

* THE 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.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

"Hear Our Prayer"

*Hear our prayer, O Lord. hear our prayer, O Lord.
Hear our prayer, O Lord, and grant us thy peace.*

SERMON

Rev. David A. Jones

OUR OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

"More About Jesus"

L. Smith

* THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* LORD'S PRAYER (using debts and debtors)

* BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

* HYMN #45 (Green Hymnal)

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

* SILENT MEDITATION

POSTLUDE "Christ Whose Glory Fills The Skies" C. Wesley/W. Havergal

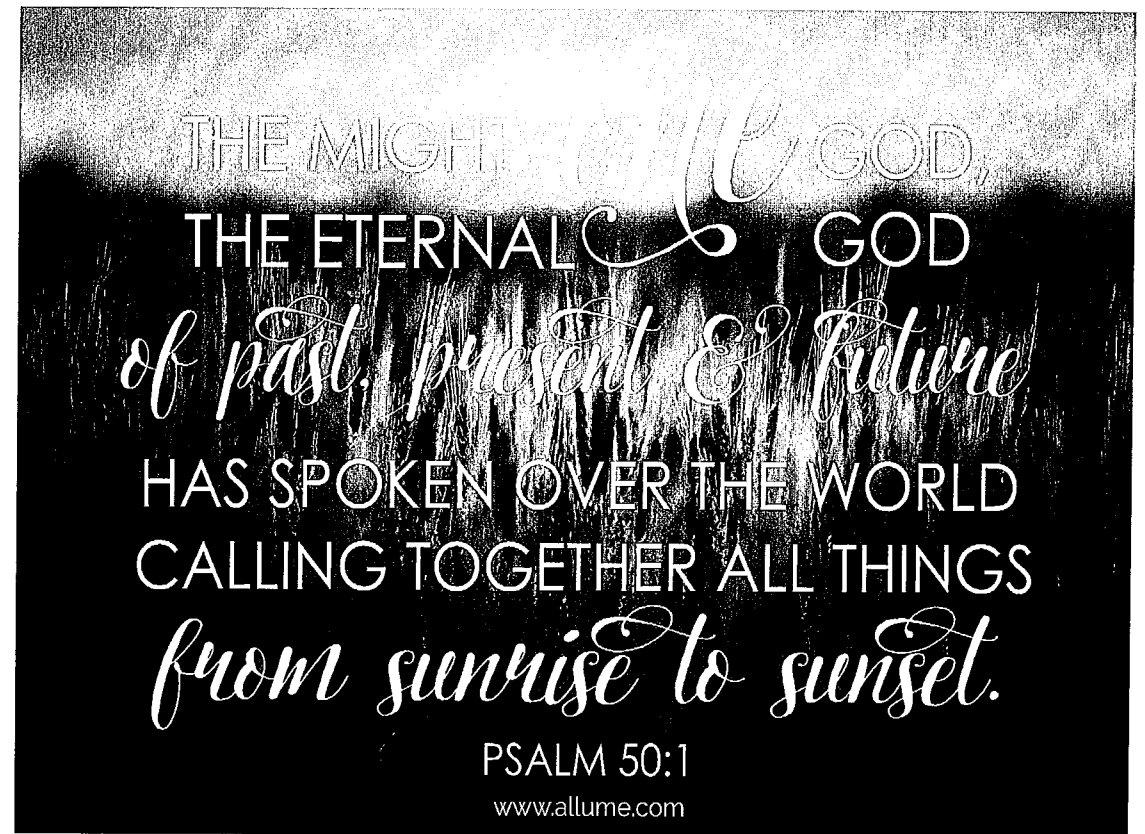
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February 11, 2024

Transfiguration Sunday

Reader: Sarah Blauch

God is Still Speaking ...

"Grace is but glory begun, and glory is but grace perfected."

- Jonathan Edwards

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Praising The Almighty"

E. Broughton

* SOLEMN DECLARATION AND SUNG AMEN

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The coming of a new day calls us to anticipate God's dawn. The day of God's dawning is like a morning star rising.

