

Transfiguration Sunday represents a pivotal point in the **liturgical year**—the last Sunday after Epiphany and the first Sunday before Lent—and possibly a hinge that opens a door to a new living space.



Service for the Lord's Day

February 11, 2024
Transfiguration Sunday

Gathering Around the Word

Striking of the Hour

Welcome, Announcements, and update from the Pastor Nominating Committee

Prelude

Orgelstücke (*Organpiece*)
Beth Pope, organ

J. C. Rink

Call to Worship

from Psalm 50

From the rising of the sun to where it sets, the Lord God speaks, calling out to all the earth.

From Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines brightly. Our God is coming: God won't keep quiet.

God calls out: **Bring my faithful to me, those who made a covenant with me by an offering.**

Truly, even the skies proclaim God's righteousness!

Let us worship God.

Hymn 13

The Mighty God with Power Speaks

KINGSFOLD

Call to Confession

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

O Lord Jesus Christ, you come to show us what God's love is like. You come to show us that God's love is deeper, wider, stronger and more powerful than any force we could imagine. And yet, we resist the kind of love you reveal. For we prefer physical power, monetary power, political power and human power — rather than the power of God's love. You reveal God's way of suffering love, and like your original disciples, we don't want to hear about suffering and love in the same breath. O Christ, don't give up on us. Lead us in your Way. Open our hearts to love others like you — to love God's Way.

A Silence is observed for Personal Confession

God's greatness is evident, as bright as the sun. Those who offer themselves to God in worship see the righteousness of God most clearly.

Declaration of Good News

Response Hymn 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

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*For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of night:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

Passing the Peace of Christ

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Reading

II Corinthians 4:1-6
New Revised Standard Version
Contemporary English Version

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. **God has been kind enough to trust us with this work. That's why we never give up.** We don't do shameful things that must be kept secret. And we don't try to fool anyone or twist God's message around. God is our witness that we speak only the truth, so others will be sure that we can be trusted. **If there is anything hidden about our message, it is hidden only to someone who is lost.**

In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake.

The Scriptures say, "God commanded light to shine in the dark." Now God is shining in our hearts to let you know that his glory is seen in Jesus Christ. **For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts.**

Shout praises to the Lord! **Our God is kind, and it is right and good to sing praises to him.**

Anthem

Wondering
Marshall Scott, trumpet

Jane Marshall

All stand

Gospel Reading

Mark 9:2-9

Six 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, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then 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." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As 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.

All Sit

Sermon

Pivot Point

Rev. Lee Hinson-Hasty

The gospel message isn't clear to everyone. How are we to make the gospel message clear? The Apostle Paul struggles with that question in these lines.

Mark was the first gospel to be written. Tradition has it that Mark met Peter in Rome and wrote what he remembered.

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 23

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

PLEADING SAVIOR

This affirmation explores the meaning of the saying "Jesus Is Lord."

Affirmation of Faith

A Brief Statement of Faith PC(USA) (11.2)

We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

All Sit

Prayers of the People 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.

The Buck-in-a-Basket collection today will support Gloves for Love.

Offering

Offertory

*Just a Closer Walk with Thee**

African American Gospel/Kenneth Morris
Marshall Scott, trumpet Wayne Pope, guitar/vocal

Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bearing and Following the Word into the Created World

Closing Hymn 401

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

Our closing hymn is generally used for gathering. Today we remind ourselves of the special place that The Presbyterian Church of Bowling Green is and remind ourselves that we've designated February as "Invite a friend to church and gather with us!" month. Amen.

Benediction

Postlude

*When the Saints Go Marching In ***

Traditional Spiritual

WELCOME VISITORS!

We invite you to pick up visitor's information on your way out, either in the narthex or on the table on the Right in the downstairs entrance hall. Ushers will be standing by to help you find them. Always know that a cordial greeting is extended by ministers, officers, and congregation.

Elders: Class of 2024-Frederica Kernohan, Tim Leigh, Bobby Rabold, Debbie Trickey, Larry Warden; Class of 2025-Karol Kirby Ahmed, Buzz English, Pamela Napier, Julia Roberts, Julie Wedge; Class of 2026-Pam Bratcher, Rachel Crocker, J.B. Hines, Susan Howard, Mike Kanan **Deacons:** Class of 2024 Trudy Burkeen, Evan Goad, Linda Leigh, Catherine Reber, Susan Thomison; Class of 2025-Barbara Brindle, Craig Long, Teri Polen, Ernie Small, Dan Stelling, Fred Trickey; Class of 2026- Phil Burkeen, Kim Ferguson, Kathy Higgins, Brianna Trickey

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Calendar

Sunday, February 11

8:30 a.m. Fellowship
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Children's Music
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. SouperBowl

Monday, February 12

9:00 a.m. GOD/DOG is Love

Tuesday, February 13

9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga
11:00 a.m. Special Care
1:00 p.m. Memorial Service
for Judy Whitson
7:00 p.m. Sunny 16 Camera Club

Wednesday, February 14

5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
7:00 a.m. Breakfast Group (Teresa's)

Thursday, February 15

6:00 p.m. DRITI

Friday, February 16

7:30 a.m. Mens' Breakfast (Lisa's)

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<https://bgpres.org/give>



Announcements

USHERS: The Polen and Thomison families

COLLEGIATE ENSEMBLE: Wyatt Edmunds, Hailey Goodwin, Darcy Merriman, Jeremiah Simpson, Johnna Smith

LAY READER: Margaret Stein

MEDIA PERSONNEL: David Clarke, Lillan Hargesheimer

NURSERY: Alisia Simmons, Yamilet Bruno Sanchez, Hailey Gadberry

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY February 18: Genesis 9:8–17; Psalm 25:1–10; 1 Peter 3:18–22; Mark 1:9–15.

