

# The Worship of God

## Transfiguration Sunday

February 23, 2020

### THE GATHERING

In Christian worship, we are gathered in from other attachments in life to be members of this distinct group: the Church of Jesus Christ.

Gathering and Passing of the Peace of Christ

The Three Chimes

We are called to worship today by three chimes:  
one to awaken us to the presence of God,  
one to call us to hear the voice of Christ,  
and one to center us in the embrace of the Holy Spirit.  
Come, let us worship together.

Call to Worship Purifoy

*Come Before His Presence with Singing*  
Sanctuary Choir

\*Hymn of Praise 161 CWM RHONDDA

*See Our Lord in All His Glory*

\*Invocation Beth C. Parker

Litany of Invitation and Confession (Psalm 99)

The Lord reigns.  
Let us thank God's great and awesome name.  
God is holy.

**Mighty God, lover of justice,  
you have established what is fair and good among us.**

Trusting in God's steadfast love and grace,  
let us admit our fault without self-loathing.  
Let us seek to live more and more into  
the image and likeness of Jesus Christ.

**Lord Jesus Christ, you are wisdom,  
a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path.  
Yet, the world is a busy and cluttered place,  
and sometimes, we fail to see and follow.**

**Forgive us. Lead us on.  
We long to be like you.**

Assurance of Forgiveness (Psalm 99)

The good news of our faith is this:  
God has forgiven us!  
When we call upon God for help:  
God will help us!

**We claim forgiveness. We call for help!  
In both, we say: Thank you, thank you, thank you!**

\*Hymn 705 GLORIA PATRI

*Gloria Patri*

*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 SCRIPTURE

The Church is gathered around God's Great Story in Jesus Christ. The reading of Scripture is the centerpiece of our worship together.

First Lesson Zach Bay

Exodus 24:12-18

Call to Prayer 162 WHISENHUNT

*We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding*

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Response to Prayer 155 SYAHAMBA

*We Are Singing, for the Lord is Our Light*

Gospel Lesson Beth C. Parker

Matthew 17:1-9

### THE RESPONSE

God became flesh and dwelt with us in our material world. We respond with our material things, asking God to make them gifts of grace for all.

\*Hymn of Stewardship W. ZLOBIE LEZY

*One Day Jesus Climbed a Mountain*  
(see insert)

\*Prayer of Stewardship

Gifts of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Meditation Organ

*The Great Physician*

\*Response of the People 706 OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow! Praise him all creatures here  
below! Praise him above the heavenly host!  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!*

### THE PROCLAMATION

Scripture is not a passive, inanimate thing. It is meant to speak, to transform. In the Anthem and Sermon, we proclaim the Good News.

Anthem Berry

*O Come, Let Us Sing*  
Sanctuary Choir

Sermon Zach Bay

"Fear and Belonging"

Discipline of Silence

### THE COMMISSION

Having worshiped together this hour, we stand strengthened and renewed, and commissioned to go serve the world with Christ's love.

\*Hymn of Opportunity 159 CRUSADER'S HYMN (ST. ELIZABETH)

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

\*Recognition of Commitments

\*Benediction Zach Bay

\*Postlude Organ

*Christ Beside Us*

\*Please stand as you are able.

Bonnie Daniels, piano Janet Matthews, organ  
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**Upcoming Church Events Calendar**

**Today's Activities**

**Sunday, February 23**

9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m. Worship

**This Week's Activities**

**Monday, February 24**

Newsletter Submissions Due  
 10:00 a.m. Yoga in the Chapel

**Tuesday, February 25**

10:00 a.m. Senior Exercise Class  
 12:00 p.m. Praying the Psalms in the Prayer Room  
 6:00 p.m. Venture Circle at King's Buffet

**Wednesday, February 26**

10:00 a.m. Yoga in the Chapel  
 11:00 a.m. Newsletter Folding Group  
 4:00 p.m. Tai Chi in the Chapel  
 5:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
 6:00 p.m. Dinner  
 6:30 p.m. Morality and Mortality:  
 An Ash Wednesday Service  
 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, February 27**

10:00 a.m. Senior Exercise Class  
 5:00 p.m. CCM Community Dinner

**In the Weeks Ahead**

**Sunday, March 1**

8:00 a.m. Deacons Meeting

**Saturday, March 7**

8:00 a.m. Quiltfest in Pigeon Forge

**Tuesday, March 10**

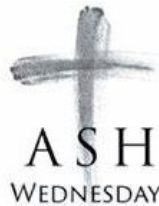
5:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

**Wednesday, March 11**

6:30 p.m. Church Business Meeting

**Venture Circle**

Venture Circle will meet on February 25 at 6:00 p.m. at King's Buffet. Bring quilts and throws for hospital infusion and cancer patients.



Join us for Morality and Mortality:  
 An Ash Wednesday Service  
 on February 26 at 6:30 p.m.

**Statistics for February 16, 2020**

Weekly Budget	\$6,063.00
Total Offerings	\$6,049.00
Worship Attendance	81
Sunday School Attendance	46

**Church Staff**

Rev. Zachary L. Bay	Pastor
Beth C. Parker	Minister of Music
Elizabeth Lowden	Office Administrator
Billy Hunter	Facilities Manager
Cherry Stamper	Child Care Coordinator
Phillip Akers	Media Coordinator
Robbie Brumbach	Media Associate
Derek Barnett	Media Associate
Janet Matthews	Organist
Teresa Brown	Pianist
Bonnie Daniels	Pianist
Rev. John E. Pennington, Jr.	Pastor Emeritus

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**THE PREPARATION**

At the outset of our time of worship together, we pause from our busyness and ponder good words that prepare our minds and hearts.

“He who has overcome his fears will be truly free.”  
 -Aristotle