



Transfiguration Sunday

Preparation for **Worship**

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah; and in the voice from the cloud you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us, with Christ, heirs of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gathering and Preparing for **God's Word**

Welcome and Announcements

**Leader:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**People:** **And also with you.**

Prelude "Lord, the Love of your Light is Shining" arr. Hayes

Introit 11:15a "Your Light Shines Within Us" Taizé

\* Call to Worship

**Leader:** Blessed is the Lord our God, who revealed the law to Moses.  
**People:** **The Lord our God is holy!**  
**Leader:** Blessed is the Lord our God, who came to us in Jesus Christ.  
**People:** **The Lord our God is love!**  
**Leader:** The One who spoke and called light out of darkness now shines in our hearts.  
**People:** **The Lord our God is grace!**  
**All:** **Let us worship God!**

\* Hymn No. 12 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" St. DENIO

\* Prayer of Confession

**God of compassion,**  
**in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory,**  
**but we turn away, distracted by our own plans.**  
**We confess that we speak when we should listen,**  
**and act when we should wait.**  
**We strive for the status quo,**  
**when you ask us to die to our old life**  
**and rise to one that is new.**  
**Forgive us for our aimless enthusiasms and our fearful faith.**  
**Grant us wisdom to live in your light**  
**and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,**  
**our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

\* Assurance of Pardon

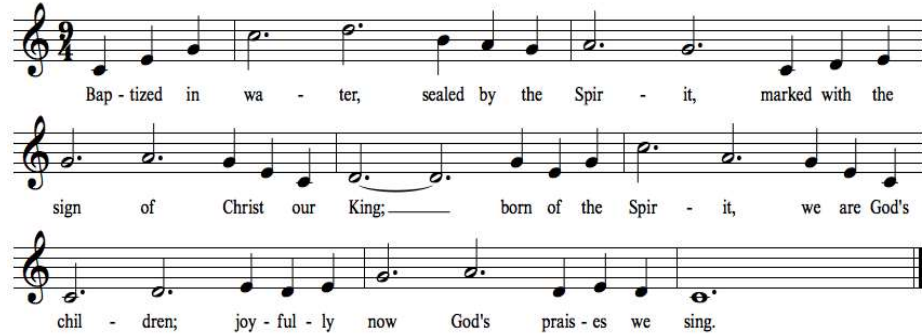
**Leader:** Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.  
**People:** **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

\* Gloria Patri (Hymnal, No. 581)

**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.**

The Sacrament of Baptism 11:15a John Finla Murphy and Margaret Anne Murphy

Congregational Response "Baptized in Water" BUNESSAN



Children in K5 - first grade are invited to leave for Children's Church.

Hearing **God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson I, Luke 9:28-36 p. 843

Gospel Lesson II, Luke 9:37-43a p. 843

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

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Like Any Other Parent"

Responding to **God's Word**

\* Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' 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 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.**

Choral Call to Prayer 11:15a Berthier  
 "Within Our Darkest Night"

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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.**

Offering

Solo 9a "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" Gabriel  
 Anthem 11:15a "O Nata Lux" Lauridsen  
 "O Light of Light"

\* Doxology (Hymnal, No. 606)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* Hymn No. 816 WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT  
 "If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee"  
 \* Charge and Benediction  
 \* Choral Response 11:15a "Amen" Keen  
 \* Postlude Trumpet Tune in D Major Johnson  
 \*All who are able may stand

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Ben Dorr, *preaching*  
 Lauren Slingerland, *liturgist*  
 Carl Muller (11:15a), *sponsor*  
 Nancy Smith, *organist/pianist*  
 Hunter Ditsch (9a), *soloist*  
 Sanctuary Choir (11:15a)  
 Allen Grumbine (9a), Christa Likes (11:15a), *lay readers*  
 Ross Glidewell (9a), Brandt Givens (11:15a), *head ushers*  
 Brandon Coker, Bob Dellert, Mae Todd Mullins,  
 Sarah Beasley, Brian Blount, (9a), *greeters*  
 Susan Jones, Rob Morgan, Tony Atkins,  
 Ben Edwards, Ashley Gettys, (11:15a), *greeters*  
 Bobby Hartman (9a), Mary Evans Howayeck (11:15a), *acolytes*

WORSHIP NOTES

NURSERY

Childcare is available for infants through four-year kindergarten. Our nurturing staff of experienced caregivers and parent volunteers offers a welcoming environment to all children.

