



In the Christian liturgical season that follows Christmas, we are meant to experience an epiphany (a revealing) of the glory of God in Christ. Today is the last Sunday of that season.

Transfiguration Sunday is a finishing touch on the epiphany of Christ. Jesus shines forth with the whole glory of God on Transfiguration Sunday.

Service for the Lord's Day

February 11, 2018
Transfiguration Sunday

Gathering Around the Word

Gathering Music Music of Ernest Hogan* Ryan Jones, guest pianist

Striking of the Hour

Welcome

Prelude *Just As I Am* Bradbury/arr. Ryan Jones
Ryan Jones, piano

Call to Worship from Psalm 50

From the rising of the sun to where it sets, the Lord God speaks, calling out to all the earth.

From Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines brightly. Our God is coming: God won't keep quiet.

God calls out: **Bring my faithful to me, those who made a covenant with me by an offering.** Truly, even the skies proclaim God's righteousness!

Let us worship God.

Hymn 13 *The Mighty God with Power Speaks* KINGSFOLD

Call to Confession

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Gracious God, help us to see the full mystery of your presence and power today. Show us the light of your glory. Open our eyes to eternal things. As you have offered yourself in love to us, let us see more clearly the true nature of that marvelous gift. Forgive us for the things we do in ignorance of your glory. Forgive us for neglecting your strength. Renew our faith and help us to leave all disbelief behind. In our repentance, turn us toward your glorious light again.

A Silence is observed for Personal Confession

God's greatness is evident, as bright as the sun.

Those who offer themselves to God in worship see the righteousness of God most clearly.

Declaration of Good News

Response Hymn 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

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*For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of night:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

Passing the Peace of Christ

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Reading

II Corinthians 4:1-6
New Revised Standard Version
Contemporary English Version

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. **God has been kind enough to trust us with this work. That's why we never give up.** We don't do shameful things that must be kept secret. And we don't try to fool anyone or twist God's message around. God is our witness that we speak only the truth, so others will be sure that we can be trusted. **If there is anything hidden about our message, it is hidden only to someone who is lost.**

In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake.

The Scriptures say, "God commanded light to shine in the dark." Now God is shining in our hearts to let you know that his glory is seen in Jesus Christ. **For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts.**

Shout praises to the Lord! **Our God is kind, and it is right and good to sing praises to him.**

Anthem

Wondering

Jane Marshall

Bells: Bob Hunt, Ann Humphrey, Mike Kanan, Brianna Trickey

All stand

Gospel Reading

Mark 9:2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

All Sit

Sermon

What About Living in God's Glory?

Matthew Covington

The gospel message isn't clear to everyone. How are we to make the gospel message clear? The Apostle Paul struggles with that question in these lines.

Mark was the first gospel to be written. Tradition has it that Mark met Peter in Rome and wrote what he remembered.

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 467

Give Us Light

JYOTHI DHO

This affirmation explores the meaning of the saying "Jesus Is Lord."

Affirmation of Faith

Declaration of Faith (4.3)

We declare that Jesus is Lord.

His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life.

His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us.

We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life.

Jesus is Lord!

He has been Lord from the beginning.

He will be Lord at the end.

Even now he is Lord.

All Sit

Prayers of the People and 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 and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering

Offertory

This Little Light of Mine
Beth Pope, soprano Ryan Jones, piano

Spiritual/arr. George Mabry

Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bearing and Following the Word into the Created World

Closing Hymn 265

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

DUKE STREET

Benediction

Postlude

Victory In Jesus

Bartlett/ arr. Ryan Jones

The "Buck in a Basket" offering: "And Jesus sat, and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. A poor widow put in two small coins. Jesus said 'this poor widow put in more than all the others.'"
- Mark 12:42-44

*Born Ernest Reuben Crowders, in the Shake Rag District of Bowling Green, Kentucky, in 1865, Ernest Hogan was the first African-American entertainer to produce and star in a Broadway show (*The Oyster Man* in 1907) and helped to popularize the musical genre of ragtime. Hogan was the first composer of a published ragtime piece.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ernest_Hogan

WELCOME VISITORS!

We invite you to pick up visitor's information on your way out, either in the narthex or on the table on the Right in the downstairs entrance hall. Ushers will be standing by to help you find them. Always know that a cordial greeting is extended by ministers, officers, and congregation.

If you have a fussy baby or are coughing, etc., the worship service may be viewed from the parlor via television (across the hall from the Sanctuary). Loving childcare is available in our children's center for children 3 and under on Sundays, and children's activity packets are available in the narthex.