WE CELEBRATE Black History month through the rich musical contribution of the Negro Spiritual to our faith.

*“In 1940 African American composer of gospel music, Kenneth Morris (1917 – 1989) arranged and published the well-known version of “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” after gospel musicians Robert Anderson and R.L. Knowles listened to William B. Hurst direct a performance of it in Kansas City and brought it to Morris' attention. Morris added some new lyrics and a choral arrangement. In the 1940s, a boom of recordings recorded the number in many genres, ranging from Southern gospel to jazz and brass bands.” https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Just_a_Closer_Walk_with_Thee

**The task of discovering the actual origin of "When the Saints Go Marching In" is a difficult one. The song's history has sometimes been confused with the origin of "When the Saints ARE Marching In," written by James M. Black and Katherine Purvis. They are totally different songs. Louis Armstrong's recording of "When the Saints Go Marching In" (Decca Records, 1938) is credited with the launch of its popularity and with bringing Armstrong to the forefront of the music world. It was a song that Armstrong had sung as a child.

<https://www.staugustine.com/story/lifestyle/faith/2014/10/24/story-behind-song-when-saints-go-marching/16098178007/>

IT WAS THE PLEASURE OF OUR SESSION last Sunday to receive 3 people into our church membership. We welcome Jan Morgan and Laura and Dillon Miller to our congregation. Please give warm greeting to them this morning!

TODAY

TODAY WE WELCOME Rev. Dr. Lee Hinson-Hasty, senior director for Theological Education Funds Development for the Committee on Theological Education (COTE) of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the Presbyterian Foundation. We thank him for leading us in worship this morning.

SOUPERBOWL TODAY Join us this morning after worship in our Fellowship Hall for the yearly SouperBowl! Several options for a hearty soup lunch are offered, and donations will support our food pantry and other missions that we help with food assistance. We'll be in the fellowship hall at 11:30am.

DEACON OF THE WEEK this week will be Catherine Reber. Deacons assist the Pastor in caring for our congregation. You may contact them through the church office: 270-843-4707.

THE AFTER CHURCH EATING OUT GROUP will lunch in church today, for the SouperBowl. Look for information in the 60-second email about next week's restaurant choice.

BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH in February! The Deacons encourage our members to bring someone along to church on a Sunday morning in February. Everyone has a friend or two that we can invite to worship with us. Let us celebrate the month of February as a chance to share our worship service and fellowship with friends!

COMING UP:

ASH WEDNESDAY Ash Wednesday is February 14, which begins our Lenten season. A worship service led by Bailey Pickens (from Franklin, KY) will take place in our Sanctuary at 7:00pm that evening. All are welcome!

LENTEN DINNERS AND PROGRAMS begin February 21st. Our program for each Wednesday of Lent will be based on the book, *Draw the Circle - Taking the 40-Day Prayer Challenge* by Mark Batterson. Call the office to reserve your copy. Wednesday Dinners will begin at 6:05pm on February 21, followed by the program in Fellowship Hall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES begin at 9:15am.

- Preschool taught by Jimmy and Betsy Tyrie
- Godly Play taught by Mary Evans – Kindergarten through 5th grade
- Middle and high school taught by David Clarke
- The Coffee and Conversation Class offers book study for adults with rotating leadership
- A Bible study class that is currently focusing on God's Big Picture and coordinated by Julia Roberts

OTHER NEWS:

VISITORS TO OUR CHURCH OFFICE may have seen a new face lately. We welcome Robin Watkins-Tolbert to the office staff, working afternoons at present. Robin will be working with us and training on all of Cheryl's church office duties, with the plan of being ready to step up when Cheryl retires at the end of 2024. Look for more information and a full introduction to Robin coming soon!

CURRENT ART EXHIBIT Our own Bob Love, professional artist, has hung a sample of his artwork in the fellowship hall. You will enjoy browsing this exhibit, which will hang for until February 29th. Be sure to check it out!

OUR PRESCHOOL LEARNING CENTER has put out a request for assistance with some small items to help care for the children during classes. Baby wipes, jugs of water, Kleenex boxes, disinfectant spray and/or wipes will all be put to good use in the coming weeks. And remember that **the PLC registration** for next year's classes begins very soon! Consider mentioning our PLC to any folks you know with children ages 2-4 for next season! Thank you!

ATTENDANCE REGISTERS Tell us you're here, please! There are **navy blue notebooks** at the inside aisle end of every pew. Please write your name and any other information you'd like the church to have so we can better communicate with you. Then pass the notebook to your neighbors in the pew so they can sign in, too. After everyone has signed, please pass the notebook back to the inside aisle, so others in the pew can learn your name.



We express sympathy to Donna Wolbe and her family for the death of her sister and church member Judy Whitson, who died February 6, 2024.