

Transfiguration of the Lord

February 15, 2026

GATHERING: *God invites us to enter His presence*

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Susan Obenschain

Great is the Lord—
exalted among the nations.
Mighty is the Lord—
King of heaven and earth.
Holy is the Lord—
beyond our understanding.
Let us worship our God and King!

INVOCATION

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O God of the covenant,
the cloud of your splendor and the fire of your love
revealed your Son on the mountain heights.
Transform our lives in his image,
write your law of love on our hearts,
and make us prophets of your glory,
that we may lead others into your presence. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN 215 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

CONFESSING: *God invites us to be honest with Him*

CALL TO CONFESSION

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God's Word assures us:
If we say that we have no sin,
we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins,
he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.
—based on 1 John 1:8-9, NRSV

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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God of transfiguration,
you meet us in the ordinary
as well as the extraordinary moments of life.

We seek you in the valleys and on the mountaintops.
Yet we admit that too often our eyes are blind to your presence,
too often our ears are deaf to your call.
When you reach out to us
through the cries of the hungry and homeless,
too often our hearts shrink from your touch.
Forgive us, we pray,
and set us free to love and serve. **Amen.**

TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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Now the Lord is the Spirit,
and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.
And all of us, with unveiled faces,
seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror,
are being transformed into the same image
from one degree of glory to another,
for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and transformed!
Praise be to God!

—based on 2 Corinthians 3:17-18, NRSV

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

¶ GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be, world without end.
A-men, A-men*

OFFERING: *Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him*

INVITATION Freely you have received, freely give.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Great is Thy Faithfulness - Linda Gyrath, organ*

¶ DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Merciful Father, we offer
with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—
our selves, our time, and our possessions—signs of your gracious love.
Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us—
Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with You
All: And also with you*

PREPARATION HYMN 79

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

PROCLAIMING: God speaks to us through His Work

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Holy God,
you revealed to the disciples
the everlasting glory of Jesus Christ.
Grant us, who have not seen and yet believe,
the gift of your Holy Spirit,
that we may boldly live the gospel
and shine with your transforming glory
as people changed and changing
through the redeeming presence of our Savior. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

James 3:13-18

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. ¹⁵ Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

¹⁷ But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

SERMON

“Who Is Wise?”

Rev. Todd Madonna
Providence West Chester

HYMN OF RESPONSE 271

Standing on the Promises

RESPONDING: *We respond to God's Word*

¶ PROFESSION OF FAITH (In Unison)

**This is the good news that we have received, in which we stand,
and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast:
that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,
that he was buried,
that he was raised on the third day,
and that he appeared first to the women,
then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that
Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the
beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God.**

—based on Matthew 16:16; Mark 16:9; John 20:28; 1 Corinthians 15:1-6; Revelation 22:13

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

O God, as your Son drew apart to be in prayer with you,
we offer our prayers for the transformation of the world and the church.
You revealed your glory and presence
in your beloved Son, Jesus the Christ.
In receiving our prayers, reveal the glory and presence
of your Spirit alive in the world today,
free us from all doubts,
and empower us to act as a transfigured people. **Amen.**

COMMISSIONING: *God sends us out into the world as His witnesses*

¶ COMMISSION HYMN 350 'Tis So Sweet to Trust In Jesus

BENEDICTION & BLESSING

O God, before the passion of your one and only Son
you revealed his glory upon the holy mountain:
Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance,
may be strengthened to bear our cross
and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

¶ *Please stand if you are able.*