

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Transfiguration of the Lord
Camp and Retreat Sunday

February 11, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast
Liturgist: Pat Nash

PRELUDE: “*Call to Worship*” - Iouri Grichetchkine

CHIMING THE HOUR

GREETINGS Psalm 118 says: **This is the Day that the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! Good morning and welcome. It is so nice to see all of you here this morning. Visitors, please sign the attendance registers located in each row.**

Please stand, in body or spirit, and join me in our Call to Worship and remain standing through the response.

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: **Arise, shine, for thy light has come,**

People: **and the glory of the Lord shines around us.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

***PRAISE CHORUS:** Hymn No. 664 “*Morning Has Broken*” – vs. 1 BUNESSAN

Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird.

Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!

Praise for them springing fresh from the Word!

Please bow your heads for our Opening Prayer

***OPENING PRAYER** God of the ages who guides our lives and our world in the paths of righteousness, be with us in this Sanctuary today. Give us today Your gifts of understanding and knowledge as we worship You together as the body of Christ. Amen.

Our first hymn today is:

***HYMN** No. 829 “*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*” OLIVET

***CALL TO CONFESSION** If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves. Let us confess our sins before Almighty God.

Let us pray together

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, hear our humble confessions. We have tried and failed to follow Your example. We have sought personal security and wealth, rather than security for everyone. We have often abdicated our role of caring for those in need, allowing the government to provide for their needs. Forgive us, God, when we forget those around us and focus only on ourselves. Help us to reach out to those in need, to bring them both physical and spiritual needs. (Say – “Please pray silently,” and after about 20 seconds, say, Amen) Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Brothers and sisters in Christ, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

RESPONSE:

Hymn No. 743 “O God, You are My God (Step by Step)” vs. 1 STEP BY STEP
O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.
O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.
I will seek You in the morning, and I will learn to walk in Your ways.
And step by step You’ll lead me, and I will follow You all of my days.

You may be seated.

A TIME FOR YOUTH At this time would our youth please come forward.

Please bow your heads for our Prayer for Illumination

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Father, give us ears to hear Your word, eyes to see the needs around us, and the courage to stand up for those in need, defending the right and standing against injustice. Open Your word for us today. Amen.

PSALTER LESSON Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 50:1-6, please read it responsively with me.

Leader: The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising sun to its setting.

People: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

Leader: Our God comes and does not keep silence, before Him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around Him.

People: He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that He may judge His people.

Leader: “Gather to Me My faithful ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice!”

People: The heavens declare His righteousness, for God Himself is judge.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Our Old Testament Lesson comes from 2 Kings 2:1-12, you may follow along in your pew Bibles on pages 332-333 of the Old Testament

2 Kings 2:1-12

2 Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." ⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." ⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." ¹⁰He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Leader: **The Word of the Lord.**

People: **Thanks be to God!**

The choir will now sing the Anthem:

ANTHEM: "*Shine, Jesus Shine!*" - Graham Kendrick, arr. Jack Schrader

GOSPEL LESSON Our Gospel Lesson comes from Mark 9:2-9 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 44 of the New Testament

Mark 9:2-9

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²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Rev. Janet Boyanton

Those who are able, please stand and join with me in singing:

***HYMN** No. 494 "*Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*" QUEBEC

Please join me in Affirmation of Faith as it is printed in your bulletin.

***AFFIRMATION** The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

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

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 581

"Glory Be to the Father"

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.

You may be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS It is time for announcements, does anybody have an announcement they would like to make?

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY And now it is time for our Prayer Concerns and Celebrations. Does anybody have anything they would like to share?

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

OFFERTORY: *"Christ, Above All Glory Seated"* - IN BABILONE, Trad. Dutch, arr. James Mansfield

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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. Amen.

Let us come to God with our prayer of Thanksgiving

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

We gather in the congregation of the Lord and thank You for all Your good gifts. Use our gifts and our lives in the service of Your kingdom. Amen.

Our last Hymn today is:

*** HYMN** No. 662 *"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"* RATISBON

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 700 *"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"* vs. 1 I'M GONNA LIVE
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***POSTLUDE:** *"Lord, Be Glorified"* - Bob Kilpatrick, arr. Douglas E. Wagner

***Those who are able may stand.**

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*Please join us for Refreshments
Following the Worship Service*

Daily Bread

Supplement

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CLOTHES FOR THE NEEDY AND GLASSES FOR THE LIONS CLUB

We will continue to collect clothes for the needy and glasses for the Lions Club. Please bring in your donations and put them in the designated places in the Opportunity Corner.

HEARING ASSIST UNITS

Thanks to Barry Krueger we now have Hearing Assist Units. If you would like to use one, please see Barry before the Worship Service begins.

DESOTO FOOD PANTRY

DeSoto Food Pantry needs the help of the community to continue to feed the less fortunate in our city. The best way to help is through monetary donations. \$1 can buy as much as \$7 worth of food. They buy their food through the North Texas Food Bank, so it is much cheaper than buying food at a grocery store. However, all donations are welcome and appreciated. Thank you to all that continue to donate to this great cause.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY

10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group

THURSDAY

10:00 AM Art Group

NEXT SUNDAY

09:30 AM Choir practice

10:30 AM Adult Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

12:15 PM Stated Session Meeting

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Leaders

Our Presbytery, our church, our Session

Our Troops

Joe and Lorrinda Alexander

Thomas Alexander – please continue to pray

Continued prayers for Bryson

Jim Glander

Martha Brashear – continued prayers

The church and nation of Ukraine

Makia's people in Cameroon

Gene Knox and Jewell Victorino

DeSoto Food Pantry

Prayers for the people in Nigeria

Max Jewell is at home, but needs our continued prayers as he is still recovering

Chikezie is very weak

Bryan's mom

Christians in Pakistan

Janet

The Israel-Hamas War

Prayers for those who are hungry

Janet's friend Carolyn Clayton passed away. Please pray for her husband, daughter, grandchild and her friends.

Prayers for all those who are without shelter during this cold snap.

Sue Fitch passed away, prayers for her family and friends

Clyde Lockhart is in rehab with RSV and needs our continued prayers

Debbie Thornton is having a eye surgery and is very nervous about it

Eric Bartels is teaching in Nigeria

Ruth Gump's sister Joyce passed away, prayers for the family

CELEBRATIONS

Memorial service for Sue Fitch will be on April 11th @ 11am here at the church