WELCOME TO WPC!

Please fill out a name tag and find more information about WPC at the Welcome Table in the Atrium. First time visitors are also invited to take home a WPC mug.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

As a congregation that prays with and for one another, Westminster invites you to share your prayer requests using the cards located in the Ritual of Friendship pad at the end of each pew. You may complete a card and leave it in the offering plate so that the pastors and/or prayer chain team may pray for you. If you wish to join the prayer chain, please indicate that on your card.

ASH WEDNESDAY

MARCH 2

Mark the beginning of the Lenten season with penitence, prayer, and the imposition of ashes. From 8-9a and 12-1p, receive ashes, a blessing, and a prayer card in the columbarium (rain location: under the W. Augusta Place circular drive awning). Worship service with ashes at 7pm in the Sanctuary.

Join Us in Welcoming

BAPTISM

This morning at the 11:15a worship service, we welcome into our fellowship John Finla Murphy and Margaret Anne Murphy, twins of Hunter & Erin Murphy.

With Thanksgiving We Celebrate

BIRTH

The birth of a daughter, Mary Elliott Scales, to McLain & Pearce Scales on Monday, February 14, 2022, in Greenville.

In Memoriam

Marolyn Kellner  
 (8/4/1941 - 2/18/2022)

"I am the resurrection and the life."  
 - John 11:25

We Remember in Prayer

The family of Marolyn Kellner

Toni Paylor on the death of her father, James Clark, in Charleston, SC - 2/18/2022.

Join Us in Welcoming

NEW MEMBERS

Last Sunday we welcomed the following new members into our fellowship:

- Denis & Bev Brosnan joined by transfer from Fourth Presbyterian, Greenville.
- Christopher Hanson & Blake Hoffman joined by transfer from Georgetown Presbyterian, Washington, DC.
- Ben & Marchie Hepner joined by reaffirmation of faith.
- Lauren Hood joined by profession of faith.
- Joe Hughes joined by transfer from Buncombe Street United Methodist, Greenville. Joe and his wife, WPC member Rosemary Hughes, have one daughter, Amelia (13).
- Jonathan & Lauren Klett joined by reaffirmation of faith.
- Ana Lotshaw joined by transfer from Northpark Presbyterian, Dallas, TX.
- Stephanie Pavik joined by transfer from First Presbyterian, Durham, NC.
- Shawn & Whitney Salley joined by reaffirmation of faith.
- Jo Ann Walkup joined by reaffirmation of faith.
- Banks & Mary Frances Weed joined by transfer: Banks from Bethany United Methodist, Charleston, SC; Mary Frances from First Presbyterian, Clinton, SC. They have one daughter, Emmy (9 mths).

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JOIN WPC'S HOSPITALITY TEAM

Are you a "do-er" looking to connect with others while contributing to WPC's culture of welcome? Consider serving on the Hospitality Team! Hospitality Team participants will receive regular invitations to help with events like the basketball banquet, church suppers, and after-worship donuts. Contact Julia Watkins to get involved.

LIGHTLY SEASONED

Lightly Seasoned, a Westminster fellowship group for those in their fifties (very loosely defined) - will meet on Friday, March 4, at 7p at the home of Amy Grace, (8 Bachman Ct). Watch your e-mail for more information or check the church's web site ("Connect" then "Events Registration" tabs) or contact Susan Grier (susan@grierfamily.org) for details.