People: **The light of God is like a devouring fire. God's brightness is too intense for our gaze.**

Pastor: Come up to the mountain of God's presence. Wait for God to reveal divine intentions for us.

People: **We are eyewitnesses to God's majesty. We have sensed God's presence in the stories of Jesus.**

Pastor: Look up, and do not be afraid. Jesus, whom you seek, is transfigured before you.

People: **We will serve God with fear and trembling. Happy are those whose refuge is in God.**

* HYMN #676 (Green Hymnal) "Oh Jesus I Have Promised"

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of dazzling splendor, we confess that we have lived in a cloud, hiding from your glory and pretending not to notice the wonders of your majesty. The mystery of life eludes us because we take for granted what seems commonplace and refuse to deal with matters beyond our understanding. We have tried to put our religion in a compartment separate from the rest of life. We have not thought to serve you in our everyday encounters. Shake our complacency and awaken us to new life in all its fullness.

Silent confession...

* KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

* WORDS OF GRACE AND MERCY

Happy are those who take refuge in God. We are accepted as God's own children. To us, the Holy Spirit comes as a gift, interpreting to us the truth of the Scriptures. Do not be afraid of the vision God sets before us. A new day is dawning among us as we become aware that God is with us.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

SPECIAL MUSIC "Be The Church"

Choir

Scott Siciliano

CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (insert)

* PROCLAIMING OUR FAITH – THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only begotten 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 Hades; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE SCRIPTURES (insert)

Old Testament Psalm 50: 1 – 6

*Gospel Mark 9: 2 - 9


We acknowledge our responsibility to ensure we use the resources of water well, and make available future resources for our children and their children. We give thanks for the gift of this water. May it be the birthing waters of a new and holy life. In the name of Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Baptism

Baptismal Hymn "God Claims You"

God Claims You 2249

*Refrain**




Roman Roman God claims you, God helps you, pro -

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tects you, and loves you, too. 1. We this day do
 ***2. We your fam - ily
 3. We are here to
 4. And if you should

D.C.



all a - gree a child of God you'll al - ways be.
 love you so, we vow to help your faith to grow.
 say this day that we will help you on your way.
 tire or cry then we will sing this lul - la - by.

**Sing Refrain twice at beginning and end, and once between stanzas.
 **May insert child's name.
 ***May insert parents' names "Jeff and Kathy love you so, we vow ..."*

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 Irregular with Refrain

The Sacrament



Of Baptism

Roman Edward Blauch
February 11th, 2024

Baptism is the church's way of celebrating and naming the grace of God living in every one of God's children. As we have come to this font of living water, let us recall the meaning of baptism. For just as the body is one and has many different parts, all of the parts make up the body. Likewise we are many, yet we are one body, the body of Christ.

For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

The sacrament of baptism is an outward and visible sign of the grace of God. Inasmuch as the promise of the Gospel is not only to us but also to our children, baptism with water and the Holy Spirit is the mark of their acceptance into the care of Christ's church, the sign and seal of their participation in God's forgiveness, and the beginning of their growth into full Christian faith and discipleship.

This is the water of Baptism. Out of this water we rise with new life, forgiven of sin and one in Christ, members of Christ's body.

Do you desire to have your child baptized into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

Parents: We do.

Will you encourage this child to renounce the powers of evil and to receive the freedom of new life in Christ?

Parents and Godparents: We will, with the help of God.

Will you teach this child that he may lead to profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

Parents and Godparents: We will, with the help of God.

Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciples, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best as you are able?

Parents and Godparents: We will, with the help of God.

Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow with this child in the Christian faith, to help him become a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, by celebrating Christ's presence, by furthering Christ's mission in all the world, and by offering the nurture of the Christian church so that he may affirm his baptism?

Parents and Godparents: We will, with the help of God.

Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to the one about to be baptized as he lives and grows in Christ?

Congregation: We promise our love, support, and care.

Let us unite with the Church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God.

The Apostle's Creed (see main bulletin)

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Lord be with you! **And also with you.**

God is the heart of life. **And we are the heartbeat.**

May our hearts be filled with thanks and praise and songs of joy.

