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FEBRUARY 26, 2017
TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

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GATHERING

Prelude Improvisation *Ken Friese*

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "Be Filled With The Spirit" *L. Lenel*
The Sanctuary Choir

Call to Worship — *Based on Matthew 17: 5*

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: A voice said: "This is my Son, the Beloved,

People: **with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him!**

Prayer of the Day

*Hymn No. 189 "O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair" DEO GRACIAS

Invitation to Confession

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. Forgive our aimless endeavors. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Kyrie Eleison, No. 551 "Lord, Have Mercy" LAND OF REST

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

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Assurance of Pardon

Minister: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep us in eternal life.

People: Amen.

*Gloria Patri, No. 581

*The Peace

Minister: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, we also ought to forgive one another. The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

WORD

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson	Exodus 24: 12-18	O.T. p.70/P.87-88
Leader:	The Word of the Lord.	
People:	Thanks be to God.	

Anthem	“I Walk the King’s Highway: <i>The Sanctuary Choir</i>	<i>E. Butler</i>
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Second Lesson	Psalm 2 (Responsively)	
Leader:	Why are the nations in an uproar? why do the peoples mutter empty threats?	
People:	Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the rulers plot together, against the Lord and against he Lord’s anointed?	
Leader:	“Let us break their yoke,” they say; “let us cast off their bonds from us.”	
People:	The One enthroned in heaven is laughing; the Lord has them in scorn.	
Leader:	Then in wrath the Lord speaks to them, and divine rage fills them with terror.	
People:	“I myself have set up my king upon my holy hill in Zion.”	

Leader: Let me announce the decree of the Lord:
the Lord said to me, “You are my Son;
this day have I begotten you.

**People: Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for
your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for
your possession.**

Leader: You shall crush them with an iron rod,
and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”

**People: And now, you kings, be wise;
be warned, you rulers of the earth.**

Leader: Submit to the Lord with fear,
and with trembling bow down in worship;

**People: lest the Lord be angry and you perish;
for divine wrath is quickly kindled.**

All: Happy are they all who take refuge in the Lord!

Third Lesson: Matthew 17: 1-9 N.T. p.18-19/P.22-23
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Who Are Those Guys?” *Rev. Anne Stewart Miller*

*Hymn No. 354 “Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory” BATTLE HYMN

*Affirmation of Faith *Apostles’ Creed (Traditional)*

**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 cru-
cified, 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 resurrect-
tion of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayers & Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy king-
dom 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.**

If you would like to honor or memorialize a loved one, please sign the flower calendar in the central foyer or call the church office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEDGE ENVELOPES FOR 2017 Are Now Available in the Central Foyer. Help us save postage and drop by soon to pick up your box!

WEATHERVANE-MARCH 2017: The Weathervane mailing will be Wednesday, March 1 at 10-11am in room 101. Come for fellowship and to help get this important news vehicle out to our members and friends!

YOUTH CLUB AND KIDS' AND YOUTH CHOIRS: resume on Wednesday, March 1st.

- Youth Club & TUXIS are asking for any used or unwanted craft items to add to our supplies! We are running low on markers & pens - but any craft supplies would be GREAT! (ex. scissors, fabric, yarn, string, stickers, stamps, ink, paint, brushes, poster board, old magazines/collage material etc.) Please leave donations upstairs in the craft room or with Tina! Thank you so much :)
- Youth Club grades 1-8 from 5-7 pm in Youth Room
- Kids' Choir (grades 1-3) 5-5:30 pm
- Youth Choir (grades 4-8) 5:30-6 pm

New singers are welcome in 2017 as rehearsals start again in the choir room - Come give us a try!

CONFIRMATION CLASS: Next meeting will be Thursday, March 2 from 7-8 pm in the Fiske Room for Lesson 4.

FOOD 4 THE SOUL will resume Sunday, March 5 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Youth Room.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:

- **CIRCLE-3/BIBLE STUDY:** Our next Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, March 15th at 12:30 pm in room 101. We continue our study, "Who is Jesus?" looking through the lens of Hebrews. We ask you to read lesson six in preparation.
- **CIRCLE-4/QUILTING** meets on Thursdays from 9:30-11:00 am in Room 101. All are welcome. No experience necessary.
- **CIRCLE-6/CRAFTS** meets on Friday mornings at 9:45 a.m. in the craft room - 212. All are welcome.
- **LAYETTE:** The layette is in need of girls baby blankets.
- **THRIFT STORE:**
- Volunteers are needed for Thursdays and Fridays from 11am to 1:30pm.

