

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Sunday, February 11, 2024 – 10:30 a.m.



Welcome!

To our guests and visitors:

We are glad that you are here with us today!

If you have no church home, why don't you consider joining us? Please speak to Pastor Parrish after the service and enjoy a special gift for visiting with us today!

Offering

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There is no shadow in Your Presence

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Before the Holy One of heaven

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The Baptisms of (See Insert)

Teresa Marie Curran
Skyler Reese Curran
Jackson Isaac Curran
Piper Avery Curran

Covenant Child

Covenant child, water comes as a sign of the washing and cleansing
renewing your mind.

Covenant child, you are claimed as God's own.

You are one of His people.

His church is your home.

Covenant child, you are here by God's grace,
by the work of our Savior, Who died in your place.

Covenant child, you are living in Christ.

Buried with Him in suffering, with Him you will rise

Covenant child, we are praying for you.

May you stay close to Jesus in all that you do.

Covenant child, grow strong in the faith.

Seek after God's wisdom and walk in His way.

P: We have a Christ-centered mission.

C: **Jesus saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew.**

P: They were casting a net into the lake,

C: **For they were fishermen.**

P: “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.”

C: **At once they left their nets and followed him.**

P: Let us pray. Oh God, open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ. We want to proclaim it clearly, being wise in the way we act toward outsiders and making the most of every opportunity. Empower our conversation to always be full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that we may know how to answer everyone. For when those who are called to fish fish they flourish.

C: **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution:

P: “Come, follow me,” Jesus says, “and I will make you fishers of men.” Lord, we confess that too often, we don’t fish for people. And when we don’t fish, we fight.

C: **We fight with each other.**

P: We fight with you.

C: **We fight with our lot in life.**

P: Lord Jesus, you have poured out your blood for the world and poured out your Holy Spirit into our hearts, yet we fail to testify to your great love.

C: **Have mercy and change us.**

P: Lord, often we are selfish and proud, ignoring you, and neglecting our witness to the world.

C: **Have mercy and cleanse us.**

P: In Christ we are given a sure hope and secure love, yet rather than changing the world we conform to it.

C: **Have mercy and forgive us.**

P: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the free grace of God to you and in the name of Jesus, forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 34:29–35

²⁹ When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the LORD. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him.

³¹ But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. ³² Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the LORD had given him on Mount Sinai.

³³ When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. ³⁴ But whenever he entered the LORD's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵ they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the LORD.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Reading

Colossians 4:2-6

² Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. ³ And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. ⁴ Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. ⁵ Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. ⁶ Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

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Holy Gospel

Mark 9:2-9

² After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. ³ His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

⁵ Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” ⁶ (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.) ⁷ Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!”

⁸ Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Mighty To Save

Everyone needs compassion, love that’s never failing.

Let mercy fall on me.

Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior.

The Hope of nations.

Savior, He can move the mountains.

My God is mighty to save. He is mighty to save.

Forever, Author of salvation.

He rose and conquered the grave. Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures.

Fill my life again.

I give my life to follow everything I believe in.

Now I surrender.

Savior, He can move the mountains.
My God is mighty to save. He is mighty to save.
Forever, Author of salvation.
He rose and conquered the grave. Jesus conquered the grave

Shine your light and let the whole world see.
We're singing for the glory of the risen King. Jesus.
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Sermon We Have A Christ-Centered Mission Colossians 4:2-6 The Offering

Welcome New Members

Prayer of Blessing

P: God of community, we want to be your faith community. We want to be children of the light and the day. Bless and use these gifts that they might be sources of light and life to those in despair. Make your church a beacon of hope and blessings to all who are in need. Make us your faithful, grateful followers who know the joy of sacrificial giving.

C: **Amen**

Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

For the eyes to see, ears to hear, and faith to believe Christ is the glory of the Father who has accomplished salvation by fulfilling the Law and the prophets for us; Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: For the Church, where the glory of God shines through the voice of His Word and by the sacraments of Christ, and for our life together in the unity of this Word believed and this Gospel proclaimed; Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: For the pastors who preach the glory of the cross and the church workers who serve us in Christ's name and for those preparing for church work; Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: For the faded glory of the world, of nations in conflict, of the victims of violence and hate, and of the inequities of our broken world and for those who serve us on every level of government; Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: For those afflicted in mind or body, those bearing the pain of grief or loss, and for the dying, [*especially . . .*], and for comfort, peace, healing, and faith to sustain them in their trouble; Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: For each of us that we may shine with the borrowed light of Christ, displaying in words and works the love that Christ has manifested toward us; Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: For our wisdom in the face of falsehood, our strength in the face of temptation, and our courage in the face of threat and persecution; Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: For faithful worship where Christ and His gifts are the center of why we gather and all we do and for grace to receive His gifts with faith and repentance; Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: For this altar and those who commune here and for our unity of faith, our fellowship as the baptized, and our witness and service to others in Christ's name; Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen

The Invitation

P: This morning we have another opportunity to encounter God's real, tangible grace for us in this meal; that in, with, and under these simple elements of bread and wine are the true body and blood of Jesus Christ given to us for the forgiveness of sins.

