

John Knox Presbyterian Church

March 2, 2025

Transfiguration
Sunday

Welcome! Please be seated and prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

GATHERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

“O Love, How Deep”

arr. Jason W. Krug

Words of Welcome

May the peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

*** Call to Worship**

God reigns, let the people tremble! God reigns, let the earth shake!

For the Lord our God is exalted over all people!

God reigns, let the people tremble! God reigns, let the earth shake!

For the Lord our God loves justice and works for righteousness!

So come and proclaim at the holy mountain of the Lord:

God reigns, let the people tremble! God reigns, let the earth shake!

*** Hymn**

“We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding”

#2103

*** Call to Confession and Silent Prayer**

*** Unison Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, you see us as we are and know our inmost thoughts. You know the ways we’ve fallen short. You know the work we’ve left undone, the mercy we’ve left ungiven, the love we’ve left unshared, the peace we’ve left unmade.

You know the arrogance, pride, and violence that we’ve chosen instead of your path of forgiveness and reconciliation. You know who we are. Help us to see who we might be. Forgive us, and transform us, that we might become who you imagine us to become, in your sight, and by your mercy. Amen.

*** Words of Forgiveness**

*** Response**

“Spirit of the Living God”

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LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Time with God's Children

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Exodus 34: 29-35

NRSVUE

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 9:28-43a

NRSVUE

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" — not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone.

And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

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Sermon

Rev. Maggie Lewis

* Hymn

"Transform Us"

#2153

GATHERING AT CHRIST'S TABLE

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Communion Prayer

Communion of God's People

*You will be served the bread and cup in your pew.
When you are served, please hold the elements
until you are invited to partake with everyone in community.
Cups may be left in the pews, placed in the basket on the narthex table,
or returned to the social hall.*

Communion Music "Picardy" arr. Charles Callahan

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Hymn "Bread for the World Broken"

Adam and Anna will sing the refrain and the first verse, people will join on the remaining refrain and verses.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL

Church and Community Life

Minute for Mission

Congregations Helping People

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Offertory "Bicinum on Picardy" arr. Thomas Keesecker

*** Response** "Praise God" tune #607

*Praise God, and let your offering flow, Praise God and let the blessings go,
To all who need a helping hand, Let's spread the love throughout the land. Amen.*

By Rev. Bob Boring, via Rev. Ben Dake

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayers.**

The Lord's Prayer

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

*** Sending Song** "Shine, Jesus, Shine" #192

*** Charge and Benediction**

Please be seated to enjoy the postlude.

Postlude "Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners!"


based on HYFRYDOL arr. Priscilla J. King

Please join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments in the social hall after worship!

The thing to do, it seems to me, is to prepare yourself so you can be a rainbow in somebody else's cloud. Somebody who may not look like you. Somebody who may not call God the same name you call God. Somebody who may not eat the same dishes prepared the way you do. Somebody who may not dance your dances. Somebody who may not speak your language. Be a blessing to somebody. — Maya Angelou

Church and Community Life

ASH WEDNESDAY, March 5, is the beginning of the season of Lent. This day marks a time of reflection, repentance, and renewal as we prepare our hearts for Easter. The ashes are a reminder of our humanity, our need for grace, and the hope we have in Christ. Salem First Presbyterian will have an Ash Wednesday service at 5:30 pm. We encourage you to join our fellow Presbyterians in this observance, since John Knox will not hold an in-person observance.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 9.
 Set your clock ahead one hour next Saturday night.
 “Spring ahead!”

PDA BLUE SHIRT SUNDAY is **March 9**, the first Sunday of Lent. We receive a special offering for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and we wear blue shirts to honor PDA’s work in the country and around the world. After worship, we’ll gather in the narthex to take a congregational picture.

GATHERING WITH OTHERS to share a meal is at the heart of the human experience. This Lenten Season, we meet Jesus at the Table, reflecting on our physical and spiritual hunger, and engaging in familiar table stories from the gospels. We will feast with Jesus at the Table that stretches around the world and across time, as He teaches us how to love, serve, and extend hospitality. We celebrate that there is always room for whoever shows up and there is always enough for all to be fed; AND we hold the tension of those who often struggle with mealtimes because they are occasions of loneliness rather than community and of the many also who simply do not have adequate resources to provide food for themselves or their families.

KEIZER COMMUNITY FOOD BANK food of the month is **RICE AND PASTA**. Please leave your donations of rice, pasta, or any kind of food in the grocery cart. The food bank can also use medium-sized boxes and sturdy bags for packing up food. Designated monetary donations are always welcome. More info about helping is available by checking with Lane Oxley, the KCFB Facebook page, or their website at <https://keizercommunityfoodbank.org/>.

Looking Ahead

Wed. March 5 5:30 Ash Wednesday service at Salem First Presbyterian

Sun. March 9 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS
10:30 Worship - First Sunday of Lent, Special Offering for PDA,
 PDA Blue Shirt Sunday and congregational photo after church

Mon. March 10 7:00 Administration Committee – Zoom

Thurs. March 13 1:30 Mission Committee meeting at JKPC

Fri-Sat Mar 14-15 Cascades Presbytery meeting at
 First Presbyterian Church - Portland

Sun. March 16 10:30 Worship - Second Sunday of Lent
 Christ Jar Offering
 Birthday/Anniversary celebration

Tues. March 18 2:00 Women’s Fellowship – Social Hall

Wed. March 19 7:00 Session – Zoom

March Celebrations - Birthdays

2	Sally H.	27	Maxine E.
8	Adam R.	31	CJ H.
9	Bronwyn C.		
6	CJ & Carrie H.		Anniversary

This gathering of JKPC is occurring in the traditional land of the Kalapuya people. We offer our gratitude to the elders, past and present, who have stewarded it through the generations.



February 2025

Greetings, PW Sisters and Friends!

The PW Presbytery Coordinating Team met at the coast last November to finalize the dissolution of PW in the Presbytery of the Cascades and to enjoy our final retreat together as an official body. We voted to dissolve the organization but will maintain our bank account for the purpose of depositing funds as they come in from individual PW groups and writing checks to the designated recipients. We will also continue intermittent communication with our PW sisters throughout the presbytery.

PW Cascades will be participating in the Collaborative Conversations program through the presbytery on **Wednesday April 2, 2025 at noon via Zoom**. This will be a great opportunity for you to ask questions and share information about what's happening with PW in your church. Information about the meeting will be available through Cascades Connections, the weekly publication from the presbytery. Sign up to receive Cascades Connections on the presbytery website: <https://cascadespresbytery.org/>

Please send your offerings to our new treasurer, Rebecca Jewel. Contact the Presbytery office for her address.

Blessings to you all,

Lynne

Lynne Martin, Moderator

PW in the Presbytery of the Cascades

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