THE ORDER OF WORSHIP Transfiguration of the Lord

February 11, 2024

10:30 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

GATHERING

Prelude "Day By Day" (Berry)

David Thompson

Dean Wyatt

Call to Worship

We have seen the glory of God.

We have seen it in the face of Jesus.

We have seen the glory of God.
We have seen it in the faces of one another.

God is the one who summoned light from darkness.

God is the one whose light shone on Jesus.

God is the one who light shines on us.

From his baptism to the top of the mountain,

Jesus moved in the glory of God.

From the beginning of our lives to this time and place,

We move in the glory of God.

To God be all glory. **Let us worship God.**

*Hymn of Praise #406

"We Are Standing on Holy Ground" (2xs)

*Call to Confession

Dean Wyatt

*Prayer of Confession

 $Holy\ God,\ how\ often\ your\ glory\ is\ visible\ in\ our\ world,$

yet we are so focused on earthly things that we do not see it.

Forgive our blindness, we pray.

How often you call us away from the busy-ness of life,

but we are convinced that our tasks are more important than you.

Forgive our wrong priorities, we pray.

How often we prefer to stay on a mountaintop,

Content to have a life without deep valleys.

Forgive our complacency, we pray.

Loving God, you give us mountaintop experiences,

And time for rest, and signs of your glory in our world.

Forgive us when we are not grateful for your gifts.

And forgive, we pray, the sins we now name silently...

*Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*Assurance of Pardon Response #437

You are the Lord, giver of mercy! You are the Christ, giver of mercy! You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon on the Steps

Carrie Wyatt

Anthem

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (Shaw) Chancel Choir Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise, Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I've come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;

he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood. Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be; let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.

Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above. Amen.

First Reading Second Reading 2 Kings 2:1-12 (Pew Bible OT p.332) Mark 9:2-9 (Pew Bible NT p.44)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon from the Pulpit

Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

"Looking at Jesus, Being Transfigured"

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 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 the saints;

the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body;

and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith Response #582

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Prayer continues concluding with the Lord's Prayer [p. 35 in hymnal])

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion (unison)

We give you thanks, Lord Jesus Christ,
for the gifts of grace we have received.
Now send us forth to reflect your light,
proclaiming your saving death and resurrection
until you come again in glory. Amen.

Service of Giving

Offertory

"Amazing Grace" (arr. Huisman)

Jim Simmons

*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 #377 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

*Postlude "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" (Lani Smith) Rita Harmon

*Please stand, in body or in spirit.

The flowers in worship today are given for the glory of God and in honor of Matthew Wheeler's birthday by Becky Wheeler.

Please remember in prayer:

Sara Setzer; Butch & Barbara Jarman; Lynda; Matt; Karen Lydon; Tracy; Jill Thomson; Barbara Grinter; Patsy Spires; Kathy Miller Evans; Trish Tong; Hugh Fincher; Fran Ross; Buck Jolley; Justina Eddy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next week's lectionary readings are:

Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15.

Monthly Giving Opportunity

The February giving opportunity is Souper Bowl. You may mark your check "Souper Bowl" or put it in the MGO box in the worship space.

Welcome

Welcome to the world Dallas Owen Dale Scruggs, born on February 5. Dallas, the son of Rileigh Miller and Houston Scruggs, weighed 8 lbs., 8 oz. and was 21 3/4" long. Vicki and Seth Miiller are the proud grandparents.

Lircles

The Joy Circle will meet on Tuesday, February 13 at 10:30am in the church parlor. Deborah Smith will lead the study: Lesson 5: "A Person with Leprosy Encounters Jesus." All are invited to join the Bible Study and fellowship.

Spring Bible Study

There will be no Bible study on Tuesday, February 13. Instead, come eat pancakes! Bible study will resume on Tuesday, February 20, with the third chapter of Daniel.

Birthday

The LPC congregation has been invited to join in the celebration of the first birthday of Evaleigh Lail. The party will be held in the FLC on Saturday, Feb. 17 at 2:00pm. Please let Jenni know if you will be able to attend.

Office News

There is a new Calendar & Communication center in the office. Please use the resources found there to request use of the building for events, schedule flowers for the Sanctuary, request reimbursement for expenses, etc. Please **DO NOT** add to or remove anything from the calendar.

Fill out & turn in the appropriate forms in the Communication center, then the item will be added to the calendar for you when approved (if applicable). We will continue to accept emailed requests, provided the correct forms are used and emailed as attachments.

Requests not using the appropriate forms will have a delay in processing as they will need to be returned for correction. Thank you for your understanding as we try to streamline these processes.

THIS WEEK IN CHURCH HISTORY

February 14: Who is St. Valentine? Actually there are several "Valentini" who died on February 14, according to legend. The earliest Valentinus is said to have died in Africa, along with 24 soldiers. The second was a Roman priest named Valentinus, arrested during the reign of Emperor Claudiius Gothicus and put into the custody of an aristocrat named Asterius. As the story goes, Father Valentinus preached about Christ leading pagans out of the shadow of darkness and into the light of truth and salvation. Asterius told Valentinus if he could cure Asterius's foster-daughter of blindness, he would convert. Valentinus put his hands over the girl's eyes and prayed: "Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten your handmaid, because you are God, the True Light." The child could see, according to legend. Asterius and his whole family were baptized. When the Emperor heard the news, he ordered them all to be executed, but Valentinus was the only one to be beheaded. The third Valentinus was a bishop of Terni in the province of Umbria, Italy. According to legend, he got into a situation like the other Valentinus by debating a potential convert and afterward healing his son. The rest of the story is quite similar as well: He too, was beheaded on the orders of the Emperor and his body buried along the Via Flaminia. You can ponder how we got from beheadings and deaths to roses and boxes of chocolates.

MEMBERS OF THE SESSION

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CALENDAR of EVENTS

Sunday, February 11 - Souper Bowl of Caring

9:45 AM Lectionary Bites – Parlor 9:45 AM Chancel Choir Practice – Choir Room 10:30 AM Worship – Chapel

Monday, February 12

5:45 PM Handbell Rehearsal – Handbell Room

Tuesday, February 13

10:30 AM Joy Circle - Parlor

6:00 PM Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper - FLC

Wednesday, February 14

6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service - Chapel

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Upcoming

February 17 Birthday Party for Evaleigh Lail February 24 Soup Kitchen

NEXT STEPS

☐ Pick up a hard copy of the LIMELight	
Mark May 18, 2024 on your calendar. We will host Foothills Presbytery that day	/!
RSVP for Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper	

Praying for Our Congregation

We are praying for every member of our church family. Each week we invite you to pray for particular members.

This week we are praying for:

Matthew Wheeler Dean Waytt Mekayla Bagwell

QR code for electronic contributions:



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



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God places us in the world as fellow workers-agents of transfiguration.

We work with God so that injustice is transfigured into justice,
so there will be more compassion and caring,
that there will be more laughter and joy,
that there will be more togetherness in God's world.

--Desmond Tutu