



Bethany Presbyterian Church

Graham, North Carolina

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February 15, 2026 – 11:00 am

Transfiguration Sunday



GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Welcome to our service of worship. Although we are worshipping in a variety of locations, we still affirm that God is present in our worship, whether in-person or virtually. Our prayer is that all who worship with us this day will truly feel the presence of God in this time. Know that you are loved and we are so glad you are here!

TRINITY CHIMES

PRELUDE: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

VICTOR JOHNSON

WELCOME

***OPENING HYMN #464:** *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

HENRY VAN DYKE

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the gloom of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus
Which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
Joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES

(FROM PSALM 99, ADAPTED FROM THE INCLUSIVE BIBLE TRANSLATION)

Our God is holy and mighty, a leader who loves justice, who established honesty, justice, and righteousness.

God has done this! We exalt you, O God! We worship at your footstool. You are holy!

Miriam, Moses and Aaron were among them, and Samuel, too was among those who invoked the Name; they called on God, and God answered them.

We exalt you, O Lord our God, and we worship you at your holy mountain; for you, O God, are holy!

GATHERING PRAYER

(EXODUS 24, MATTHEW 17)

Source of light and love, reveal to us your glory. As you appeared to your servant Moses in devouring fire on Mount Sinai, appear to us now in power and might during our time of worship.

As you revealed Christ's resplendent light to his disciples on the mountaintop, reveal your radiant light to us during our fellowship together. Transform us with your glory, that our souls might shine your light into a world shrouded in darkness. Amen.

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(THE NICENE CREED)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
God, whose word cannot be broken,
Formed thee for a blest abode.
On the rock of ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters
And all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
Ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the Giver,
Never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hovering,
See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a covering,
Showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner
Light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna
Which God gives them when they pray.

TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT OURSELVES

God of radiant light, we confess that we are a people who are sometimes too comfortable dwelling in darkness. We say we want things to change, that we do not accept the way things are. But, in reality, we want someone else to take care of the changing. We resist transformation and sometimes do not even believe it is possible. Forgive our unbelief. Soften our hearts toward one another and ourselves. May your Spirit move through and among us. Make us light bearers for your sake, and for the sake of your people. Amen.

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

The good news is this: while we do not always – or perhaps often – get it right, God is faithful. God keeps God's promises. Let this truth deep down seep into your weary bones: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free for life in God's Spirit. Thanks be to God.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Wisdom, your Word is at once ancient and brand new. As we read together this day, enlighten our hearts and minds. May we be transformed. In Jesus' name. Amen.

ENCOUNTERING SCRIPTURE

PSALM 2

PEW BIBLE, 665

MATTHEW 17:1-9

PEW BIBLE, 1193

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD IN MUSIC: *I Feel the Spirit*

DON BESIG

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: *"The Transfiguration of Jesus"*

RICK PURCELL, CRE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us offer our prayers for the church and the world. When I pray "Our God is a God who hears us," please respond, *"we will not be afraid."*

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.*

AN OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY: *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

SANDRA EITHUM

***DOXOLOGY #592:** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

THOMAS KEN

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.

***BLESSING OUR GIFTS**

***CLOSING HYMN (GLORY TO GOD) #406:** *We Are Standing on Holy Ground*

GERON DAVIS

(Repeat 4 times)

We are standing on holy ground,
and I know that there are angels all around;
let us praise Jesus now;
we are standing in his presence
On holy ground.

***SENDING**

Saints in light, God's beloved, go forth from this place empowered by the witness of Scripture, the truth-telling of the prophets, the teaching of our Savior, and the power of God revealed in Jesus Christ, and made manifest in one another.

As we go from this place, we go knowing that the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit are with us now, and will be with us always. Alleluia, and Amen.

POSTLUDE: *Go Joyfully*

RICHARD WILLIAMSON

** Please stand in body or spirit.*



Our Faith Community @ Work

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sundays, 9:45am Bible Study – Evie C. Marshall Room

Wednesdays, 10:00am Bethany Exercise Class - Evie C. Marshall Room

Exercise classes will start back after the first of the year on Wednesdays at 10:00am in the Evie C. Marshall classroom. Come join us for fun and fellowship.

Saturday, February 21st Men of the Church Brunswick Stew

The Men of the Church are making their Brunswick Stew. Advanced orders are preferred and to place your order, see the sign-up in the Welcome Center or call the church office. It is \$10 a quart and pick-up is after 1pm on Saturday.

Tuesday, March 3rd 10:30am The Women of Bethany Church Gathering

The Women of Bethany Church will come together on Tuesday, February 3rd at 10:30am. in the Evie C. Marshall classroom.

Tuesday, March 3rd Alamance Co. Mobile Library

The Alamance County Public Libraries mobile library will be at Bethany on the first Tuesday of each month. The mobile library will be in the church parking lot 10:30 – 11:30. Please stop by and “check-out” this wonderful service the library has to share.

S.A.F.E. (Southern Alamance Family Empowerment)

How can we help S.A.F.E. for during the **Winter months**? They are asking for **Canned Meats: Chicken, and Tuna, 1 lb. bags of Rice, Pasta, Spaghetti sauce, Spaghetti noodles and soup.**

S.A.F.E. will be closed the 1st and 5th Saturday of the Month.

Consider donating your paper bags.

This Week's Calendar:

Sunday, February 15th - Transfiguration Sunday

9:45 – Bible Study - Evie C. Marshall classroom

11:00 – Worship (In-Person & Live Stream).

Monday, February 16th 7:00pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, February 18th Ash Wednesday

10:00 – Exercise class

Saturday, February 21st Men of the Church – Brunswick Stew

Sunday, February 22nd - First Sunday of Lent

9:45 – Bible Study - Evie C. Marshall classroom

11:00 – Worship (In-Person & Live Stream).

Session

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