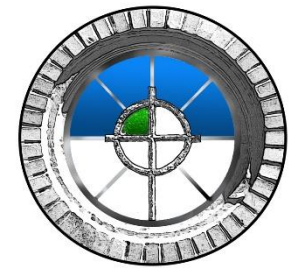
## BIRTHDAYS

February 23 – Bill Wheeler  
February 26 – Julie Sossamon  
February 26 – Mimi McCully

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WE ARE THE PEOPLE OF A LOVING GOD,  
GATHERING, GROWING, GIVING, AND GOING TO SERVE,  
TOGETHER



Women Washing Clothes from **Splendor Solis**.  
Harley 3469, f. 32v. British Library. 1582. Origin: Germany.

People want congregations to place the expectancy of a transforming experience of God at the heart of the community's life, worship, and mission. To address this yearning with faith and theological integrity, we must discover in our history and our own encounters with God how to teach our people to be attentive to the presence of the "sacred other," the living God, who alone transforms us and gives our lives eternal significance. If we try to manufacture experiences of God's presence, we will give a counterfeit coin of our own minting in place of the genuine currency. Our task is to serve as docents, or ushers, in the house of wonder: escorting our people with humility, respect, and reverence to the threshold of the holy, and opening doors to awareness of the presence of God in all of life. We set the conditions for apprehension of the mystery. – Michael Jinkins in *The Church Transforming*