

The Worship of God

Sunday, March 2, 2025

Transfiguration of the Lord

Chiming of the Hour & Prelude

Musicians

Welcome & Invocation

Pastor

The Apostles' Creed

Affirmation of Faith

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.

*Hymn:

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” #151(CH)

First Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 6:10-20

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. 14 Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. 16 In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; 17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, 18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making

supplication for all the saints, 19 and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak..

*Gloria Patri

“Glory Be to the Father” #813 (CH)

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.

Offertory

Musicians

*Doxology

“Old Hundredth” #815 (CH)

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

Musical Worship

Musicians

Children's Time

“Jesus Loves Me” #185 (CH)

(Pennies for Jesus; Children are dismissed to Children's Church)

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Pastor/Congregation

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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn

“Soldiers of Christ, Arise” #723 (CH)

Second Scripture Lesson

Ezra 4:1-5

1 Now when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the returned exiles were building a temple to the LORD, the God of Israel, 2 they approached Zerubbabel and the heads of fathers' houses and said to them, “Let us build with you, for we worship your God as you do, and we have been sacrificing to him ever since the days of Esarhaddon king of Assyria who brought us here.” 3 But

Zerubbabel, Jeshua, and the rest of the heads of fathers' houses in Israel said to them, "You have nothing to do with us in building a house to our God; but we alone will build to the LORD, the God of Israel, as King Cyrus the king of Persia has commanded us."

4 Then the people of the land discouraged the people of Judah and made them afraid to build 5 and bribed counselors against them to frustrate their purpose, all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia.

Pastor: This is the Word of God for the People of God!

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sermon

Tom Tucker

"Facing Daunting Opposition"

Responding to God's Word

The Heidelberg Confession, 1563, Lord's Day 3

Q. 6. Did God create humanity evil and perverse?

A. No. God created humanity good and in his image, that is, in true righteousness and holiness, so that they might rightly know God their creator, love him with their whole heart, and live with him in eternal blessedness, praising and glorifying him.

Q. 7. Where, then, does this corruption of human nature come from?

A. From the fall and disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, in the garden of Eden. From this our human life is so poisoned that we are all conceived and born in the state of sin.

Q. 8. But are we so corrupt that we are totally unable to do good and prone to do evil?

A. Yes, unless we are born again through the Spirit of God.

*Hymn:

"God Will Take Care of You" #692 (CH)

Announcements and Opportunities for Service

Benediction

Pastor

Postlude

Musicians

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Announcements:

~ **Sunday School gathers NEXT SUNDAY at 10:00 AM!**

Ash Wednesday Communion, March 5th at 5:30 pm. Davis Hall (begins with catered meal). Following the Ash Wednesday service, the **Presbyterian/Baptist Women** will meet at approximately 6:30 pm. Davis Hall.

~ **LEO (Law Enforcement Outreach)** meets on Friday, March 7th at 8:00 AM at the West Point Police Station.

~ Our **Lenten Bible Study** begins next Wednesday, March 12, at 5:30 PM (catered meal), Davis Hall. We will be studying the Epistle to the Philippians.

~ **Third Sunday Covered-Dish Fellowship:** March 16th after Worship.

~ **The Session** will meet on Sunday, March 16th in the Stanley Room.

~ **Every First Sunday** we hold a **Unity Worship Service** with our friends from the First Baptist Church of West Point. The service rotates back-and-forth between the churches. Our next Unity Service will be held on **April 6th in the Sanctuary of West Point First Baptist Church**. The service begins at **10:30 AM**. Please join us as we seek to further the Kingdom of God.

~ **P&BW Quarterly Mission Project:** Diapers and wipes for Pregnancy Center.

Looking Ahead:

Palm Sunday, April 13th.

Easter Sunday, April 20th.

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Seeking... to Nurture Lifelong Christian Disciples.

Serving... the Congregation, Community & World in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Sharing... God's Love in the Reformed Tradition.

What in the Bible is this?

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Sponsored by Dr. Dan Bass and the Stanley Sunday School Class.



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