



**First Presbyterian Church
of Watertown**
February 11, 2024
The Transfiguration of The Lord

“Transfiguration,” Paulo Medina, 2020

“Transfiguration” refers to a change in form or appearance. At the Transfiguration of the Lord, we celebrate the revelation of divine glory in the human life of Jesus Christ. Jesus’ radiant appearance on the mountaintop evokes the consuming fire of the glory of the Lord at Mount Sinai.

Because of the tradition that Jesus’ transfiguration took place forty days before his crucifixion, the Revised Common Lectionary provides for this festival to be observed on the Sunday before Lent or the second Sunday in Lent (forty days before Good Friday). Some Christians also commemorate the transfiguration on August 6, forty days before Holy Cross day (September 14).

Gathering Music

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart
God Has Spoken by His Prophets
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
All Creatures of Our God and King*

Gilbert Martin
Dale Wood
David Paxton
Alfred Fedak

+Gathering+

Pastor’s Greeting and Words of Welcome

Prelude *Praise The One Who Breaks The Darkness* Joel Raney

***Call to Worship**

Blessed is the Lord our God,
who revealed the law to Moses.
The Lord our God is holy!

Blessed is the Lord our God,

**Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain,
searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.**

**Light breaks in upon our darkness, splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word,
Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the Law and Prophets meet:
Christ, with garments drenched in brightness, stands transfigured and
complete.**

**Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline,
we like Peter find it tempting to remain and build a shrine.
But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess,
that our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.**

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

Jesus said: Nothing is hidden that will not be disclosed, nor is anything secret that will not come to light. This is not meant to scare us, but to assure us that in life and in death, in darkness and light, we belong to God. With the confidence of the children of God, let us confess our sins together.

**God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory,
but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak
when we should listen, and act when we should wait. We get puffed up in
arrogance when you call us to humility; we push for our own way when we
should be doing your will.**

**Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your
light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and
Savior.**

The Lord is my light, my Light and sal - va - tion: in
3 God I trust, in God I trust. The

And together we say: **Amen.**

The one who calls light
out of darkness darkness
now shines in our hearts to reveal
the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

Response *Gloria Patri*

A Time With Young Disciples

We Listen for God

Prayer for Illumination

Anthem *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

Victor C. Johnson

Create in me, a clean heart, oh, God;
And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, Lord,
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me, the joy of Thy salvation;
And uphold me with Thy Spirit, oh Lord.

The First Scripture Lesson 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

The Second Scripture Lesson Mark 2:2-9

This is the Word of The Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon *Happy Little Tents*

***Hymn** #431 “Shine, Jesus, Shine”

***Affirmation of Faith** *Apostles’ Creed*

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

Mighty and merciful one, you have come to us in glory;
now we come to you in prayer, saying,
 Lord, by your Spirit, **grant what we ask.**

We pray for your glorious creation. . . .
Stamp out fires of destruction,
drive away clouds of pollution,
and restore the beauty of this world.
 Lord, by your Spirit, **grant what we ask.**

We pray for the body of Christ. . . .
Open our hearts in faith, enlighten our minds with knowledge,
and strengthen us to proclaim the gospel.
 Lord, by your Spirit, **grant what we ask.**

We pray for the people of all nations. . . .
Show the nations your vision of justice,
offer the leaders your mantle of wisdom,
and give the people your blessing of peace.
 Lord, by your Spirit, **grant what we ask.**

We pray for those who are perishing. . . .
Feed those who are starving,
comfort those who are suffering,
and receive the dying into your arms.
 Lord, by your Spirit, **grant what we ask.**

We pray for those whom we love. . . .
Bless our families, friends, and neighbors,
help them in times of trouble, and be near when they are afraid.
 Lord, by your Spirit, **grant what we ask.**

Holy One, make us ready for the day
when this world is transfigured,
transformed, made new—
when all things will shine
in the dazzling light of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord, by your Spirit, **grant what we ask.**

Hear us now as we pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us:

**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.**

***Closing Hymn #293 “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”**

***Blessing and Benediction**

***Passing The Peace of Christ**

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.
Please share some sign of
Christ’s peace with your neighbors.

Postlude

Lord, Enthroned In Heavenly Splendor

John Innes

Leading Worship Today:
Pastor Andrew, preaching
Kim Collins, liturgist
Sara Gleason, Director of Music
Carl Bingle, organist
Julia Wright, violin
The FPC Channel Choir

We pray for healing for:

Deanne, Gerda, Jennifer, Elise, John, Pat, Jane, Millie.

We pray for those who are unable to join us in-person:

Linda, Jamie, Dorothy, Shane, Ed, Annie.

We pray for our mission partners:

Tyler, Rochelle, and Mphatso, Grace, Sam, and Ruth, Isaiah, MELT, The Women of Grace, NNY Presbytery, Synod of The Northeast, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Josh Garry and Family (preparing for ministry).

We pray for our local and national leaders:

Watertown’s Mayor and City Council, the President of The United States and Congress, the Governor of New York and State Legislature.

We pray for those serving our nation:

The Wright Family, those in conflict in Ukraine, Israel and Palestine, and Sudan.

Important Dates To Remember:

February 14: Ash Wednesday Worship, 7pm

March 4: Special Congregational Meeting, following worship

February Birthdays

Nalanie Simpson—1

Bob Brown—2

Janneane Gerot—2

Lauren Sinclair—2

Barbara Butts—3

Susan Guy—4

Joseph Slabchuck—5

Louise Jefferies—8

Harold Johnson, II—9

Jurt Riordan—9

Paul Brown—10

Marti Montovani—11

Kathryn Ann Kolton—12

Lindsay Gefell—13

Valerie Vernyuy—13

Clayton Lee—16

Robert Blank—16

Josh Garry—16

Ralph Green, Jr.—18

Dacia Van Eenenaam—18

Aleesha Gill—18

Alisha Dunkle—19

Boo Wells—21

Jeremy Gerot—23

Linda McCullough—27

Maksim Klug—27

Percy Pike—28





Have you heard music in our sanctuary that touches your heart?

Sourcing new music for worship is vital to bringing our faith and the message of the Bible alive! Now you have the opportunity to gift a piece of music to our church. Below are three pieces that the choir will sing during Lent. If you are interested in dedicating one of these pieces in honor or memory of a loved one, or would like to make a gift for the purchase of new music, please see Sara Gleason. Sara can also give you a listening preview so you can choose the one that means the most to you!

Tender Mercy by Lee Dengler
\$73.75

God's Promises by David Schmidt
\$62.50

Promise After Promise by Cameron Pollock
\$52.50



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This Week

Sunday, 2/11

Morning Worship, 10am
fellowship following worship
 Pastor's Study, 11:30am
 Christ's Faith Christian Project,
 12pm

Tuesday, 2/13

Spare Closet, 10am-2pm
 Staff Meeting, 12pm
 Al-Anon, 7:30pm

Wednesday, 2/14

Facilities Committee, 8:30am
 Personnel Committee, 10:30am
 Choir Rehearsal, 6pm
 Ash Wednesday Worship, 7pm

Thursday, 2/15

Spare Closet, 10am-2pm
 Steeple Fundraising Committee,
 1pm
 Session, 5pm

Friday, 2/16

Communion @ Ive Hill
 Retirement Community, 10am

Saturday, 2/17

AA, 8pm

*The church office is open by
 appointment. Please contact Pastor
 Andrew or Stacey Bristow if you have a
 need.*

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