

Transfiguration Sunday
February 15, 2026

*“And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun,
and his clothes became dazzling white.”—Matthew 17:2*

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude “We Would See Jesus”, F. Mendelssohn/arr. Whitworth
Choral Introit “Lord, Send Thy Light” arr. Michael Burkhardt

Call to Worship (*responsive, from Psalm 99, adapted from the Inclusive Bible*)

Our God is holy and mighty, a leader who loves justice,
who established honesty, justice, and righteousness.

***God has done this! We exalt you, O God!
We worship at your footstool. You are holy!***

Miriam, Moses and Aaron were among them, and Samuel, too
was among those who invoked the Name; they called on God,
and God answered them.

***We exalt you, O Lord our God,
and we worship you at your holy mountain; for you, O God, are holy!***

***Hymn 192** “Lord, the Light of your Love Is Shining”

Call to Confession & Prayer

God of radiant light, we confess that we are a people who are sometimes too comfortable dwelling in darkness. We say we want things to change, that we do not accept the way things are. But, in reality, we want someone else to take care of the changing. We resist transformation and sometimes do not even believe it is possible. Forgive our unbelief. Soften our hearts toward one another and ourselves. May your Spirit move through and among us. Make us light bearers for your sake, and for the sake of your people. Amen.

Silent Meditation and Assurance of Pardon

***Congregational Response 437** "You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy"

Passing of the Peace

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 24:12-18

Anthem

"God is Our Refuge"

Allen Pote

Prayer for Children

New Testament Lesson

Matthew 17:1-9

Sermon

"Metamorphosis"

David Garnett

***Hymn 193**

"Jesus, Take Us To The Mountain"

Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)

The Nicene Creed (pg. 34)

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Invitation to Giving

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn 156**

"Sing of God Made Manifest"

***Charge and Blessing**

Postlude

"Festive Trumpet Tune"

by David

German

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Worship Notes: *Our liturgy today was written by the Rev. Anna Owens from Village Presbyterian Church in Overland Park, Kansas. It appeared in the Presbyterian Outlook and we have been given permission to use it in worship today.*

LITURGIST(S): Ron Howard
SCREENS: Russ Russell, Bud Weeks,
Catherine Langsdorf

LAST SUNDAY ATTENDANCE: 110

FLOWERS: Given by Marina Hirschfield
in honor of Katie

LIVESTREAM: Duane Johnson, Jim Kisner,
Conrad Shannon, Jim Smelker, Paul Soltesz

WORSHIP TEAM

Transitional Pastor: Rev. David Garnett
Associate Pastor: Rev. Dwight Christenbury
Minister of Music: Rev. Lesley Bush
Section Leaders: Katie Cilluffo, Claire Crook,
Tim Kuykendall, Eric McAnallen

TRINITY TEAM

Maintenance Facilitator: Jim Kisner
Treasurers: Bob Forsythe, Bev Luzadder
Financial Secretary: Diane Bowers
Bookkeeper: Angela Kuykendoll
Tellers: Barbara Goodman, Pat Harter,
Robin Hodgson, Betty Lockwood

This congregation welcomes you without regard to race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, education, economic circumstance, your place of origin or any other issue that divides God's family. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors wide open. If you are passing through, Godspeed. If you are looking for a worship home, stay with us. We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often.



PC(USA)
June 10, 1983 -
our denomination



Presbytery of Western
North Carolina -
our regional leadership



More Light
Presbyterians -
LGBTQ+ affirming



an Earth Care
Congregation -
eco-stewardship



Fuente de Vida
Guatemala - global
partnership



a Matthew 25
Church - social
justice advocacy

SUNDAY - TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

8:30 SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:45 Learning Hour
10:30 Choir Rehearsal

11:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP

1:00 Youth Bowling (Tar Heel Lanes)
2:00 Cub Scout Leaders Meeting
5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

MONDAY

9:00 Finance Team
3:30 Tai chi - private lesson time
4:00 Tai chi

TUESDAY - MARDI GRAS &

NEW HVAC INSTALLATION BEGINS!

9:30 Staff Meeting
10:00 Coffee Group
10:30 Naomi Circle
11:00 VBS Team Meeting
5:30 Zoom: Circles Board Meeting
6:00 Zoom: Worship Ministry Meeting
6:30 Social Justice Network Meeting

WEDNESDAY - ASH WEDNESDAY

10:00 Friends in Christ - Hybrid
3:30 Zoom: Earth Care Ministry Meeting
6:30 ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP
7:30 Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

9:00 Musicke Antiqua Rehearsal
10:00 Bible Study for Lent - Hybrid
1:00 Luopad Project
3:30 Tai chi - private lesson time
4:00 Tai chi
6:30 Cub Scouts

