

Transfiguration Sunday
February 11, 2024

Leading in Worship Today

Welcome and Announcements
 Birthday Celebration

Pastor: *John D. Jordan* AV Director: *Marie Stiles*
 Music Director: *Christopher A. McCroskey* AV Assistant: *Chris Derrick*
 Time Together: *Ruth Frady*

Prelude		Christopher A. McCroskey
Call To Worship Greeting	<i>“O How He Loves You and Me”</i>	Choir
*Hymn	<i>“I Stand Amazed in the Presence”</i>	371
Opening Prayer The Lord’s Prayer		895

Proclamation of the Word
 Prayer of Illumination

VISITORS ARE WELCOME in the service of worship! Please make use of the visitor’s tags (located in the pew backs) to help us better welcome you as a visitor to Trinity this morning. We ask that you also please fill in the pew pad as it passes to register your attendance with us. **Large print hymnals** are available from the ushers.
 You may join as a member into the life and work of this congregation by Confession of Faith or by Transfer of Membership from another church. If you would be interested in becoming a member, please speak to the pastor.

“Let the Children Come!”
(Those 3 years of age through 8 years of age may go to Children’s Church.)

Old Testament Reading Psalter	2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50	Pages 327-328 (O.T.) 783-784
*Hymn	<i>“Holy Ground”</i>	TFWS 2272
New Testament Reading	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	Page 170-171 (N.T.)
Anthem	<i>“Go Down, Moses”</i>	Christopher A. McCroskey
Gospel Reading Sermon	Mark 9:2-9 <i>“The Transfiguration”</i>	Page 46 (N.T.) Rev. John Jordan
*Affirmation of Faith	<i>“The Apostles’ Creed”</i>	881
*Gloria Patri	<i>“Glory Be to the Father”</i>	70
Pastoral Prayer Presentation of Tithes & Offerings		
Offertory	<i>“Come Sunday”</i>	Choir
*Doxology	<i>“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”</i>	95
*Hymn	<i>“Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”</i>	717
*Dismissal With Benediction		
*Benediction Response	<i>“May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and Keep You”</i>	Choir

TODAY’S LOVELY FLOWERS are given to the ***Glory of God.***

*The Congregation May Stand

“AS MEMBERS OF THIS CONGREGATION, WE WILL FAITHFULLY PARTICIPATE IN ITS MINISTRIES BY OUR PRAYERS...

Patsy Zeigler Charlie Hooker Kaye Floyd Becky Derrick Patsy Shuler Taylor Linholm
Latson Lewis John Ballentine Mary Kamaroff Jimmy Grahl Christopher McCroskey

Shut-Ins: Esther Carter; Gillett Hipp; Linda Maloch; Jean Raynor; Claudia Sineath

Family and Friends: **Bryan Collard** (brother-in-law of Mary Sue Lewis); **Charlyn McNeill** (sister of Mary Sue Lewis); **Elizabeth Kelsey & Jamie Barnett** (friends of John & Kay Jordan); **Alex Courtney** (friend of great nephew of Joyce Robinson); **Lawrence Gilbert** (friend of Becky Derrick); **Bob Bohnstengel** (spouse of Jo Ann Heiting's cousin); **Judy Spence** (former member); **Anne Piercy** (former member); **Missy Abrams** (stepdaughter of Lissa Abrams); **Mary Davis** (daughter of Bob & Libby Strickland); **Gloria Erd** (friend of Lynn Martin); **Pearl Geddens** (mother of Tom Geddens); **Beverly Lipscomb** (sister-in-law of John Jordan); **Ross Deal** (grandson of Mary Kamaroff); **Nancy Wilson** (friend of Jeanette Hornsby); **David Turner** (brother of Pam Turner); **Ernie & Betsey Hendrix, Chip Mixon** (friends of Tommy Gleaton); **Ron & Janet Walker** (friends of Tommy & Chris Gleaton); **Merit Takach** (friend of Joyce and Brent Robinson); **James Boggs** (father of Claire Boggs); **Stacy Coggins** (daughter of Steve Aiello); **Sweat Family** (friends of Marty Johnson); **Bill Areheart** (friend of Bonnie Ramsey); **David Grandshaw** (brother-in-law of Edwa Meek); **Robert Bradley** (Business Associate of Simon Ross); **Gary Becton** (friend of Mark Branham); **Florence Lee Carter, Monnie Tiller** (friends of Chris Derrick); **Adrin & Linda Hargett** (stepfather and stepmom of Christopher McCroskey); **Alexa Lookingbill, Teddy Derrick** (uncle of Arvan Derrick); **Haidee Baehr** (friends of Ruth Frady); **Denise Paul, Scott & Karen Nelson** (cousins of Gale Frady); **Dan Conner, Max Johnson** (friends of Gale Frady); **Bernardo Velasquez, Walt & Janet Beck** (friends of Jo Ann Heiting); **Adam Lavender** (son of Phil Lavender)

If you have a friend or family member on the Prayer List, we ask you to please keep us updated. If no word is received, we will trust that our prayers have been answered and remove the name. To update us, please call the office or e-mail us at trinityumcwc@sc.rr.com.

OUR PRESENCE ...

In-Person Attendance 02/04 SS: 13 Worship: 26

OUR GIFTS ...

General Fund 02/04 \$ 4,085.00

OUR SERVICE ...

OUR WITNESS.”

Upcoming Events

TODAY Souper Bowl Sunday

Birthday Celebration

02/12 Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.

02/13 Grieving with God, 11 a.m.

Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper, 6 p.m.

02/14 Wednesday's Words, 11: 30 a.m.

Ash Wednesday Service, 6 p.m.

Choir, 7 p.m.