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Our church Deacons: Rider Allen, Sally Calkins, Rocky Cooper, Shannon Dyche, Ray Elms, Cathey Green, Jean Harris, Melody Harper, Wayne Hendrix, Ann Rudolph Humphrey, Linda Leigh, Nathan Love, Tom MacMillin, Marilyn Mattingly, David Muffett, Ken Royse, Susan Thomison, Debbie Trickey, and Judy Whitson.

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Announcements

MEDIA PERSONNEL: Stuart Kernohan and Matt Hunt

SANCTUARY COMMITTEE: Lee and Peggy Truman

NURSERY ATTENDANTS: Alisia Mosley and Kimberly Watkins

LIBRARIAN: Arnie Petrus, arfranpe@msn.com

LECTIONARY FOR NEXT SUNDAY, February 18: Genesis 9:8–17; Psalm 25:1–10; 1 Peter 3:18–22; Mark 1:9–15.

SOUPER BOWL LUNCHEON WAS A SUPER EVENT! 19 delicious soups, along with sandwiches and dessert added up to a great day of feasting and fellowship. And your generosity raised \$1079 for our Food Pantry. We are blessed because we have enough to eat, and we share that blessing more widely to help others have food. Thanks to all who cooked, ate, donated, set up, and cleaned up!

TODAY:

PIANIST, RYAN JONES, hails from Muhlenberg County. Exhibiting prodigious musical and piano skills, Ryan began performing professionally at an early age. He is the recipient of the *Piano Performer of the Semester Award* and is a Senior Music Education Major at Western Kentucky University where he studies piano with Dr. Zach Lopes. In addition to his role as pianist for the WKU Jazz Ensemble, Jones often joins the WKU Faculty Jazz Trio and maintains a demanding schedule with other professional artists. He plans to attend graduate school in the fall of 2018 and pursue a career as a jazz pianist. Ryan and his wife Kristen, an elementary classroom educator, are active in churches in Muhlenberg County and lead a Youth Group at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Bowling Green where they currently reside.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP meets this evening 5:30pm-7:00pm. All 6th-12th graders are welcome!

Announcements (continued)

QUESTIONS? THOUGHTS OR CONCERNS? There will be an elder at the front of the church after the morning worship, available to hear from you. Visitors are especially welcome to ask any questions you may have. Today's elder will be Rob Hale.

WHAT ARE OUR CHILDREN LEARNING? Our Preschool children continue their exploration of the Bible with the story of the four friends (Luke 5:17-26). Our K-2nd graders continue wondering about God's love in Godly Play learning about Elijah in 1 Kings 16-19 and 2 Kings 2; Our 3-4th graders began their four week study of the Bible in preparation for receiving their own Bible in worship in March. **YOUTH** continue to learn about God's Grace and Signs of God's Grace.

THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN invite **all women of the church** to a Valentine's Tea, Sunday, February 11. Come enjoy the company of women in our church, visit with long-time friends and meet some new friends. We will have plenty of goodies. Bring a can to benefit the church pantry. (Monetary donations would also be welcomed.) Time: 2-4 PM. Place: The Covingtons, 1412 Sherwood Drive, phone 270-846-4325. In case of inclement weather, we will move the date to February 18. You don't have to be a member of a Circle to attend!

THIS WEEK:

JOIN US THIS FRIDAY/SATURDAY for the Interfaith Conference on Sustainability. Friday night at WKU and Saturday at the Islamic Center. Registration information in the office or on our website. Come learn more about our collective responsibility for earth care.

ASH WEDNESDAY DINNER AND WORSHIP is this Wednesday, 6:00pm. This will begin our series of Lenten dinner and worship together each Wednesday. We need your RSVP by noon Tuesday – mark the pew pad, or contact the office - info@bgpres.org. \$8 adults, \$5 children, \$20 family maximum. The menu will include Broccoli Cheese Soup, Garden Salad, and Turkey/Swiss Sandwich on Sourdough.

CIRCLES CIRCLE 9 will meet on Monday, February 12th at 11:30am. The TUESDAY EVENING CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, February 13th at 7:00pm. The WEDNESDAY MORNING CIRCLE will meet on Wednesday, February 14 at 9:15am in the youth room. CIRCLE 6 will meet on Wednesday, February 14th at 10:00am at the home of Nancy Moore (1712 Barnard Way).

COMING UP:

FEB 18TH FOLLOWING MORNING SERVICE be sure and come to our 2018 Kickoff Pep Rally for our church. Wear your team colors this day and show your team pride. We want to share what some of our ministries are doing and how you can pitch in but we also want to share our mutual desire and enthusiasm for growing our church! Being downtown and having our history, it's only natural that we want to serve our downtown community. With all of the new growth in our church neighborhood we know we can be a vital participant in our downtown and in service to our Lord. So make plans now and we will see you then! A tasty bag lunch will be provided!