FRIDAY - TIDINGS DEADLINE

8:00 Toastmasters
4:30 Postcard Party (Trailside)

SATURDAY

9:30 Choir Retreat

SUNDAY - FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT & 5 CENTS A MEAL

8:30 SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:45 Learning Hour
10:30 Choir Rehearsal

11:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP

2:00 CONCERT: Mission for the Planet w/ Jim Scott (Unitarian Universalist Church in Hendo)
5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

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PRAYERS, JOYS & CONCERNS: In Sympathy:

Debra Scott upon the loss of her husband, Gary Kozen, the family of Judy Meizner **Hospital:** Marc Hirschfield (Zigovsky/Hirschfield family) **Rehab/Nursing:** Ben Moore (The Bridge); Alice McCullough, Neena Haskins (Sunnybrook); Nugent Sharp, Jack Caylor (HHR); Don Widmayer (Florida); Ruth Mills (CV Care Center); Art Wayboer (High Point); Nell Payne (Brooks-Howell); Jane Sugawara (Ohio) **Home:** Rhoda Holmes (Kuykendoll's friend); Marina Hirschfield; Izzy Brown (Forsythe family); Kris Grasse; Dave Gilbert; Helen Dearborn; Tom Karvonen; Nancy Twitchen; Leslie Nissen; Marty Roller; Irene Lunsford (Dolly & Nancy's sister), Brenda Nelson; Kay Vickery; Marty Zigovsky; Keira Hunt (Carol Danilin's great-granddaughter); Evelyn Christensen (Mary Louise & Betty's sister); Alice Malone (Emma Persigehl's mother); Peggy King (Kathy Madigan's friend); Steve Kuykendoll; Bob Miles; Kathy Orr (Neena Haskins' friend); John Kostlevy; Donnie Thompson (Kuykendoll's nephew); T.K. Owens; Evans Thibodeau; Kim & Jason Ball; Julee Gray (Kuykendoll's friend) **Others:** immigrants and those who are fearful or in hiding; our partners in Madagascar, Malawi, and Guatemala, our sister church Fuente de Vida, people in war-torn areas of the world, those harmed by gun violence and anti-LGBTQ+ legislation.

MILLS RIVER AND TRINITY YOUTH BOWLING OUT-ING TODAY.

Youth from Mills River and Trinity Presbyterian Churches will join up and go bowling this afternoon, Sunday, Feb. 15, starting at 1:00. See Dwight for more information.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: FEB. 18 AT 6:30 P.M.

You're invited to prayerfully enter the Season of Lent with us at an Ash Wednesday service this week, Feb. 18 at 6:30 p.m. (Note that this is not a Wednesday Night Live event; dinner will not be served.)

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY: THURSDAYS AT 10:00 A.M. BEGINNING FEB. 19.

Dwight Christenbury invites you to join him for a study of key Scripture texts for the Season of Lent; we'll meet in room 207, or you may also join online via Zoom.

DEAR TRINITY FAMILY, I cannot thank you enough for the beautiful reception. I was totally overwhelmed by the decorations, the flowers, the food, and the wonderful gifts. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.—Sally Beghtol

100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: Join us to celebrate the 100th birthday of Margaret Sharke on March 1 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Margaret was a member of Trinity from 1991 until 2024. She's since moved to be closer to her family, but we're happy to welcome her back to celebrate with her Trinity family!

SOULTENDING WITH MARY MAGDALENE: KANUGA CONFERENCE CENTER, MARCH 4-7.

A conference focusing on new scholarship surrounding Mary Magdalene featuring Elizabeth "Libbie" Schrader Polczer, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of New Testament at Villanova University. To learn more, see the "Events" bulletin board or go to www.kanuga.org > Conferences > Programs for Adults.

DROP YOUR DRAWERS AT TRINITY! All four Sundays in February. Drop your new, packaged underwear or bras in the Narthex bins. Men's S and M, and all Women's sizes. (Children's less critical). Thanks for helping our neighbors find a little dignity. *Order online or shop in stores -- just bring donations of brand new drawers!*

DEATH CAFÉ: Mon, Feb 23 at 3pm. We practice gentle listening, sharing stories of loss, fear, and grief from deep within our hearts. We meet monthly in the lounge. Light refreshments.

WED NIGHT LIVE - Feb 25, dinner at 5:30, program at 6:30. We will have music from husband and wife team, "Geriatric Jukebox". **Sign up cut off is Sunday Feb 22 after church.** We are trying this signup deadline to right-size orders from our caterers. Thank you for making your reservations today (or ASAP)! Note: A call or email to the church can reserve your spot just as well!

RESCHEDULED! JIM SCOTT, GUITAR, IN CONCERT "MISSION FOR THE PLANET, Sun, Feb 22 at 2PM at the UU on Kanuga, suggested donation \$20