

Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – February 11, 2024

Transfiguration Sunday

Church in person at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. | Livestream on YouTube at 11:00 a.m.



Welcome

Welcome to all! Please register your attendance with the QR code on the back of the bulletin, or with the online link, or on paper in the church Gathering Space. Need help? Ask any usher.

Opening Music

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

ARR. KEVEREN

Call to Worship [*responsive*]

The glory of God shines like a consuming fire.

We have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus.

In our time of worship we are invited to heed God's word, to listen to Jesus.

In our worship, we pray that we might hear God's word for us today.

Opening Prayer

Hymn [*stand*]

"Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud"

Glory to God, #11

Call to Confession

God alone is righteous. God alone is perfect. God alone is the judge. And who is more gracious than the one who comes to us in love? Trusting in God's good grace, let us confess our brokenness together.

Prayer of Confession [*responsive*]

God of all glory, beauty, and grace,

We have tried to hide from you,

Yet you have never hidden your love from us.

We have tried to search for you,

Yet you have already revealed yourself to us in the face of Jesus.

Forgive us, and transform us so that our lives may shine with your likeness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[*Silence for Personal Prayer*]

Assurance of Pardon

We Listen to God's Word

Children's Message

Carolyn Hayes

Children and youth leave for class. Children can be picked up after church in Room 30/31 or Room 32/33. At 11:00, youth will be released from class to find you.

Musical Response [*seated*]

"Transfigure Us, O Lord"

BOB HURD

Praise Team

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Matthew 17:1-8

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. LeAnn Hodges

We Respond to God's Grace

Hymn [*stand*] "Be Thou My Vision" Glory to God, #450
verses 1-3

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory "Transfigure Us" VINCE AMBROSETTI
Praise Team

Sung Response [*stand*] "For the Beauty Of the Earth" Glory to God, #14
verse 5

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer [*together*]

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.

We Depart for Service

Announcements

Sending Song [*stand*] "Shine, Jesus, Shine" Glory to God, #192
verses 1 & 3

Closing Blessing

Closing Music [*stand*] "He Is Exalted" TWILA PARIS
Praise Team & Congregation

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

*The flowers in the sanctuary were given by Phil & Evi Melberg
in celebration of their 58th wedding anniversary.*

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Participating in the service:

Katherine Williams, Director of Music

Charles Duncan, Worship Leader (9:30)

Ninna Nana, Worship Leader (11:00)

Carolyn Hayes, Director of Children and Young Families

Rev. LeAnn Hodges

Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence

Thank you for
worshiping with us!

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GPC Events

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & TOWN HALL

There will be a brief congregational meeting to elect members to the Nominating Committee. The principle of electing our own leaders is a hallmark of the Presbyterian tradition, and you are encouraged to prayerfully participate. After the formal meeting, there will be an informal Town Hall Meeting to hear the first report of the Congregational Assessment Tool.

Both meetings will be available to online worshippers via Zoom.

TODAY

Following
the 11am
service



Pancake Supper

February 13, from 5-7:00 pm



SHROVE TUESDAY IS FEBRUARY 13, AND YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS!
A SUPPER OF YUMMY PANCAKES AND TASTY SAUSAGES

Brought to you by the Cub Scouts, the Saturday Men's Breakfast group,
and Congregational Life Ministry.

\$3 for adults, \$2 for school age children (kindergarten & above) and seniors (60+), Free for preschoolers and scouts
\$10 per family maximum



Ash Wednesday is February 14

We'll gather in person
and online at 7:00 pm
for a contemplative
service of prayer and
scripture.

DURING LENT

We are reading the
Sailboat Church
by Rev. Joan Gray,
and we are engaging
in 40 days of prayer.



Scan to Download
the Devotional



No Sunday Coffee Fellowship after the 11:00 service today, so that all may participate in the congregational meeting and the town hall meeting. We'll see you next week!

Weekly Announcements

Little Free Pantry is More than Food – You can stock the Free Pantry with items other than food. Folks can also use donations of toothbrushes and travel-size toiletries, along with wrapped eating utensils. You may already have these items from hotels, the dentist, or carry-out restaurants. These little things really mean a lot! Suggested food donation is **Oatmeal** (regular or instant). Thank you so much for your donations.

A Recommendation from GPC Creation Care Committee –How can we show our love for all Creation this February? Please reduce the use of single use plastics and packaging. Do use aluminum, paper, or compostable substitutes. Why? Consider 99% of plastics come from fossil fuels (CIEL.org) which pollute our air, and the petrochemical companies producing plastics build “the majority of these polluting facilities in low-income communities and communities of color.” (sierraclub.org, 2021) Please remember: in reducing our use of plastics, we are being good stewards of Creation and thus caring for one another: “Love your neighbor as yourself” Luke 10:27

Can't Get Enough of a Good Thing! – We are continuing to take requests for a second side to GPC name tags being worn on lanyards. When worn with a clip your name always shows, but when worn on a lanyard, your name tag may flip over to its blank side. Just sign up with a “(2)” by your name and we'll make a copy to add to your current plastic name tag sleeve.



Announcing the “Add Your Smile Name Game” – Get to know members of our GPC congregation better and have some fun, by playing GPC's new “Add Your Smile Name Game!” For the next several Sundays, photos from our online directory will be shown before the 9:30 service and before livestreaming begins at 11:00. They will also be shown during the Sunday coffee hours. Watch and see how many of the photos you can recognize. Most important, make sure that your photo is part of our online directory! We continue to take photos during both coffee hours.



Help for Summit Hall Families - Families have expressed a need for boys' sweatpants. Please consider giving either new, or very gently used sweatpants for boys aged 5-10. Sizes XS, S, M, L, XL. These can be dropped off under the mailboxes near the church office.

WEEKLY
Virtual Meetings

Monday Morning Coffee - 10:30 am on zoom
All welcome. Please join us for a few moments to say hello or stay the whole time.
Never been before? We'll be glad to see you.

Wednesday Night Bible Study - 7:30-8:30 pm on Google Meet
Join the Wednesday evening group in a 9 session Hebrews study.

Email office@gpchurch.org to request the links