WPC BOOK CLUB

The Westminster Book Club will meet Tuesday, March 1, at 7p at McAlister's Deli (1708B Augusta St.). Arrive at 6:30p if you want to have dinner and fellowship before the meeting. New attendees are always welcome.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER**  
**SPRING GATHERING**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 10**

SUPPERS WITH SEVEN April - May 2022

Spring is just around the corner and it's time to think about getting out and doing things. What about enjoying meals with other Westminster members? "Suppers With Seven" is seven (or so) persons - some couples, some singles, some older and some younger - gathering for a series of two or three meals at a time convenient to the group. It is a great way to establish or renew relationships with other Westminster members. To sign up, return this form to the church office, or fill out the online form on the church website by navigating to the Suppers With Seven page. *The deadline to sign up is Monday, March 21.*

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check as many as apply:

\_\_\_\_\_ I/We would be willing to host a first gathering of seven or so people.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/We cannot host the first gathering, but would consider a subsequent one.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/We cannot host but would like to be part of a group.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 27 - March 6, 2022

Sunday, February 27

Transfiguration Sunday

Women of Westminster Retreat

- 9:00a Worship Service
- 10:00 Sunday School
- Confirmation Class
- 10:55 Session Meeting
- 11:15 Worship Service
- 5:00p Middler Youth Group
- 5:15 Senior High Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 Youth Dinner
- 6:30 Middler Choir Rehearsal
- Senior High Youth Group

Monday, February 28

- 7:00p Youth Parent Workshop

Tuesday, March 1

- 12:00p Al-Anon Group Meeting
- Administrative Committee Meeting
- 2:30 PW Life Membership Award Committee Meeting
- 7:00 Westminster Book Club

Wednesday, March 2

- 9:30a Weekday Chapel
- 9:45 Weekday Chapel
- 10:00 Weekday Chapel
- 2:15p WPC Kids Afterschool
- 2:45 It's Elementary
- 4:30 Junior & Senior Choristers
- 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service
- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 4

- 7:00p Lightly Seasoned Gathering

Sunday, March 6

First Sunday in Lent

- 9:00a Worship Service
- Membership Committee Meeting
- 75th Anniversary Committee Meeting
- 10:00 Sunday School
- 10:55 Session Meeting
- 11:15 Worship Service
- 12:15p Youth Leadership Team Meeting
- 12:30 Personnel Committee Meeting
- 2:00 New Elder Training Class
- 5:00 Middler Youth Group
- 5:15 Senior High Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 Youth Dinner
- 6:30 Middler Choir Rehearsal
- Senior High Youth Group

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*open minds open hearts*

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**From the Pews, Mark Matlock**

Bridges and listening

There are those among us who experience a "God moment," a time when God makes His presence undeniably felt and observed.

For myself, that moment came at late on the morning on Oct. 30, 1996. Members of my family and I were gathered around my wife's bed at Duke University Medical Center as Elaine was unhooked from a ventilator in the final stage of a wretched lung disease. The pallor of her skin changed from rosy red to a dull, flat pink in a matter of moments. The time between breaths grew longer as her skin began to turn gray. Then God revealed himself in the final moment: The fluid around Elaine's eyes was suddenly gone. She opened her left eye, looked right at me, released a long sigh and was gone at the age of 38.

Months later, after much grieving and sorrow, I realized that I had felt and watched the spirit of God in that ICU ward. God in that moment knew we needed to witness a transfiguration from the corporeal to the divine. A devastating moment to be sure, but without question a "God moment."

And the transfiguration, one of the cornerstones of our faith, is what happens in today's Gospel lesson, Luke 9:28-43. Jesus heads to a mountain before he enters Jerusalem to be crucified. He takes with him Peter, James and John. While he prays on the mountain, the three disciples witness Jesus' face change and his clothes emit a bright light. They then see Elijah and Moses appear next to Jesus before a cloud envelopes them. Peter, James and John then hear God's voice saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to him."

What does all this mean?

In Christianity transfiguration is considered a pivotal moment, a point where human nature and God intersect. Or as some have written, the meeting place of the temporal and the eternal, with Jesus as the connecting point, a bridge between heaven and earth.

That bridge is not one that is removed by God. Only our callousness, our distractions can blind us from seeing that bridge. God's promise through Jesus is eternal, the light never flickering, the waiting arms always open.

Let us listen together.



