

# February 11th, 2024

## Transfiguration Sunday

Our PCAS Vision: "To be a Light by Living, Loving, Learning,  
and Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Order of Worship

*(\*Please rise in body and/or spirit)*

### **Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**

Prayer

Franklin Ritter

### **Candle Lighting**

### **\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Beyond our busyness,  
above the cold winter floor  
there is a glory rising born of heaven  
and reaching out to each one of us

**People: a light that shines through the clouds  
an invitation seeking all of who we are  
that transfigures the world**

Leader: that transforms darkness into hope  
that brings life from a cross  
where old life ends and new life is born

**People: In glory Jesus meets us here  
raising us from depths of valley to the height of the mountain  
carrying the weight of our humanity  
to the heights of heaven's glory.**

Leader: Let us worship from the mountain and hear again

**People: "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"**

**\*Hymn #267** Come, Christians Join to Sing

### **Call to Confession**

Leader: We so often end up hiding what God reveals. We join in  
confessing together today the ways in which we ask God for help, but  
then choose our own insight instead. Let us pray:

### **Prayer of Confession (unison)**

**Holy God, you call us to faith, but so often we walk by sight:**

**We want fact to be truth and truth to be obvious.**

**We seek answers that resemble what already lies in our field of  
vision.**

**We value clarity more than reality, what we can see more than what may be, what conforms to our picture more than what shocks, surprises, challenges or confounds us.**

**Light of the world, forgive us when we privilege our own sight and thus become blind.**

**Open our eyes to you – your deeper truth and your life within us – so that we might look around us and within us and see anew.**

**In faith, may we come to know you more fully, love more deeply, and see the world and everyone in as you do, according to your grace. Amen.**

### **Moment for Silent Reflection**

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Regardless of how we see, we are loved by Christ, who came to bring sight to the blind in mind and spirit, who knows our blind spots and gives us new vision.

**People: May we learn to see with the eyes of Christ. Alleluia!**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**First Scripture Lesson:** 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God!**

### **Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

#### **Prayers of the Church 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.**

### **Passing the Peace**

**\*Hymn** We Seek to Follow Christ

**Second Scripture Lesson:** Mark 9:2-9

This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon:** "Unveiling Glory"

**Offering**

**Offertory** Jesus, Name Above All Names

Setting by John F. Wilson  
Sung by Chancel Choir

**\*Doxology**



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise \*him, all crea - tures  
here be - low; praise \*him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; praise  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Hymn #268** Crown Him with Many Crowns

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** Petit Montagnard

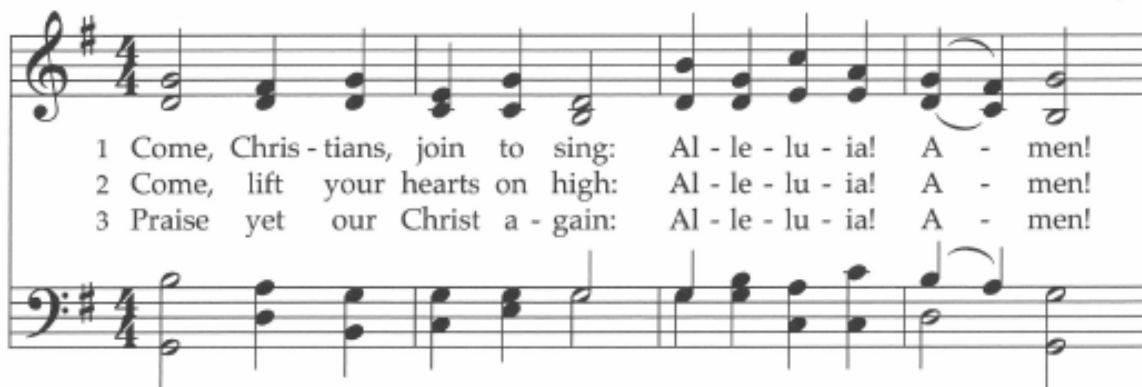
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***Today's flowers are dedicated to Jan Pedersen***

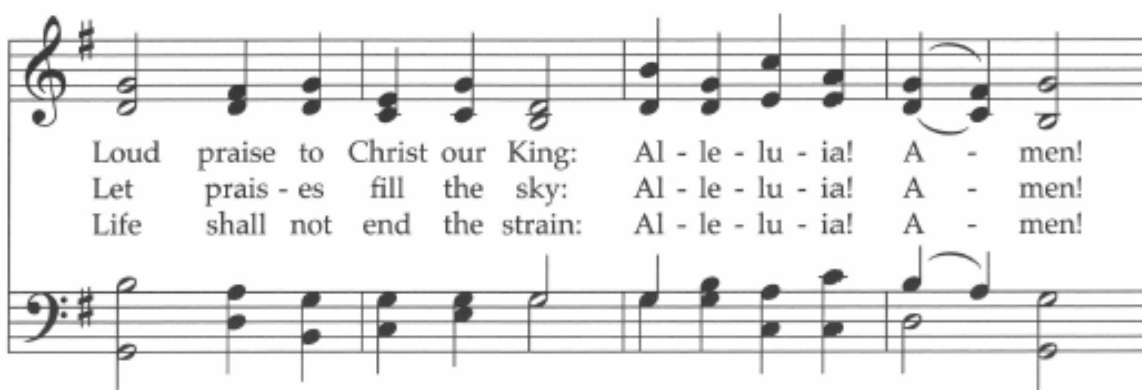
**Worship Leaders**

<b>Pastor:</b>	<b>Rev. Katja Gruening</b>
<b>Director of Music Ministries:</b>	<b>Marcello Velame</b>
<b>Liturgist:</b>	<b>Jeni Weber</b>
<b>Music Ministry:</b>	<b>Chancel Choir</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Peter Bruguiere</b>
	<b>Rich Vodhanel</b>
<b>Zoom Hosts:</b>	<b>John Palframan</b>
	<b>Rich Vodhanel</b>
<b>Social Hour:</b>	<b>Deacons</b>