And so, we become what we eat. We are the body of Christ to be sent out into the world. So it's necessary and good that we partake of this meal; that we experience God's love for us in this way, that we share this family meal together. So if this is your confession I would invite you to join me as we confess together our faith.

C: I understand and admit that I have sinned against God, that I recognize my sin and humbly ask God to forgive me. I believe that Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior and that He is my only hope against sin, death, and the devil.

I believe that the risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament, and under the form of the bread and wine I receive this true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sin and the strengthening of my faith and life to the Lord and His Church by faithfully worshipping Him, cheerfully giving my time and resources, and joyfully sharing the Good News of Jesus with others.

Words of Institution

On the night He was betrayed,
He took the bread, gave thanks, and said,
"Take eat, my friends, this broken bread,
this is my body for forgiveness of your sin.
When you eat, my friends, this meal of love,
remember me and my love for you again."

On the night He was betrayed,
He took the cup, gave thanks, and said,
"Take drink, my friends, this cup of wine,
this is my blood for forgiveness of your sin.
When you drink, my friends, this cup of love,
remember me and my love for you again."

**Oh, we are here, to thank You Lord,
for the bread and wine outpoured.
For it is Your body and Your blood
that You so lovingly and freely give to us.
So we praise You holy Lamb of God;
We love You our sweet Jesus.
We love You our sweet Jesus.
We love You our sweet Jesus.**

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Distribution

Hymn of Heaven

How I long to breathe the air of Heaven,
Where pain is gone and mercy fills the street;
To look upon the one who bled to save me,
And walk with Him for all eternity.

There will be a day when all will bow before Him.
There will be a day when death will be no more.
Standing face to face with He who died and rose again.
Holy, holy is the Lord.

And ev'ry prayer, we prayed in desperation.
The songs of faith we sang through doubt and fear.
In the end, we'll see that it was worth it
when He returns to wipe away our tears.

There will be a day when all will bow before Him.
There will be a day when death will be no more.
Standing face to face with He who died and rose again.
Holy, holy is the Lord.

And on that day we join the resurrection,
And stand beside the heroes of the faith.
With one voice, a thousand generations
Sing worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Forever He shall reign.

There will be a day when all will bow before Him.
There will be a day when death will be no more.
Standing face to face with He who died and rose again.
Holy, holy is the Lord.

So let it be today we shout the hymn of Heaven.
With angels and the Saints we raise a mighty roar.
Glory to our God who gave us life beyond the grave.
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Communion Dismissal

P: Now may this true body and blood, strengthen and preserve you in the one true faith until life everlasting.
Go in His peace.
C: Amen

Post-Communion Collect

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.
People: **His steadfast love endures forever.**

Pastor: We give thanks to You, gracious Father, that Your grace is timeless and Your mercy is for all people. As we heed the call of Christ and follow, strengthen us in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Benediction: (From Colossians 3:16–17)

Pastor: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

People: **And whatever we do, whether in word or deed, we will do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.**

Send Me Out

Jesus, Lord of my salvation, Savior of my soul;
Send me out to the world to make You known.
Jesus, King of ev'ry nation, this world's only hope;
Send me out to the world to make You known.
Send me out to the world.

I wanna be Your hands and feet, I wanna be Your voice ev'ry time I speak.
I wanna run to the ones in need in the name of Jesus.
I wanna give my life away, all for Your kingdom's sake.
Shine a light in the darkest place in the name of Jesus.
In the name of Jesus.

Carry to the broken hearted mercy You have shown.
Send me out to the world to make You known.
To the ones in need of rescue, lead me, I will go.
Send me out to the world to make You known.
Send me out to the world.

I wanna be Your hands and feet, I wanna be Your voice ev'ry time I speak.
I wanna run to the ones in need in the name of Jesus.
I wanna give my life away, all for Your kingdom's sake.
Shine a light in the darkest place in the name of Jesus.
In the name of Jesus.

Here am I; I will go. Send me out to make You known.
There is hope for ev'ry soul. Send me out, send me out.
Here am I: I will go. Send me out to make You known.

There is hope for ev'ry soul so send me out.

I wanna be Your hands and feet, I wanna be Your voice ev'ry time I speak.

I wanna run to the ones in need in the name of Jesus.

I wanna give my life away, all for Your kingdom's sake.

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