

HYMN NOTES:

Sing of God Made Manifest (156)

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain (193)

Today we sing two hymns about Jesus' Transfiguration. That lectionary text always appears the Sunday before Lent begins. The middle hymn today (156) by Carl P. Daw, Jr. in just four stanzas moves us from Bethlehem to Jerusalem. Seven weeks ago on the First Sunday after Epiphany, we sang stanzas 1 and 2 about the birth and baptism of Jesus. Today we'll sing the final two stanzas about that first miracle at the Cana wedding and the mountain top transfiguration. Because the Sundays commemorating the Baptism and the Transfiguration stand at either end of the Epiphany season, these two events help to frame these weeks that focus on how Christ was made known.

In the closing hymn (193), the Transfiguration is described in more detail but in stanza 4 goes even further to compare the "two mountains," indirectly referring to "Mt. Calvary" and the events of Holy Week. This hymn is a bridge from the glory of the ministry days to the anticipation of the ultimate redemptive act on the cross.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

- Sunday, Feb. 26:** Heather Meier, Beth Brinkman, Brianna Mattheus
- Monday, Feb. 27:** Cookie Roffey, Jeremy Stephen, Erik Johansen, Brysen Patel
- Tuesday, Feb. 28:** Marie Elliott, Carol Justice, David Robicheau
- Wednesday, Mar. 1:** Carol Zieres, Marcy Seckman, Pat Callan, Charlie Larson
- Thursday, Mar. 2:** Gary Reefer, Georgianna Winder, Shannon Long, Sonya-Nicole Weidner
- Friday, Mar. 3:** Steve Winder, Emily Fisher
- Saturday, Mar. 4:** Marilyn Lindblad, Brianna Winder, Roger Winder, Drew Hatch

If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven't seen them in church recently, give them a call!

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by



Cookie Roffey

In Honor of my mom, Louise Smith's 90th Birthday



Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the "2017 Flower Reservation Chart" on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. Thank you to those providing flowers each week In Honor/In Memory of someone or an anniversary/birthday!

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

ACOLYTES:

- (8:15) Jade Johnson
- (11:00) Dylan Cantin



Acolytes

GREETERS:

- (8:15) Ellen Stoup
Linda Ciokan
- (11:00) Ernie & Carol Kirkwood

USHERS:

- (8:15) Myrl & Dot Chronister
Charlie & Carol Hersh
- (11:00) Roger Snay & Carol Rathmell
Bryan & Nicole Bullis



Ushers & Greeters

VAN DRIVER: Jane Winne

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

8:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (16/17 School Year)

Children may remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday School worship following the anthem.

9:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds- Kindergarten, Room 3

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Dan Gipson & Mauricio Estavil.

1st-2nd Grade, Room 2

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Meagan & Keith Decker.

3rd-5th Grades, Room 8

Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front Sanctuary rows, closest to the band. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to room 8 with Cassondra Fredriksen & Jean Swintek.

11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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Childcare for children 3yrs-5th grade who attended Sunday school at 9:30 will be in room 2.

Parents, if you wish for your children to receive communion please have them remain with you in the worship service on Communion Sundays. If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact Elder Dawn Winder, Chair of Worship Team.

9:30 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Middle & High School Sunday School during the 9:30am service will meet for the New Serendipity Class with Youth Director, Jon Drawdy.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

9:30 TCI (Today's Christian Issues) Class- Rooms 9 & 11

9:30 A.M. Serendipity Class

The "New Serendipity Class" for youth and adults will continue a study of Job today in the Youth Room.

11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class in room 15 led by Vicki Krueger.

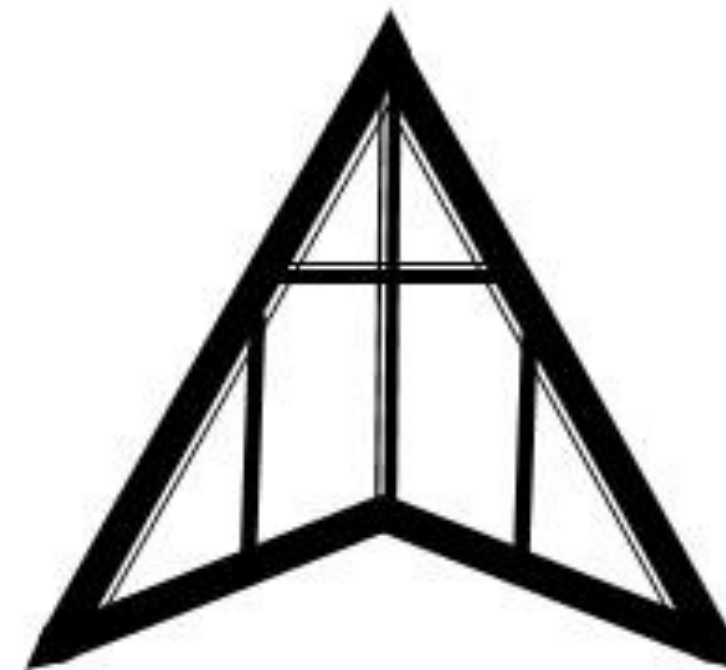
6:30-7:30 P.M. Bible Study in rooms 4 & 6

