



**Transfiguration Sunday**

**February 11, 2024**

**10:00 a.m.**

**The Bellbrook Presbyterian Church**

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***Our mission: Embracing the Community with God's Love, Providing a Home for Spiritual Nurture & Worship, Reaching Out to Those in Need, Growing through Service to Others***

*God of majesty and might, you have blessed us with revelations of your glory. Give us the gift of faith, that we may hear your voice for ourselves and see Jesus Christ revealed to us that we may stand on our own without fear. Amen.*

The *Prelude* offers time for us to focus on preparing our hearts and minds for worship – God is here; we need to bring ourselves to worship as God already has.

The *light of the candles* symbolizes the presence of God and Jesus as light of the world.

## **We Gather**

### **The Life of the Church**

#### **Prelude**

#### **Lighting of the Candles**

One: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

**All: We welcome the light of Christ into our worship.**

### **Sung Prayer of Preparation**

"O Worship the Lord"

Red # 593

\* Indicates please rise in body or spirit

The *Call to Worship* invites us to begin worshipping God.

#### **\*Call to Worship** (responsive)

Ps. 99

One: The Holy One is our sovereign.

**All: Let us praise God's great and awesome name!**

One: Mighty ruler, lover of justice,

**All: you have established fairness among us.**

#### **\*Hymn of Praise**

"Beautiful Savior"

v.1,2,4

*1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!*

*Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve thee, Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.*

*2 Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands, Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;*

*Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer; He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.*

*4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!*

*Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and forever be Thine!*

#### **\*Call to Confession**

Trusting in God's steadfast love, let us confess our sin.

### Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Glorious God, you are all wisdom and a lamp to our feet, yet we fail to listen to you and neglect to follow your guidance. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us on, that we may walk in your ways and be happy in your refuge; in Jesus our Christ we pray. Amen.**

### \*Silent Confession

**\*Assurance of Pardon** (responsive) Ps. 99:8

One: The good news of our faith in this: if we call upon God we will be answered and forgiven.  
That promise gives us peace and joy; let us share that peace and joy with one another.

**All: Amen.**

**\*Congregational Response** “Gloria Patri” Red # 622  
***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.***

### \*Declaration of Trust and the Peace

One: Congregation of Jesus Christ, in whom are you trusting?

**All: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.**

One: Grace, mercy, and peace to you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**All: And also with you.**

*(As we have received peace from Christ, let us also pass that peace to each other.)*

### Scout Report

## ***We Hear the Word***

### Special Music

*“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”*

### Pew Conversation

Have you climbed something very high? What did it feel like? Was it exciting or frightening or both?

No one is perfect. God knows that. God asks us to admit our faults. We do this using the *Prayer of Confession*. *Silent Confession* is a time to tell God anything else you are sorry for.

After confessing our sin, we hear the good news that God forgives us in the *Assurance of Pardon*. We then stand and sing the *Gloria Patri* in praise of God’s forgiveness.

**Sung Response**

"Jesus Heals Us"

Pew Insert

*Jesus heals us. I can feel his love right in my heart! Let God's kingdom come to earth. God, help me do my part! God, your words are true. I will follow you. God is light that glows so bright. God shines for me and you!*

*Jesus traveled all around to teach and spread good news! Jesus welcomes all into the kingdom of our God.*

*Jesus heals us. I can feel his love right in my heart! Let God's kingdom come to earth. God, help me do my part! (Hey!)*

**Prayer for Illumination (unison)**

**God of our light, make us attentive to your Word as to a lamp shining in a dark place, that seeing your truth we may live faithful lives. Amen.**

**Scripture Reading**

Psalm 24:1-4

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Mark 8:27-9:8

**Skit**

Transfiguration

**One:** The Word of the Lord.

**All:** **Thanks be to God!**

In the *Prayer for Illumination*, we ask the Holy Spirit to help us understand God's Word. "Illumination" means "turning the lights on".

*Scripture* is God's Word to us. We listen carefully and study God's word.

**Message**

"What About You?"

Rev. Diane Ziegler

***We Respond*****Hymn of Affirmation**

"Thy Word"

Purple #458

*REFRAIN: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.*

*When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me. Nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be with me to the end. REFRAIN I will not forget your love for me and yet, My heart forever is wandering. Jesus be my guide and hold me to your side, and I will love you to the end. REFRAIN.*

**\*Affirmation of Faith****The Apostle's 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 ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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.

### 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.

*The Lord's Prayer is the prayer Jesus taught us.*

### Sung Response to Prayer

"Hear our Prayer, O Lord"

Red # 614

In the *Offering* we give of ourselves. We give because God has given to us. We give because everything belongs to God and what we have has been entrusted to us.

### Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

One God has revealed to us a law and a love that leads us into becoming God's own daughters and sons. Therefore, let us gratefully give from that which has first been given to us, our lives, our talents and our possessions.

