

February 23, 2020
Transfiguration Sunday

Welcome, Announcements and Parish Notes Pastor John
(Please sign the attendance slip and place in the offering plate.)

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

***Call to Worship (Psalm 67:1-4)** Miriam Zech

One: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us.

All: So that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.

One: May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.

All: May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth.

***Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance**

When will we learn, Lord, to submit, surrender, honor, and obey you? Let today be the day that we recognize your dominion over all creation and humbly adhere to your decrees. You are the way, the truth, and the life. All that is good comes from you. Help us to follow your ways and embrace your Holy Word so that it will guide and direct us in all we do. Today and always! Amen!

*Hymn “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” No. 64

***Unison Prayer**

Together, we are one in Christ, and each of us is called in a special way. May we pool our talents and resources and our spiritual gifts, and make a difference as we stand up to injustice while standing down in the presence of the Almighty. Bless us, O God, enlighten us, empower us, and energize us as you lead us on the path of righteousness. Amen!

*Call to Confession

***Prayer of Confession**

Guilty as charged! Pardoned as promised! Forgiven through grace! Redeemed by blood! Sanctified in love! Let us rejoice in the power and might of the holy and pleasing sacrifice of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who overcame sin and death and brought about life everlasting for all who believe.

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Readings

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| Old Testament Lesson | Psalm 2 | No. 565 |
| New Testament Lesson | Matthew 17:1-9 | No. 1026 |

Response One: Let us Rejoice in God’s Holy Word!

All: For His Word brings us Light, Hope, and Joy.

*Gloria Patri No. 70

*Hymn “Be Thou My Vision” No. 451

Anthem “I Surrender All”

Sermon “Listen Up” Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer

As we gather today as a fellowship of believers, let us lift up our prayers and petitions at this time.

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer No. 895

Presentation to God of Our Gifts

Offertory

*Doxology No. 95

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn “Shine, Jesus, Shine” insert

*Benediction and Postlude

**= please stand in body or spirit*

Lenten Study

Pastor John will be leading a Lenten Study each Wednesday evening during Lent. The study is entitled “No Wonder They Crucified Him, and explores who Christ really is and what he expects of us today by focusing on the following topics:

- Get Off the Fence
- Complete the Circle of Grace and Works
- Patrol Your Pleasures
- Check Your Bags
- Come Die with Me
- Follow Me

Please join us starting Wednesday, March 4 at 5:45 pm for this study.

Joint Lenten Series

Theme-Lectionary: ‘Walk’

Offering: Africa University Women’s Dormitory and Warming Center at Salvation Army

Sermon Series Schedule at 7:00 pm each Sunday

March 1 - Rev. Kris Patt at Oak Chapel

March 8 - Rev. Steve Smith at Church of the Cross

March 15 - Pastor John Finn at Applecreek

March 22 - Rev. Jim Cooper at New Pittsburg

March 29 - Pastor Ken Curren at Moreland

April 5 - Pastor Jon Heavilin at Wooster

Ash Wednesday Service

Due to Pastor Jon’s surgery the Ash Wednesday Service will be held at Oak Chapel, Wednesday, February 26 at 7:00 pm.



Our Prayer List

Our neighbors and our community
Those serving in the armed forces
Our country, its leaders

Our church family

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| Esther Franks | Elsie Mykrantz |
| Jennifer Adair | Betty Princehorn |
| Elaine Sprinkle | Wayne Kahrig |
| Betsy Bower | Dick O'Hearn |
| Bill Feldman | Brad Kitchen |
| Connie Wheeler | Arden Boyer |

Our Friends, Family and Neighbors

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| Jon Heavilin | Gloria Ennis |
| Melinda Hill | Family of Bobbie Jo |
| Connie Garg's nieces | Family of Eleanor Franks |

Today's Concerns

Names will be removed from this list after three weeks unless otherwise requested.



Opportunities for Ministry This Week

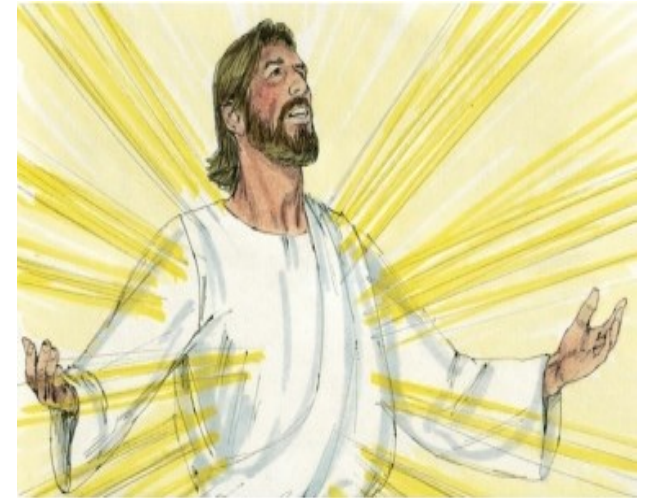
Looking Ahead

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| Sunday 2/23 | Sunday School | 9:30 am |
| | Worship | 10:30 am |
| Monday 2/24 | Bible Study | 9:30 am |
| | Prayer Shawl | 6:00 pm |
| Tuesday 2/25 | Days for Girls | 2:00 pm |
| | Girl Scouts | 6:30 pm |
| Wednesday 2/26 | Ash Wednesday | |
| | Choir | 6:00 pm |
| | Ash Wednesday Service | 7:00 pm |
| Thursday 2/27 | Bookworms | 7:00 pm |
| Saturday 2/29 | Weight Support | 9:15 am |

Looking Ahead

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| Sunday 3/1 | Sunday School | 9:30 am |
| | Worship | 10:30 am |
| Monday 3/2 | Retirees' Breakfast | 8:00 am |
| | Bible Study | 9:30 am |
| | Art & Soul | 7:00 pm |
| | Girl Scout Leaders | 7:30 pm |
| Tuesday 3/3 | Girl Scouts | 6:30 pm |
| Wednesday 3/4 | Morning Circle | 9:30 am |
| | Lenten Study | 5:45 pm |
| | Choir | 7:00 pm |
| Saturday 3/7 | Weight Support | 9:15 am |

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