Join us as we continue our Bible study, Sunday evenings at 6:30. We are beginning a study on characters in the Old Testament, learning more about some of the familiar ones as well as some less well-known characters. Come see how God used ordinary, flawed people like us for his work in this world. We meet in Room 6 for one hour. This is a discussion class where everyone has a voice. The book we are using is "Characters of the Old Testament" by Peter Scazzero. If you would like a book, please call Cindy Huffman at 727-733-8726. The cost is \$9.

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Order for the Public Worship of God
February 26, 2017
Transfiguration of the Lord
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

WE GATHER

*(Let the congregation be silent, and in prayer as the music begins.
Please silence electronic devices.)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

(adapted from The Message, Psalm 19)

Leader: The revelation of God is whole and pulls our lives together.

People: The signposts of God are clear and point out the right road.

Leader: The life-maps of God are right, showing the way to joy.

People: God's Word is better than a diamond, better than a diamond set between emeralds.

Leader: Let us worship God and open our minds and hearts to receive his Word!

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” arr. William Moats
Westminster Handbell Choir (Middle School)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Curvin, Pastor

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

(Please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and pass it toward the center aisle.)

***HYMN #15**

“All Creatures of Our God and King” LASST UNS ERFREUEN
(stanzas 1,3,5,6)

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

Almighty God, through the giving of your Word you have revealed the beauty and perfection of your character and your will. In the Scriptures you have written love letters proclaiming your great love for flawed and struggling human beings. Yet sadly we often times do not take seriously your invitation to come and get to know you better through your Word. We easily talk about the importance and power of your Word, but in practice we are prone to give it the attention we give to junk mail. Heavenly Father, forgive us we pray. By your grace in the power of your Spirit open our hearts and minds to your life-giving Word. In so doing enable us to know you more intimately, to trust you more fully and to follow you more closely, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581**

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.

ANTHEM

“Psalm CL”

César Franck

Allelu, Alleluia!

O praise ye the Lord, praise God in His temple.

Praise ye the Lord in the firmament of His power.

O praise Him for His might, and the greatness of His wonders:

O praise Him, praise Him according to His majesty.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord with the sound of the trumpet:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord with the lute and the harp.

Praise the Lord with the timbrel, the timbrel and the dance:

O praise Him with the organ and instruments of strings.

Praise Him, praise Him upon the loud cymbals.

Praise Him, praise Him upon the high sounding cymbals.

Let everything that hath breath praise, praise the Lord!

OUR MINISTRY WITH THE CHILDREN

(Children ages 3yrs – 2nd Grade, are welcome to remain in service with their parents or join us in room 3 for Children's Church.)

WE UNITE IN PRAYER

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.

WE SHARE

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel” Traditional Spiritual
Westminster Youth Choir arr. Roger Emerson

Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel, then why not every man?

*He delivered Daniel from the lion's den, Jonah from the belly of the whale,
And the Hebrew children from the fiery furnace, then why not every man?*

I set my foot on the Gospel ship, and the ship began to sail;

It landed me over on Canaan's shore and I'll never come back no more.

***A DOXOLOGY—#606**

OLD HUNDREDETH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN #156** “Sing of God Made Manifest” SALZBURG
(stanzas 3,4)

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Peter 1:16-21 *(page 987)*

SERMON “God Still Speaks, but Are We Listening?”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #193** “Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain” UNSER HERRSCHER

***BENEDICTION**

(8:15) CHILDREN'S SONG

“Tumefurahi (We Rejoice)” Dave and Jean Perry
NPC Children's Choirs (ages 3– 5th grade)

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Pasticcio” Jean Langlais
(1907-1991)

(The closing voluntary is the final act of worship. If you must leave before the end of the service, please respect those who are listening and leave quietly.)

Stephanie Carson, Music Director

Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

**Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.*

ignite

ignite is a contemporary worship service at 9:30 that delivers the message of Jesus Christ through Powerful Music, Media & Scripture Based Sermons.

COUNTDOWN

WELCOME

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” arr. William Moats
Westminster Handbell Choir (Middle School)

MEET & GREET

PRAISE SONGS

“Eye of the Storm”
“Ever Be”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

For more information and classroom assignments for Children's Sunday School, please see Children's Ministry News on the back panel of this bulletin.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel” Roger Emerson
Westminster Youth Choir

VIDEO: “Written on Your Heart”

SCRIPTURE

2 Peter 1:16–21

MESSAGE

“God Still Speaks, but Are We Listening?”
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SONG OF DEDICATION

“Lift My Life Up”

GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU