

New Life Presbyterian Church
Transfiguration of the Lord
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Prelude Be Thou My Vision
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Prayer

Quote of the day

*Vision without action is merely a dream.
Action without vision just passes the time.
Vision with action can change the world.*

– Joel A. Barker

Announcements

Communion today – gather your elements

Ash Wednesday via Zoom, Facebook, YouTube, Twitch Feb 17, 6:30p

Bible Study Wednesdays at 6:30p

Call To Worship

The Lord has called you here this day.
Lord, reveal to us your purposes for us.
Open your hearts to receive God’s good news.

Lord, make us ready to serve you.

We are eager to serve.

Let us sing our praises to the Almighty One.

Let us celebrate and worship God!

Call to Confession

In the transfiguration story, Jesus’ clothes became dazzling white, a sign of resurrection out of the violence the world inflicted upon him. Resurrection reminds us that the brokenness of the world and of our lives will not have the last word. God’s love, compassion and justice will not be conquered. Let us confess our

sins, first individually in silence and then together as one family in Christ. Let us pray.

Silence

Prayer 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. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Just as a cloud overshadowed the disciples in the transfiguration story and just as they heard a voice say that Jesus is God’s beloved, so too are we God’s beloved people.

Friends believe in the promise of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, thanks be to God.

Sharing the Peace of Christ Jesus

Peace be with you

And also with you.

Hymn *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

Verse 1

Rock of Ages cleft for me
Let me hide myself in thee
Let the water and the blood
From thy wounded side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure
Save from wrath and make me pure

Verse 2

Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill thy law's demands
Could my zeal no respite know
Could my tears forever flow
All for sin could not atone
Thou must save and thou alone

Verse 3

Nothing in my hand I bring
Simply to the cross I cling
Naked come to thee for dress
Helpless look to thee for grace
Foul I to the fountain fly
Wash me Savior or I die

Verse 4

While I draw this fleeting breath
When mine eyes shall close in death
When I soar to worlds unknown
See thee on thy judgment throne
Rock of Ages cleft for me
Let me hide myself in thee

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Scripture

2 Cor. 4:3-6

If our Message is obscure to anyone, it's not because we're holding back in any way. No, it's because these other people are looking or going the wrong way and refuse to give it serious attention. All they have eyes for is the fashionable god of darkness. They think he can give them what they want, and that they won't have to bother believing a Truth they can't see. They're stone-blind to the dayspring brightness of the Message that shines with Christ, who gives us the best picture of God we'll ever get.

Remember, our Message is not about ourselves; we're proclaiming Jesus Christ, the Master. All we are is messengers, errand runners from Jesus for you. It started when God said, "Light up the darkness!" and our lives filled up with light as we saw and understood God in the face of Christ, all bright and beautiful.

Mark 9:2-10

Six days later, three of them *did* see it. Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain. His appearance changed from the inside out, right before their eyes. His clothes shimmered, glistening white, whiter than any bleach could make them. Elijah, along with Moses, came into view, in deep conversation with Jesus.

Peter interrupted, "Rabbi, this is a great moment! Let's build three memorials—one for you, one for Moses, one for Elijah." He blurted this out without thinking, stunned as they all were by what they were seeing.

