



CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Transfiguration Sunday
February 11, 2024
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



Stanley E. Lea, *A Dove Changing the Earth into a Rainbow*, Smithsonian American Art Museum

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

Gabriel's Oboe

Arr. Mark McGurty

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Ringling of the Bell

As the tower bell rings, may it call out to the city and the world that Central Presbyterian Church is worshipping God.

✠ Call to Worship Courtney Anne Henry
God, the Lord God, has spoken
**God's summons covers all the earth
like the sun from its rising to its setting.**
"Gather to me, my faithful ones";
We gather to worship you, O God.

✠ Hymn 666 *O Splendor of God's Glory Bright* PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

✠ Call to Confession Courtney Anne Henry

✠ Prayer of Confession
Almighty God, laying bare our hearts and minds before you now, we confess for the times when we encounter beauty and love and wonder in the world, so often we seek to control it, to contain it. Forgive us for all the ways we seek to pull things under our power, for the ways we fashion the world and put ourselves first. Forgive us for when we are selfish, God. Forgive us when we push aside your command to love in order to seek our own comfort. God, we take this opportunity to acknowledge the ways we have messed up, not honored others, not been truthful, and focused too much on things we cannot control. (Silent Confession) Amen.

✠ Assurance of Pardon
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

✠ Passing of the Peace

✠ Hymn 331 (Stanza 1) *Lord, Make Us More Holy* LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY

**Lord, make us more patient;
Lord, make us more patient;
Lord, make us more patient;
until we meet again:
patient, patient, patient,
until we meet again.**

During the hymn response, the children are invited to come forward for A Time with Children.

Proclaiming the Word

A Time with Children

Susan Landrum

Prayer for Illumination

Kathy Walker

First Lesson

Psalm 50:1-6

Second Lesson

Mark 9:2-9

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

✠ When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please stand as you are comfortable.
Please silence your cellphones.

Sermon

Responding to the Word

✠ Hymn 193 *Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain* UNSER HERRSCHER

✠ Affirmation of Faith Rev. Kate Culver
FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles and rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives.

Offertory Sentence

Music at the Offertory *Jesus on the Mountain Peak* Michael Burkhart
Chancel Choir; Thomas Chafin, conductor; Mason Copeland, piano

Jesus, on the mountain peak, stands alone in glory blazing.
Let us, if we dare to speak, join the saints and angels praising: Alleluia!

Trembling at his feet we saw Moses and Elijah speaking.
All the prophets and the law shout through them their joyful greeting: Alleluia!

Swift the cloud of glory came, God, proclaiming in its thunder,
Jesus as the Son by name! Nations, cry aloud in wonder: Alleluia!

Jesus is the chosen one, living hope of ev'ry nation,
Hear and heed him, ev'ryone; sing, with earth and all creation, Alleluia!

✠ At the Presentation *Doxology* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

✠ Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer Sung by Dr. Jennifer Sengin

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

✠ Hymn 406

We are Standing on Holy Ground
(sing through twice)

HOLY GROUND

✠ Charge and Benediction

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Postlude

La Majesté, 12 Heroic Marches

Georg Philipp Telemann

Special Participants in Today's Worship

Lector: Kathy McCloud
Choir Guild: Ellen Thompson
Tower Bell Ringer: Chris Sciarrone
Saxophonist: Kyle Jones
Chancel Choir
Dean Hammond,
Volunteer Technology Director

Hospitality Team

Beth Grashof
Ben Evans
Bettie Hardin
Kathy Harben
Rachel Hull

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