

Trinity Presbyterian Church
Transfiguration Sunday – March 2, 2025

Responsive Call to Worship

The Lord is mighty and rules with kindness over all the earth;

Let the people praise God's great and awesome name.

The Lord loves justice and joins people together in equity;

Come into God's courts with thanksgiving and enter the gates with joyful praise;

For the Christ of glory shines in this place;

The Holy Spirit meets us here. Let us worship!

Hymn 267 Rejoice the Lord is King

**1. Rejoice, the Lord is King;
your sovereign Lord adore;
give thanks, O mortals, sing
and triumph ever more.**

**Lift up your heart;
lift up your voice; rejoice,
again I say, rejoice.**

**2. For Christ the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when Jesus purged our stains,
he took his seat above.**

**Lift up your heart;
lift up your voice; rejoice,
again I say, rejoice.**

**3. His reign can never fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven:
the keys of death and hell
are to our Saviour given.**

**Lift up your heart;
lift up your voice; rejoice,
again I say, rejoice.**

**4. He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit
and bow to his command
and fall beneath his feet.**

**Lift up your heart;
lift up your voice; rejoice,
again I say, rejoice.**

**5. Rejoice in glorious hope,
for Christ the judge shall come
and take the faithful up
to their eternal home.**

**We soon shall hear
the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound: rejoice.**

Prayer of Praise and Confession *(minister)*

Assurance of Pardon *(minister)*

Hymn 400 Spirit of the living God

**1. Spirit of the Living God,
fall afresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God,
fall afresh on me.
melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God,
fall afresh on me.**

**2. Spirit of the Living God,
move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind;
make us one in love:
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the Living God,
fill our lives with love!**

Prayer for illumination

Responsive Reading **Psalm 99**

¹ The Lord is king!

Let the nations tremble!

He sits on his throne between the cherubim.

Let the whole earth quake!

**² The Lord sits in majesty in Jerusalem,
exalted above all the nations.**

³ Let them praise your great and awesome name.

Your name is holy!

**⁴ Mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established fairness.
You have acted with justice
and righteousness throughout Israel.**

⁵ Exalt the Lord our God!

Bow low before his feet, for he is holy!

**⁶ Moses and Aaron were among his priests;
Samuel also called on his name.
They cried to the Lord for help,
and he answered them.**

⁷ He spoke to Israel from the pillar of cloud,
and they followed the laws and decrees he gave them.

**⁸ O Lord our God, you answered them.
You were a forgiving God to them,
but you punished them when they went wrong.**

**⁹ Exalt the Lord our God,
and worship at his holy mountain in Jerusalem,
for the Lord our God is holy!**

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Scripture Lessons

Exodus 34:29-35 NLT

²⁹ When Moses came down Mount Sinai carrying the two stone tablets inscribed with the terms of the covenant, he wasn't aware that his face had become radiant because he had spoken to the Lord. ³⁰ So when Aaron and the people of Israel saw the radiance of Moses' face, they were afraid to come near him.

³¹ But Moses called out to them and asked Aaron and all the leaders of the community to come over, and he talked with them. ³² Then all the people of Israel approached him, and Moses gave them all the instructions the Lord had given him on Mount Sinai. ³³ When Moses finished speaking with them, he covered his face with a veil. ³⁴ But whenever he went into the Tent of Meeting to speak with the Lord, he would remove the veil until he came out again. Then he would give the people whatever instructions the Lord had given him, ³⁵ and the people of Israel would see the radiant glow of his face. So he would put the veil over his face until he returned to speak with the Lord.

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2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 NLT

¹² Since this new way gives us such confidence, we can be very bold. ¹³ We are not like Moses, who put a veil over his face so the people of Israel would not see the glory, even though it was destined to fade away. ¹⁴ But the people's minds were hardened, and to this day whenever the old covenant is being read, the same veil covers their minds so they cannot understand the truth. And this veil can be removed only by believing in Christ. ¹⁵ Yes, even today when they read Moses' writings, their hearts are covered with that veil, and they do not understand.

¹⁶ But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷ For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.

4 Therefore, since God in his mercy has given us this new way, we never give up. ² We reject all shameful deeds and underhanded methods. We don't try to trick anyone or distort the word of God. We tell the truth before God, and all who are honest know this.

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Luke 9:28-36 NLT

²⁸ About eight days later Jesus took Peter, John, and James up on a mountain to pray. ²⁹ And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was transformed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰ Suddenly, two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared and began talking with Jesus.

³¹ They were glorious to see. And they were speaking about his exodus from this world, which was about to be fulfilled in Jerusalem.

³² Peter and the others had fallen asleep. When they woke up, they saw Jesus' glory and the two men standing with him. ³³ As Moses and Elijah were starting to leave, Peter, not even knowing what he was saying, blurted out, "Master, it's wonderful for us to be here! Let's make three shelters as memorials—one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

³⁴ But even as he was saying this, a cloud overshadowed them, and terror gripped them as the cloud covered them.

³⁵ Then a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to him." ³⁶ When the voice finished, Jesus was there alone. They didn't tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

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Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Sometimes it takes change

Prayers of the People (*minister*)

Hymn 410 Joyful, joyful we adore you

**1. Joyful, joyful, we adore you,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before you,
opening to the sun above.**

**Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!**

**2. All your works with joy surround you;
earth and heaven reflect your rays,
stars and angels sing around you,
center of unbroken praise.**

**Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain
join to praise you joyfully.**

**3. You are giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blessed,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!**

**God Creator, Christ our Saviour,
all are yours who live in love.**

**Teach us how to love our neighbour,
Lift us to your joy above.**

**4. Morning stars, awake the chorus,
mortals join in every part,
for what joy is set before us
as Christ's love joins heart to heart!
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward**

in the triumph song of life.

The offering

***Doxology 830 Praise God from whom all blessings flow**

**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.**

Prayer of Dedication

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, the power, and the glory. For ever
and ever. Amen.**

Hymn 490 God of grace and God of glory

**1. God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown the ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.**

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.**

**2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us,
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us,
free our hearts to love and praise.**

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.**

**3. Cure thy children's warring madness,
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.**

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.**

**4. Set our feet on lofty places;
gird our lives that they may be
armoured with all Christlike graces,
pledged to set all captives free.**

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
that we fail not them nor thee,
that we fail not them nor thee!**

**5. Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation
be our glory evermore.**

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.**

Choral Blessing

**Go now in peace, never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see---.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

Benediction

Three-fold Amen

Amen, Amen, Amen.