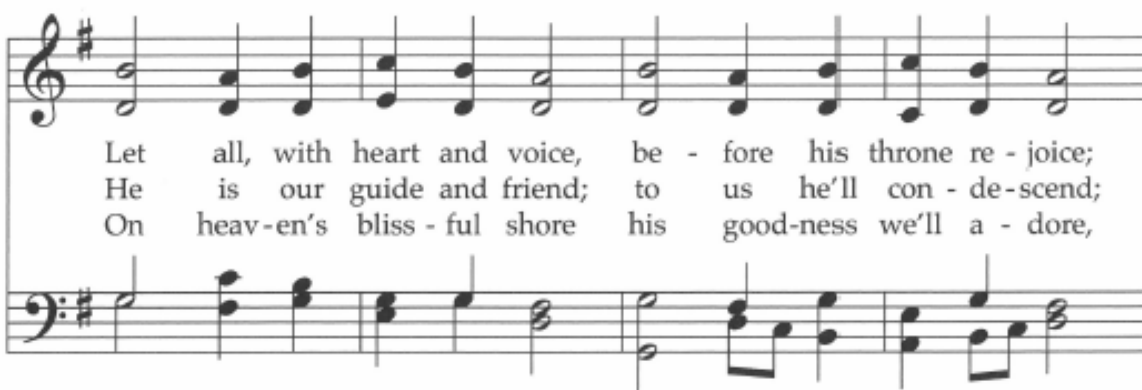
# 267 Come, Christians, Join to Sing



1 Come, Chris - tians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
Let prais - es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
Life shall not end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;  
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;  
On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,



praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
sing - ing for - ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

# We Seek to Follow Christ

1 The disc i - ples fol - lowed Christ Up a high moun - tain a -  
2 And be - fore their ver - y eyes They saw him shin - ing  
3 The disc i - ples want - ed Christ And pro - phets from the

part. He preached the Word, but they had not heard The  
bright. His face, his clothes, his ver - y soul Were  
past To stay in tents, but they could not sense The

wis - dom from his heart. We seek to fol - low  
bathed in glo - ri - ous light. We seek to fol - low  
mo - ment would not last. We seek to fol - low

Christ And lis - ten for his call. Help us to hear e - ven  
Christ With vis - ion pure and clear: To see his glow ev - ery  
Christ Through what we can con - trol. Give us the nerve to let

though we fear Our faith may prove too small.  
where we go, And to his truth draw near.  
go and serve God's glo - y to ex - tol.

# Crown Him with Many Crowns 268

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
 2 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,  
 3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways  
 4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time;

hark, how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!  
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:  
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise.  
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 His reign shall know no end; and round his pier - ed feet  
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.  
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

# COFFEE & ASHES

February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Terrace Room, 9am

*Join us for light breakfast  
and a short service to mark the  
beginning of Lent.*

If you are unable to join us in the morning, Pastor Katja will be imposing ashes for anyone who desires the sign of ashes throughout the day. Stop by the church house before 5pm.

## Lenten Prayer Group

**Wed. February 21**

**Wed. February 28**

**Wed. March 6**

**Wed. March 13**

**7-8pm at The Manse**

Learn a little about different prayer practices, and share what what's happening in your life or in the world that you would like to bring to the Lord in prayer. We'll take time to pray for one another and for all of those needs.

We each come to prayer with a different comfort level, experience, and preferred style or practice. We welcome you wherever you are on your prayer journey. Perhaps this is the opportunity you are seeking to grow in faith during Lent!

Join us every week, or drop in once or twice as you are able.

Our time of prayer will be followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments. If you can help with snacks on any of the evenings, let Pastor Katja know.

## Meeting Schedule Week of February 12th

12	FEB, MON	● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Wisdom Tree Yoga (FH)
		● 7 – 9pm	Boy Scouts (FH)
13	FEB, TUE	● 9 – 10:30am	Zoom Bible Study
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		● 11am – 12pm	Overeaters Anonymous (TR)
		● 5 – 7pm	Mental Health Association of Monmouth County (FH)
		● 7 – 8:30pm	Dorcas (FH and Kitchen)
14	FEB, WED	● 9 – 10am	Ash Wednesday Service and breakfast (TR)
		● 7:30 – 9pm	Boy Scout Leader Meeting (O)
		● 8 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani Bible Study (TR)
15	FEB, THU	● 4:45 – 5:45pm	Yoga Small Group - (FH)
		● 6 – 7pm	Bells (SR)
		● 7 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani choir practice (FH)
17	FEB, SAT	● 7:30 – 9pm	AA (TR and FH)
18	FEB, SUN	● 8:45 – 9:30am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
		● 10 – 11am	Sunday School
		● 10 – 11am	Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
		● 11am – 12pm	Coffee Hour (FH)
		● 3:30 – 4:30pm	AA (TR)
		● 4 – 6pm	Dinner at the Center in Asbury
		● 5 – 6pm	AA (TR)
		● 6 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani Worship (FH)