

*Growing Together through Faith, Love, and Fellowship.*

**Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday**

**February 11, 2024**

*The asterisk (\*) indicates to please rise in body or spirit.*

## **Silent Prayer of Preparation**

*Holy and mighty God, gather us among your faithful ones, the people of your covenant, to stand in the light of your glory and listen for the word of the Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.*

## **Gathering Music**

### **The Gathering of God's People**

#### **Prelude - a time to prayerfully prepare oneself for worship**

“O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair”

arr. Charles Callahan

## **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **Introit** “Glory Be to the Father”

Charles Meineke, 1844

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.

## **\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Holy and mighty God, gather us among your faithful ones, the people of your covenant, to stand in the light of your glory and listen for the word of the Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

**People: How shall we climb the mountain when we cannot walk or reach spiritual heights while weighed down with cares?**

Leader: In Christ, God brings the mountaintop to us and meets us, even in the depths of despair.

**People:** We see a lamp shining in a dark place, and the morning star rises in our hearts.

**Leader:** Pay attention to the signs through which God speaks; for those with discernment, they are everywhere.

**People:** The dazzling splendor of God's glory is real, even to those who cannot see or hear. Let us come without fear or thoughts of favor, opening ourselves to all the Lord has in store for us. Let us worship our great God!

**\*Hymn**

“To God Be the Glory”

#634

## **The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

God of mercy and hope, we confess that we come with mixed thoughts and uncertain dreams. We are offended by slight oversights or offenses against us, yet we hardly consider our neglect of your Word, our patience with evil, and our slowness to act for others. We could not sense the beauty or meaning of life without your Spirit, yet we have failed to notice signs of the Eternal in the ordinary moments of our lives. We have kept our habits and perceptions from being transfigured by the glory of your grace and presence. Forgive us, transform us, and fill us with your light, for Christ's sake. Amen.

(Silent prayer of confession.)

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Response Hymn** “Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (v. 1)

#610

## **Ministry of the Word**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Children's Sermon**

**First Scripture Reading**

Mark 9:2-9

**Choir Anthem**      “Glory Be to God on High”

Theron Kirk, 1960

Glory be to God on high, Alleluia!

Let the whole creation cry, Alleluia!

Peace and blessing He has given, Alleluia!

**Second Scripture Reading**

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Sermon**

“Seeking the Light”

Rev. Désirée M. Youngblood

### **The Response to the Word**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

The Scots Confession (3.12)

**Our faith and its assurance do not proceed from flesh and blood, that is to say, from natural powers within us, but are the inspiration of the Holy Ghost; whom we confess to be God, equal with the Father and with his Son, who sanctifies us, and brings us into all truth by his own working, without whom we should remain forever enemies to God and ignorant of his Son, Christ Jesus. For by nature we are so dead, blind, and perverse, that neither can we feel when we are pricked, see the light when it shines, nor assent to the will of God when it is revealed, unless the Spirit of the Lord Jesus quicken that which is dead, remove the darkness from our minds, and bow our stubborn hearts to the obedience of his blessed will. And so, as we confess that God the Father created us when we were not, as his Son our Lord Jesus redeemed us when we were enemies to him, so also do we confess that the Holy Ghost does sanctify and regenerate us, without respect to any merit proceeding from us, be it before or be it after our regeneration. To put this even more plainly; as we willingly disclaim any honor and glory for our own creation and redemption, so do we willingly also for our regeneration and sanctification; for by ourselves we are not capable of thinking one good thought, but he who has begun the work in us alone continues us in it, to the praise and glory of his undeserved grace.**

**\*Hymn**

“O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair”

#189

## 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.

## Invitation to Offering

\*Response

“Doxology”

#606

\*Prayer of Dedication

## The Sending of God's People

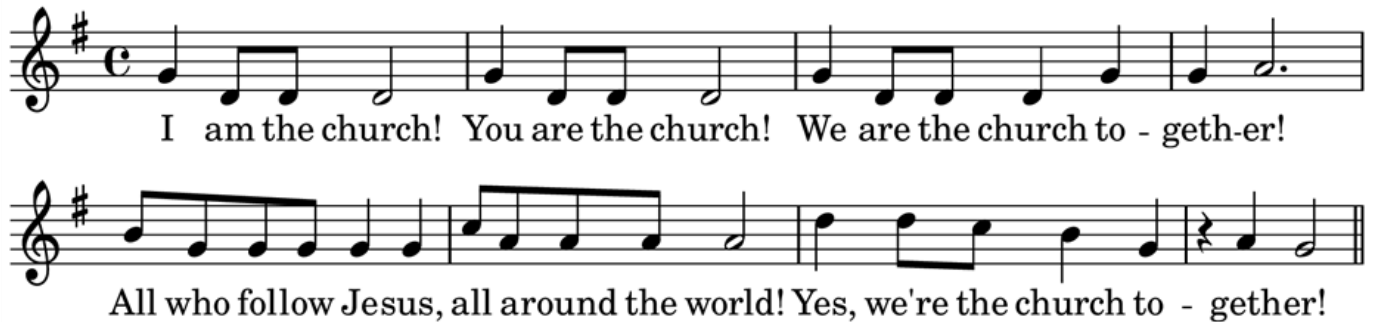
\*Closing Hymn

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

#307

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Congregational Response “We Are the Church”



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and common time. The first staff contains the melody for the lyrics: "I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to - geth-er!". The second staff contains the melody for the lyrics: "All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church to - geth-er!".

Words and Music: Richard K. Avery and Donald S. Marsh

Words and Music © 1972 Hope Publishing Company

Used by Permission. CCLI License # 1203910

\*Postlude

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

arr. John Carter

**Pastors:** Rev. Désirée M. Youngblood  
Dr. Mark A. Johnson

**Music Director:** Thomas Lloyd  
**Organist:** Carol Welk

**Liturgist:** Kelly Armfelt

*Kelly Armfelt is a member of the Generation to Generation Commission, Chancel Choir and Sunday School teacher at FPC. She loves teaching and learning alongside her kindergarten crew at Bailey Elementary in the Dublin City School District. Kelly also volunteers each week at H.E.L.P. House Community Outreach and the London Public Library. Her favorite pastimes include being Mimi to Cooper (4) and Mila (2), harassing the tenors and basses in the back row of the choir loft, bicycling and getting lost, and making Tom Lloyd laugh!*