

covenant
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



February 15, 2026 – 10am
Transfiguration of the Lord

Covenant is an accepting, welcoming community sharing the glory of God's love with all.

PRELUDE

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” arr. McKibben

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We gather in the presence of an Extravagant God—

People: who spreads out the lushness of the cosmos,

Leader: and blessed our becoming.

People: We gather today changed by moments of Awe—

Leader: the wonder we witness calls us to the work of mutuality,

People: for we are siblings on our beautiful, heartbroken planet home.

Leader: Let us praise the God of Transformation—

People: They are creative in Their Way-Making Love!

*Please rise in body or spirit

*HYMN #193

"Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain"



Some version of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-9/Mark 9:2-9/Luke 9:28-36) is always read on the last Sunday after the Epiphany. In this text that foretaste of Christ's glorification helps to prepare Peter, James, and John for their roles as proclaimers of "God's beloved Son."

1 Jesus, take us to the mountain,
where, with Peter, James, and John,
we are dazzled by your glory,
light as blinding as the sun.
There prepare us for the night
by the vision of that sight.

5 We who have beheld your glory,
risen and ascended Lord,
cannot help but tell the story,
all that we have seen and heard;
say with Peter, James, and John:
"You are God's beloved Son!"

2 What do you want us to see there,
that your close companions saw?
Your divinity revealed there
fills us with the selfsame awe.
Clothed in flesh like ours you go,
matched to meet our deadliest foe.

3 What do you want us to hear there,
that your dear disciples heard?
Once again the voice from heaven
says of the Incarnate Word,
"Listen, listen, everyone:
this is my beloved Son."

4 Take us to that other mountain
where we see you glorified,
where you shouted "It is finished!"
where for all the world you died.
Hear the stunned centurion:
"Truly this was God's own Son!"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Glorious God,
you are all wisdom
and a lamp to our feet,
yet we fail to listen to you
and neglect to follow your guidance.
Forgive us, heal us,
and lead us on,
that we may walk in your ways
and be happy in your refuge;
in Jesus our Christ we pray. Amen



(Silence for personal confession)

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN #447

“We Are Forgiven”

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.



PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord, be with you all. **And also with you.**

HYMN #188

“Jesus Loves Me”

TALK WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE FIRST READING

Exodus 24:12-18 (NRSVUE)

The voice of the Lord, powerful and full of majesty. **Thanks be to God.**



ANTHEM

“I Sing Because I’m Happy” arr. Paden & Dilworth

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 17:1-9 (NRSVUE)

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Friend of Moses,
strength of Elijah,
you go with your people
and give them your Spirit:
may the Child of your heart
transfigure the mortal world
that love may know no bounds;
through Jesus Christ, the beloved one. Amen.



SERMON

“The New School: Midterm Exam”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven... (Hymnal p. 35. We say “debts & debtors.”)



MINUTE FOR MISSION

Permanent Funds Ministry

Jim Hamilton



INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Amazing Grace” arr. Matt Podd

*DOXOLOGY #606

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



*PRAYER OF DEDICATION



*HYMN #192

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”



While the reference to Jesus as the Light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5) can be understood generally, this hymn is perhaps best understood as a response to the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1–8/Mark 9:2–8/Luke 9:28–36). This is the most popular of the author/composer's many songs.

1 Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us;
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me; shine on me.

Refrain

Shine, Jesus, shine;
fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze;
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow;
flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word, Lord,
and let there be light.

2 Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness.
Search me; try me; consume all my darkness.
Shine on me; shine on me. (Refrain)

3 As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness;
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me; shine on me. (Refrain)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Reprise of "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

† From Prayers for an Inclusive Church by Steven Shakespeare. New York: Church Publishing, 2009.

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THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Bible Study - Wednesdays at 1:00pm in the Lounge. Join Bible Study with the QR code.

Centering Prayer- Thursdays at 8:30am in the Lounge



SHOW SOME LOVE THIS VALENTINES DAY

PER CAPITA



\$46/PER PERSON

FEBRUARY 28TH 10AM-NOON

Please join us in the lounge at
Covenant to create your own

gratitude collage

We will have magazines, maps, etc. for you to get your creative juices flowing. Making a gratitude collage can be a mindful, spiritual practice suitable for most ages. Those under 10 will need adult supervision. Please RSVP at the link below or email Megan so we can have supplies ready for you.

RSVP LINK



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS



ASH WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 18 7PM

MAUNDY THURSDAY | APRIL 2 7PM

GOOD FRIDAY | APRIL 3 7PM

EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 5 10AM

PREACHER FROM THE PEW | WEDNESDAYS 7PM
BEGINNING FEBRUARY 28

SAVE THE DATE

VBS 2026

JUNE 15 - 18, 9-11:30AM

AGES 3 YEARS - RISING 5TH GRADE

6TH GRADE - ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



SPRING CARE PACKAGES!

Know a student continuing their education
beyond high school?

N&O would love to send them with a Spring
care package!

Please submit the following by 2/27/26

- Student's name
- Complete mailing address
- Relationship to Covenant (child, grandchild
etc.)

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