SEEKING TEAM MEMBERS TO HELP one Wednesday during Lent. Our dinners and worship services happen because people work together. We need individuals to help us with set up and clean up each week. There is a special sign up - <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094aa9ab2ca7f49-lenten>. Bonus - if you sign up, you eat free! If those who plan to join us would choose one Wednesday to help, we'd have all our spots full. And if you haven't worked in the kitchen, you are missing great fun and fellowship.

HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT Friday March 2-Saturday March 3 at Murray State University. We'll enjoy fun and fellowship and hear from Missy Jenkins, who is a survivor of the Heath shooting. She'll help us see how God has acted in her life, despite a horrible tragedy. Cost is \$10. See Leslee Kirkconnell for more information.

MONTREAT FUNDRAISER IS COMING! Sunday March 4 join us for POTATO PARTY! We'll gather after worship to enjoy baked potatoes (white and sweet) with a fix-it-yourself toppings bar. And our now world famous bake sale. Donations for the potato bar will be collected and all proceeds will benefit our summer Youth Conference at Montreat.

HELP US PARTY! Donations for our Potato Party help us put more of our money into our Youth. Visit <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094aa9ab2ca7f49-potato> and sign up to bring something to help us enjoy abundant fellowship.

OTHER NEWS:

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP registration is open. All rising 9th-graduating seniors are eligible. June 16-24. We will travel to Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center in Lithia, FL (SE of Tampa) and work at Beth-El Farmworker Ministry. Registration forms are available on our website (Youth page) or from Leslee Kirkconnell.

PARDON OUR PROGRESS! In order to make room for a new 2 year old preschool class, we are selling children's furniture. Chairs are \$7 or 2 for \$10, tables are \$20. Perfect for young families or grandparents.

HEARTS AND HANDS MAKE A DIFFERENCE-the Preschool is opening a 2 year old class this fall and needs to purchase learning materials specific to that age. We are seeking your help. There is a display of hearts and hands listing different amounts that help buy certain items. Please consider choosing one or more, writing a check for the amount(s) listed - please list 2yo PLC in the memo line - and return to the office. Once we get our new room all ready, CE will host an Open House for you to see your help in action. Questions? See Leslee Kirkconnell.

COME SEE THE VSA ART EXHIBIT -- VSA Kentucky is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing inclusive arts and education programs for children, youth, and adults with disabilities, in addition to, professional development for artists and teachers in schools and communities statewide. This exhibit will be in Fellowship Hall through March 1st.

THE WORSHIP AND PROPERTY MINISTRIES are exploring options to enhance audio services during worship for members of our congregation who have hearing impairments. We're exploring the best technologies that will support the most people. If you have a hearing impairment and would appreciate improved services, please email Rob Hale at rchale@gmail.com or Tom Moody at tom.moody@bpres.org. We're interested in knowing the brand/type of hearing aid you own (if you have one) to help determine the best system for the church.

PLC REGISTRATION is now open for the Fall preschool program. Packets will be available at that time in the church office or PLC hallway. We are SO EXCITED to be offering a 2's class for the first time this year! Our options include: **Twinkling Stars Class** (2's) on Tues/Thur 9:00-1:30 with a tuition of \$150.

Rising Stars Classes (3's) on Mon/Wed 9:00-12:00noon for \$115 OR Tues/Thur 9:00-1:30 for \$140.

Shooting Stars Classes (4's) on Mon/Wed OR Tues/Thur 9:00-1:30 with a tuition of \$140.

Tell your family and friends about our wonderful program right here at the church. Schedule a visit to come by.

FOOD PANTRY Please remember that, as we are fed spiritually around the Table, we are also wanting to feed our neighbors in need. Please consider bringing canned goods in for the needy to receive from our Food Pantry. In January, our pantry assisted 104 people or families with food. Donations of food goods may be left in the designated drawers under the stairs in the 10th Street lobby. We thank all who help to contribute to this ministry.

Calendar

Sunday, February 11

- 8:30 a.m. Fellowship
- 9:00 a.m. Children's Music
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Christian Ed Ministry
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, February 12

- 11:30 a.m. Circle 9

Tuesday, February 6

- 7:00 a.m. Lions' Club- Pancakes
- 11:00 a.m. Special Care
- 2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Evening Circle
- 7:00 p.m. Sunny 16 Camera Club

Wednesday, February 7

- 9:15 a.m. Wed. Morning Circle
- 10:00 a.m. Circle 6
- 6:00 p.m. Ash Wed. Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. Ash Wed. Worship

Thursday, February 8

- 6:00 p.m. Room In The Inn

Friday, February 9

- 10:30 a.m. Contemplative Prayers