We rejoice in the miracle of life and delight in our participation.

Water is a precious commodity...water is everything. Water is life. We claim the joy of water and the way it sustains and nourishes us.

Let it flow and pour for all people, that all may know each day the gift of God in water.

Biblical stories talk of the preciousness of water. These stories remind us that water is a blessing and the source and strength of life. Without it, humanity and all that is created could not survive. And our stories remind us that God's way is the way of compassion and love.

God's love, like a shower of rain in drought, awakens the sleeping seed within the soul and lures it to blossom. God's love, like a paddling pool, inspires the responsive love of children, jumping, splashing each other, shivering with wet delight. God's love, like a shower after a long day's work, cleanses us, reawakens us. God's love, like waves crashing on the shore, breaks in on us and enfolds us, leaving us feeling vital and refreshed.

So let's give thanks for this love that reaches out to us in what we say and do in love for this child whom we are welcoming into our midst. We gather to pray, believing that God prays in us.

Psalm 50: 1 – 6

The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth. Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him.

He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people: "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!" The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.

Mark 9: 2 – 9

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ST. MARK'S PRAYER LIST

Andy Shearer
Deb Weise

Ken and Charlotte Wengert
Lynn Balmer

David Ansalvish (Cindy Johnson's Brother)
Rod Nissley (Deb Ellis' son)

David Minnich (Friend of Deb Ellis)
Earl Whorley & Heather Whorley

Stephanie Wagner (Faye Fox's niece)
Jeffrey Clouser

Trudy Berkheimer

John Blanda (Lynn Balmer's brother-in-law)
Ed Olden

Shirley Shaak

Marie DiFava

John Schieber

Members from our church family who are shut-in or home bound

The People of Ukraine

The Victims of War in Israel and Palestine

ST. MARK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS
Schedule for February 11, 2024

- Sunday Choir Practice – 8:30 AM
Koffee Klatsch – 9:30-10 AM and 11-11:15 AM
Worship Service – 10:00 AM
Adult Sunday School – 11:15 AM (Conference Room)
- Monday Onward Christian Soldiers Meeting – 6:30 PM – Conference Room
Christian Ed Meeting – 6:30 PM – Deb Follett's Home
- Tuesday Women's Study Group – 6:30 PM – Fellowship Hall
Bell Rehearsal – 7:30 PM
- Wednesday Bible Study – 10 AM
Ash Wednesday Service (Communion) – 7:30 PM
- Saturday Consistory Workshop – 9 AM – 2:30 PM

The flowers on the Communion Table are presented by William and Lisa Trovinger and family and Bonita and Robert Ressler in loving memory of John and Frances Rittle.

The bulletins are presented by Kathryn Ceresini in memory of Raymond Heiter, Jr. and Frank Ceresini, Sr.

Flowers and Bulletins – Dates available for flowers are: April 14, 21 and 28. Dates available for bulletins are: February 18, March 3, 17, 24 and 31. Please contact the office if interested in sponsoring any flowers or bulletins.

Committee Reports for Yearbook – Please give your committee reports to the office by March 1st, so that the Annual Yearbook can be completed in March.

Women's Study Group – We will be studying "Messy People" by Jennifer Cowart. Study will start this week, February 13th at 6:30 PM. Books will be distributed on the 13th.

Members in Rehab – We have 2 members in Rehabs right now. Shirley Shaak is at Lancaster Nursing & Rehab, 900 E. King St., Lancaster, PA 17602 and Heather Whorley is at Wellspan Dixon Foundation Health Ctr., 4th & Willow Sts., Room 133, Lebanon, PA 17046

Souper Bowl Sunday – there is a grocery cart in the narthex. Please put your cans of soup in this cart. We are collecting until February 11, 2028. Thank you for helping with this project sponsored by the Good Samaritan Committee.

Save the Dates:

- February 14, 2024 – Ash Wednesday Service – 7:30 PM
- March 10, 2024 – Daylight Saving Time (Spring forward)
- March 31, 2024 – Easter Service and Holy Communion

Conference Call information:
Dial (215) 383-1625 Enter conference code: 569284
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