T.a.G., 7 p.m.

02/15 Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.

02/16 Office Closed

02/17 Trinity Ladies Group, 10 a.m. (Place To Be Announced)

Readings for February 18

Genesis 9:8-17

Psalms 25:1-10

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:9-15



Ministers	The Congregation
Pastor	John D. Jordan
Resident Bishop	Jonathan Holston
District Superintendent	Rev. Fran M. Elrod

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our vision is to Connect, Nurture, Inspire and Transform



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Today

For over 30 years, the Souper Bowl of Caring movement has been inspiring people across the nation to tackle hunger in their local communities. Today Trinity youth will once again collect donations to help a local charity. Please help them achieve their goal of helping others in our community.



**Grieving with God
Tuesday, February 13**

The Grief Support Group will now meet on the **second Tuesday of every month** at 11 a.m. in the Conference Room. This group is open to everyone.



**Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper
Tuesday, February 13, at 6 p.m.**

Plan now to join us for our annual Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 21 at 6 p.m. Invite your friends and neighbors to come and enjoy pancakes, sausage, and possibly bacon as we prepare for the season of Lent



Wednesday, February 14, at 6 p.m.

The Ash Wednesday Service will be held on Wednesday, February 14, at 6 p.m. We begin the season of Lent by acknowledging and mourning our sinfulness.



Saturday, February 17

The Trinity Ladies Group will get together for brunch on Saturday, February 17, at 10 a.m. The place will be announced. If you are interested in being part of this group, call the Church Office (803) 794-7777.



Sunday, February 25

Taste of Trinity, our church-wide covered dish luncheon, resumes this month and will be held on Sunday, February 25. It will continue on the fourth Sunday of every month. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to share great food and great fellowship!



**Columbia Community Concert Band's
Winter Concert
February 25 at 4:00 p.m.
Airport High School Auditorium**

The 43rd season continues as we present our winter concert on Sunday, February 25, 4 p.m., in the Auditorium at Airport High School. Selections include a variety of music from American Classics to River Dance to our usual march or two. This concert features our talented saxophone players in "What a Wonderful World" made so famous by Louis Armstrong. Look for the signup sheet on the round table in the Gathering Area if you'd like to reserve a seat on the bus which will leave from the Gunter Circle parking lot at 3:20 p.m. on the day of the concert. We hope you can join us for a relaxing musical afternoon!

Mark 9: 1-9

Today is Transfiguration Sunday, the Sunday before we enter into the season of Lent. As we enter into this time of fasting and reflection, we examine this story of Jesus being transfigured before Peter, James, and John.

The story took place six days after Jesus' first foretelling of his death. We all know that Peter's response to that was, "NO WAY". Jesus called him Satan. Jesus ended that episode by telling Peter that he was setting his mind on human things instead of divine things.

Jesus took Peter, James, and John up this mountain. There Jesus was transfigured! His clothes were dazzling white. Moses and Elijah were with Jesus.

Peter says they need to build dwellings for each. Then a cloud overshadows them and a voice says, "This is my Son, the Beloved."

Peter, James, and John are given a glimpse of the real identity of Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God.

The Greek word translated as transfigured is *metemorpho*, from which we get the word metamorphosis. When a caterpillar undergoes a metamorphosis, it is transfigured into a butterfly. The caterpillar becomes something different, a butterfly.

So, Peter, James, and John are given a glimpse of Jesus' metamorphosis. They see Jesus transfigured. Jesus' divine nature was briefly revealed to them. They are told that Jesus is the Son of God. They see the post-metamorphosis Jesus as the divine Son of God. They see the human being they have known thus far as the divine being that he is. God reveals to them what Jesus is, God's Son.

Jesus orders Peter, James, and John to say nothing about what they have seen until after he has been raised from the dead. What! Say nothing? Why not? In Jewish law, it only took two witnesses to establish a truth in a court of law. Here we have three, so why not? Jesus, let's tell everybody that you are the Son of God. People will come flocking to you. There would be no problem kicking the Romans out and reestablishing the kingdom of Israel, God's chosen people.

That sounds like a human way of doing things. Remember, Jesus' admonition to Peter was about setting his mind on human ways, not divine ways. The human way would be to go and tell everyone, gaining support for your cause. But that is not the divine way. That is not God's plan.

Peter, James, and John had only received a glimpse of the divine Jesus. They did not understand the means through which this metamorphosis would take place. The transfiguration of Jesus was through his suffering, death, and resurrection. They could not understand their experience on that mountain until after the resurrection.

The real transfiguration of Jesus took place through his suffering, death, and resurrection. Through suffering, death, and resurrection, Jesus revealed the fulfillment of God's plan to restore the image of God in humanity.

The transfiguration gave Peter, James, and John a glimpse into the endgame. The endgame could not be understood until its completion. Thus, they could say nothing to no one for they did not understand completely until the end.

Many situations we may not understand until the end. I didn't understand why Kay and I lost our jobs less than a year after we were married. Now, I understand that God was telling us to move on because there was another mission for us. We all have times we can look back on and say, "Oh now I see."

We focus on the Transfiguration this Sunday before Lent to remind ourselves that the game is not over. We may look back and see that God was acting in our lives, though we did not see it at the time.

We may also recall a glimpse into the divine Kingdom. We may have glimpsed the divine Kingdom through some experience. I experienced this at Epiphany Mass at the Church of the Nativity as we passed the Peace of Christ to people of all races and nations.

We also see in this story the reality of the resurrection. Through our self-denial practices during Lent, we share in the suffering of Christ. During Holy Week we share in the passion and death of Christ. And on Easter, we share in the resurrection of Christ!

As Christ was, so we will be glorified in God's presence forever and ever. Amen