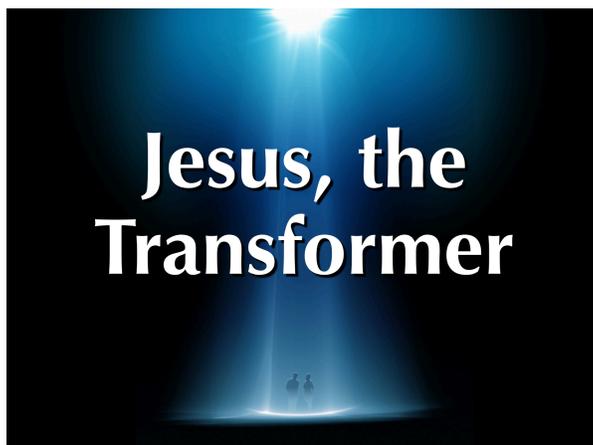




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Transfiguration of the Lord



Jesus, the Transformer

“Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and brought them to the top of a very high mountain where they were alone. He was transformed in front of them, and his clothes were amazingly bright, brighter than if they had been bleached white.”

Mark 9:2-3 (CEB)

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Transformer movies are all the rage. It seems like every few weeks there’s a new movie that involves transformers of some form or another. But don’t get your hopes up for anything new in these movies. It’s going to be the same old story of shape-shifting aliens that we’re used to. Which, come to think of it, is a lot like Transfiguration Sunday.

TRINITY CHIMES

PRELUDE: *The Lily of the Valley*

M. BARTLETT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

AN OFFERING OF PEACE

May the Love of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Please take a moment to share the peace of Christ with your neighbor.)

* GATHERING SONG: *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

GRAHAM KENDRICK

*Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us; set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me; shine on me.*

*(Refrain) Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father’s glory.
Blaze, spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.*

*Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.*

*Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness. Search me; try me; consume all my darkness.
Shine on me; shine on me. (Refrain)*

*As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness;
ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me; shine on me. (Refrain)*

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Cry out!

God does not keep silent.

Cry out!

We long to hear God's word.

Cry out!

Tell of God's wonderful deeds.

*** OPENING HYMN #263: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise***

ST. DENIO

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

AN OFFERING OF CONFESSION

Mighty one of yesterday, today, and tomorrow, do not be silent, but speak, that we may hear.

Speak justice, that we may correct our lawlessness. Speak righteousness, that we may know your ways. Speak compassion, that we may know your mercy. Speak abundance, that we may serve others. Speak understanding, that we may be peacemakers. Speak glory, that we may know your Son. Speak, and we will listen to you.

You promise forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace when we speak our shortcomings.

We speak of mistakes we have made. We speak of abandoning your ways. We speak of failures to show compassion and mercy. We speak of our need for forgiveness.

Mighty one of yesterday, today, and tomorrow, hear our prayer and lead us into fullness of life.

AN OFFERING OF SILENCE

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

God will not keep silent, but will gather us in with the tender words: "You are forgiven."

Glory to God! Our sins are forgiven! Amen!

*** RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE #485: *To God Be the Glory***

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory; great things he has done!

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,

who yielded his life an atonement for sin,

and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

and give him the glory: great things he has done!

SAYING WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE BELIEVE

As the people of God gathered in this place, who are we?

We are a community of believers, called by God to WORSHIP, SERVE, TEACH, and SUPPORT.

With the whole church, let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

AN OFFERING OF OUR RESOURCES

OFFERTORY: *Precious Memories*

ARR. D. KARTSONAKIS

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*** A DOXOLOGY:**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*** HYMN OF THE DAY #73:** *Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory*

GENEVA

AN OFFERING OF PRAYERS 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.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S VOICE

MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG (@ HEART) / MOMENT FOR MISSION

*** PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:** *Open Our Eyes, Lord*

ROBERT CULL

*Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord; and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus.*

THE WORD IN MUSIC: *Open Our Eyes, Lord*

ROBERT CULL

*O wondrous sight! O vision fair of glory that the church shall share,
which Christ upon the mountain shows, where brighter than the sun he glows!*

*O wondrous sight! O vision fair, your brightness casts a Holy glare.
Upon the mount we find You there; dispel the darkness everywhere.*

*From age to age the tale declares how with the three disciples there
where Moses and Elijah meet, the Lord holds converse high and sweet.*

*The law and prophets there have place, two chosen witnesses of grace;
the Father's voice from out the cloud proclaims his only Son aloud.*

*With shining face and bright array, Christ deigns to manifest that day
what glory shall be theirs above who joy in God with perfect love. (Refrain)*

*And faithful hearts are raised on high by this great vision's mystery;
for which in joyful strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise. (Refrain)*

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: *Jesus, the Transformer*

Text: Mark 9:2-9

REV. JOHNSON
PEW BIBLE, PAGE 1227

LEAVING TO SERVE IN GOD'S NAME

* **CLOSING HYMN #142:** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

CORONATION

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **POSTLUDE:** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

T. BIRCHWOOD

* *Please stand in body or spirit.*



Our Faith Community @ Work

WORSHIP Ministry: (Lead Elders: Nancy Purcell and A. J. Campbell)

WELCOME to this service of worship at Bethany Presbyterian Church. Whether you are a member or a visitor we are so glad that you are worshipping with us this morning and pray that this time of worship will be both renewing and rewarding for you. If you have any

questions about Bethany, please speak to the pastor or call the church at 336.227.4041. You can find us online through our website at www.bethanypreschurch.org; on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bethanypresbyterian; or on Twitter by following [@bpresbyterian](https://twitter.com/bpresbyterian).