Please let Cynthia know if you can work occasionally or every week.

WEEKLY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, February 26 - 2017

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Family Worship Service
6:15-8:45 p.m. AA (*Downstairs Room 10*)

Monday, February 27 - 2017

7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. The Learning Center (*Basement*)
9:15-10:15 a.m. Gentle Bends (*Room 102*)
7:30-9:00 p.m. NA (*Basement, Room 10*)

Tuesday, February 28- 2017

7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. The Learning Center (*Basement*)
11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Thrift Store (*Basement/Room 11*)
1:00-2:00 p.m. AA (*Basement, Room 10*)
2:30-3:00 p.m. Staff Meeting (*Room 103*)

Wednesday, March 1 - 2017

7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. The Learning Center (*Basement*)
9:15-10:15 a.m. Gentle Bends (*Room 102*)
5:00-7:00 p.m. Youth Club (*Youth Room*)
5:00-5:30 p.m. Kids' Choir Reh. (*Choir Rm. 211*)
5:30-6:00 p.m. Youth Choir Reh. (*Choir Rm. 211*)
7:00-9:15 p.m. AA (*Basement, Room 10*)
7:30-9:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 32 (*Gym*)
7:30-8:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship Service

Thursday, March 2 - 2017

7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. The Learning Center (*Basement*)
9:30 -11:00 a.m. PW-C4/Quilting (*Room 101*)
11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Thrift Store (*Basement/Room 11*)
5:00-9:30 p.m. Giant Steps (*Room 102*)
7:00-8:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (*Fiske Room*)
8:00-9:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Reh. (*Room 211*)

Friday, March 3 - 2017

7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. The Learning Center (*Basement*)
9:30-11:30 a.m. Al Anon (*Room 101*)
9:45 a.m.-12 p.m. PW-C6/Crafts (*Craft Room-212*)
11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Thrift Store (*Basement/Room 11*)

Sunday, March 5 - 2017

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Family Worship Service

10:20-11:00 a.m. Church School (102)

4:30-7:30 p.m. Ken Friese Recital (Parish Hall)

6:15-8:45 p.m. AA (Downstairs Room 10)

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WORSHIP NOTES FOR FEBRUARY 26

The coming of the power of God into the midst of human reality is no ordinary event. It does not admit of precise description, and the Bible does not offer a simple, straightforward report. Nonetheless, the Bible asserts that God's sovereign presence does indeed invade and inhabit the historical process. The Bible, moreover, must find language to witness to this reality, language that is clear enough to show the reality, elusive enough to honor the awe, splendor and mystery of God's own self.

The Exodus reading (24: 12-18) is a primal narrative of ancient Israel. In deep deference and careful obedience, Moses enters the zone of God's glory. This odd meeting certifies the authority of Moses: he is the one who has been present before God's own self!

The glory, that is, God's sovereign presence according to biblical faith, is carried by historical persons. In the Old Testament, such a "carrier" is the Israelite king. Psalm 2 resorts to harmonic discourse in order to designate David (and the entire dynasty) as a means of God's sovereignty in the world. The nations are put on notice that in this human agent, God's own glory is operative in the affairs of the nation.

For Christians, the proclamation and claim of Psalm 2 are taken over in order to make a claim for Jesus as the decisive carrier of God's sovereign glory. The transfiguration story in Matthew duplicates the story in Exodus 24 in what is not fully seen or clearly heard. Thus, the account of the transfiguration leaves us with a sense that we have seen something of great importance, but it is not obvious or easy to say what that precisely is. Jesus is taken up into the zone of God's glory, and so is filled with God's authority. Thus, in all three lessons, speech about glory points to the assignment of new authority: to Moses, to David, to Jesus.

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FIRST LESSON
Exodus 24: 12-18

The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. 14 To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON
Psalm 2 (Responsively)

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People: lest the Lord be angry and you perish; for divine wrath is quickly kindled.

All: Happy are they all who take refuge in the Lord!

THIRD LESSON
Matthew 17: 1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

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