### Offertory

### \*Doxology

*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.*

*Doxology means "to give God glory."*

We pray God will use our gifts for God's work through us and others in the *Prayer of Dedication*.

### \*Prayer of Dedication/Offering (unison)

God of mountaintops and valleys, be our vision of your clouded or brilliantly clear, we faithfully add our gifts to those being given all around us. Bless these offerings that they may be transfigured into your presence in the world. Amen.

## **We Are Sent**

**\*Parting Hymn**

“Shine Jesus Shine”

Purple #192

### **\*Charge**

Christ has been revealed to us that we might follow him and transform the world. Go in love; work for peace.

### **\*Carrying the Light**

One: As we go forth to serve,

**All: We carry the light of Christ into the world.**

### **\*Benediction**

May the love of God pursue you; the light of Christ enfold you and the Holy Spirit keep you; as you dwell in the house of the Lord.

**\* Sung Benediction**

“The Lord Whom We Love”

Red # 603

### **Postlude**

*(Sanctuary worshippers, please be seated for the postlude.)*

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**Prayer Concerns** Harry and Pat Crowe, Eliana, Nola (Kelly’s step-mother), Max O’Neil, Jonathan Berryhill, Sandy (Shay’s friend), Family of Diane Green, Phil Rogers, Leslie Clements, Bently, Maureen Smallwood, Bill Wiseman, Loy and Ed Boncek, Toby Boedecker, those who are sick and their caregivers, those who hunger, those recovering from storms, those grieving, children with RSV, PEACE.

### **Announcements**

**Per Capita is due.** The amount for 2024 is \$53.05 per member. This money helps to fund the staffing and support of the Presbytery, synod and the General Assembly. The church pays the amount for each member regardless of whether or not members make their contributions. Please place your Per Capita in a pew envelope and mark it with your name, bring it to the office, or use online giving as is most convenient. Thank you!

**Have a Heart!** Lovingly prepared heart ornaments have been crafted out of the curtains that adorned the sanctuary walls for over 60 years. These heart ornaments are available for a suggested donation of \$ 10.00 or more, with all proceeds going to the refurbishment of the bell. Hearts are available in Fellowship Hall this morning.

**Lenten Kits** are available for pick up in Fellowship Hall following worship. We have a limited number of devotional books on the Psalms for this season for anyone who would like one. They are also available in Fellowship Hall.

**Office Hours** – Monday- 10-5, Wednesday- 1-5, Friday 10-3

### **Suggestion for at home this week**

- Create your own Litany of Praise, recognizing how God has been revealed to you in this Epiphany season. Begin and end each petition with:  
*For revealing yourself through...[petition]... I give you praise.  
You are the Messiah, the Son of God!*
- Reflect on Jesus' identities as the Son of God and the suffering servant with your two-sided cross.
- Read Mark 8:27–9:8 with your family or with a prayer partner, and think about how God is revealed each day.

### **Bible Studies**

- Monday at 10:00 a.m./Winans Coffee and Chocolates on Feedwire Rd. *Living into the Answers*. See Robin for more information.
- Monday at 6:30 p.m./ Board Room. Sunday Scriptures.
- Wednesday at 6:00 p.m./ Board Room. The Proverbs Devotional Challenge. Lenten study begins February 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Opportunities to Serve**

- Volunteers are needed for our enrichment/craft program for 3-5-year-olds on Thursdays from 10:00 a.m.-11:30 p.m. Sign up in Fellowship Hall. See Kimmie with any questions.
- Help with Wednesday evening food pick-up for the food ministry from 4:45 p.m.-6:45 p.m. Sign up in Fellowship Hall. See Susan Seiler for more information.

- Online/Credit card Giving: Access by using the QR code to the right or make a credit card donation using the Clover machine located in the sanctuary.



## You're Invited!

- **Movies That Matter.** Today at 2:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Our film is The Big Fish. This is a Fantasy/Adventure/Drama film starring Ewen McGregor. We will be finished before the Super Bowl starts! Join us for a film viewing and discussion.
- **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner.** This Tuesday (2/13) at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Sign up in Fellowship Hall please so that we know how many to prepare for!
- **Ash Wednesday Ashes to Go** this Wednesday (2/14) from 11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall door. Drive around to the ally way and stop at the door to receive the imposition of ashes.
- **Sanctuary open for prayer every Wednesday** beginning Ash Wednesday from Noon - 1:00 p.m.
- **Ash Wednesday Worship** this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. A short service of liturgy, music and reflection to begin the Lenten season.
- **A Service of Hope-** 5:30 p.m. on February 28th. This is a brief service of liturgy and prayer (approximately 20 minutes).
- **Pre School craft and play time** each Thursday from 10:30a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Parents of young children are invited to come to a craft and play time each week. Please contact the office for more information or to register.