Operating our audio and video systems this morning is **Brandon Troxler**. Anyone wishing to join this team of volunteers please contact the church office at any time.

Audio Recordings of each Sunday's sermons are available through a link on our website, on our Facebook page, or at www.buzzsprout.com/9198.

Resources used in this morning's worship:

- *Glory to God* Presbyterian Hymnal
- *Ministry Matters* website (www.ministrymatters.com)
- *Homiletics Online* website (www.homileticonline.com)

Today is Transfiguration Sunday, which marks the end of the Season of Epiphany, which means that Lent is just around the corner. Please make your plans to join us for our very moving and meaningful **Ash Wednesday Service this Wednesday, the 14th at 7:00 pm**. The service will include prayers, scripture, music, proclamation, and the Imposition of Ashes for those who wish.

Immediately preceding our Ash Wednesday Service, please join us as we mark the end of the pre-Lenten season with our annual **Pancake Supper**. This delicious meal is prepared and served by our youth, as a fundraiser for their summer conferences. Your donations are gratefully accepted. The supper will begin at **5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall**.

This year we will begin a partnership with our brothers and sisters at Shiloh Presbyterian Church, who will join us for our Pancake Supper and the Ash Wednesday Service. Rev. Scott Orr, the pastor at Shiloh, will join John in leading our worship service.

Do you have a smartphone? Are you on Facebook? If so, take a moment to **"check in" on Facebook**, letting your friends know that you are here at Bethany Presbyterian Church! It may seem like a small thing, but in reality, it is a wonderful message of evangelism and witness, as you let the cyber-world know what is important to you.

To the parents of young children: Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel that you must suppress those wiggles in God's house. **Please note that a professionally staffed nursery is available during the worship hour.** Here are some hints to make worship with your children more rewarding:

- Consider sitting towards the front where it is easier for little ones to engage. On the second pew nearest the choir loft, there are activities for children of all ages to keep busy with during the service.
- Quietly explain the parts of the service and actions of the pastor, musicians, and leaders.
- Sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses. Children learn behavior by mimicking you.
- If you have to leave the sanctuary with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me!"
- Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.
- **To adult worshippers:** The presence of children is a gift to the church and they are a reminder that our church is growing! Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

SERVE Ministry: (Lead Elder: Jean Payne and Sandy Cook)

Our ongoing prayer list is below. Please let the church office know if there are any changes.

Bill Faucette	Diane Miller	John & Ann Sutton
Faye Campbell	Jack Cook	Peter Slater
Frances Nolan	Polly & Dick Wilson	Joey Leake
Layla Benoklen	Teresa Wilborn	Shannon Russell
Ida Whitney	Tiffany Tauchren	Mary Moore
Rachel Poteat	Jean Berry	Barbara Cousins
Jeremy Harden	Christy Lutterloh	Pat Kennedy
Anne McDaniels	Eleanor Thompson	Donna Mitchell-Ayers
Mike Sutton	Nancy Sutton	Pete Campbell
Steward Dillard	Norma Proctor	Carolyn Thompson
Ben Johnson	Levi Byrd	Shelvia Russell
Celeste Bayliff Agner	Ruth Younts	Ruby Martin

TEACH Ministry: (Lead Elders: Brandon Troxler and Karen Maxwell)

All are invited to take advantage of the several educational opportunities for all ages on Sunday mornings. Sunday school classes begin at 9:45 a.m.

Fellowship Class (Fellowship Classroom – by ramp door)

This class is using our denomination's *Present Word* curriculum and lives up to the class name in all aspects of their life here at Bethany.

Young at Heart Class (Young at Heart Classroom – across from pastor's office)

Using the *Uniform Series*, this class engages in lively discussions pertaining to the biblically based curriculum. The class is taught by a very capable team of teachers.

Seeker's Class (Church Office)

The Seeker's Class is currently using the Wired Word curriculum, looking at current events as they relate to our faith.

Children (Upstairs – the really, really green room!)

This class for younger children is using our denomination's *We Believe* curriculum in introducing our children to the faith.

Youth (Upstairs, across from the choir room)

Using a variety of creative curricula, this class explores topics that relate to faith and adolescence.

SUPPORT Ministry: (Lead Elders: Ron Osborne, Chip Allen, and Glenn Patterson)

Elders of the Month for February are **Jean Payne** and **Chip Allen**.

This Week's Calendar:

Today:

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship

Monday, the 12th:

- 10:00 – Circle #1
- 7:00 – Circle #3

Tuesday, the 12th:

- 7:00 – Session Meeting

Wednesday, the 14th:

- 5:30 – Pancake Supper
- 7:00 – Ash Wednesday Service

Sunday, the 18th:

- 1st Sunday in Lent
- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship / Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Session

Moderator: Rev. John W. Johnson

Clerk: Rick Purcell

Treasurer: Ron Osborne

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