

Covenant United Presbyterian Church

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The road to Mount Tabor. The traditional site of the Transfiguration of the Lord

The Transfiguration

February 15, 2026, 11:00 AM

Pastor: Rev. John C. R. Silbert

TV Producer: Brian F Graff, C.P.

Worship Leader: Ann Morrison

Musician: Lars Morrison

~ Order of Worship ~

** = Please stand, as able

The Gathering

PRELUDE & TIME OF CENTERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: 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,**
Pastor: 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 heavens glory.**
Pastor: Let us worship from the mountain and hear again "This is my Son, my
Chosen; listen to him!"
People: **Let us worship God!**

** OPENING PRAYER

**OPENING HYMN 192 *Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining* SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & CORPORATE PRAYER CONFESSION

**Magnificent God, we cannot stand before the glory of your presence. You shine with
divine light, and we are overwhelmed by your goodness. Lift us in your mercy, release us from
our fear, and fill us with your Spirit, that we might reflect your light and share your love, for
the sake of Jesus, our Savior.**

A TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Children of God, hear the good news: We are forgiven, again and again,
through the saving love of Jesus Christ our Lord!
People: **What a wonder! Alleluia!**

**CONFESSION RESPONSE 581 *Glory Be to the Father* GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

***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. Amen, amen.***

****THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

NOISY OFFERING OF LOOSE CHANGE

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

from the United Methodist Hymnal, 1989

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

HT LESSON

Exodus 24: 12 – 18

Pew Bible P.62

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

RESPONSIVE PSALM 2

God's Promise to His Anointed

Pastor: 1 *Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain?*

Leader: 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and his anointed, saying,

Men: **3 "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast their cords from us."**

Pastor: 4 He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord has them in derision.

Leader: 5 Then he will speak to them in his wrath and terrify them in his fury, saying,

Women: **6 "I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill." 7 I will tell of the decree of the Lord:**

All: ***He said to me, "You are my son; today I have begotten you.***

Pastor: 8 *Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage and the ends of the earth your possession.*

Leader: 9 You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

Men: **10 Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. 11 Serve the Lord with fear; with trembling**

Women: 12 *kiss his feet, or he will be angry, and you will perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled.*

All God's People: ***Happy are all who take refuge in him.***

NT LESSON

2 Peter 1: 16 – 21

Pew Bible P.987

Leader: Here ends the reading of the Epistle.

People: **Praise be to You, O Lord!**

****GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 17: 1 – 9

Pew Bible P.798

Pastor: The Gospel of Our Lord. People: **Glory to You, O Christ!**

THE MESSAGE

Fire & Light

PASTOR JOHN

****AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER with 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.

The Eucharist

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS & GIFTS

****DOXOLOGY 606**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

CORPORATE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, made flesh for us and for the sake of the world. These gifts are a reflection of your grace and an offering of our love, for the healing and restoration of all people. We give ourselves to you for Jesus' sake. Amen.

The Sending

****HYMN 193**

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

UNSER HERRSCHER

****THE CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE ANTHEM

Wait! Don't Go Yet! Join us for conversation and food in Fellowship Hall right after the service.
Thanks to everyone who supplied items for our Shrove Brunch today!

Membership at Covenant United Presbyterian Church

If you are reading this information in our Worship Bulletin, you already belong here at Covenant United Presbyterian Church. Here, all are welcome, and membership in the congregation is not required to participate in any of our activities and ministries. By becoming a member, you will have voice and vote in congregational meetings and can better express your commitment to Jesus Christ through this church. Welcoming people as members helps us to get to know them better and to support you more fully – letting all of us stay engaged and grow in faith together. Individuals may join the church by Profession of Faith and Baptism (for those who have never been baptized), by Reaffirmation of Faith (for those who are not currently active members of another Christian church), or by Transfer of Church Letter (for those on the active roll of another church.) Contact Pastor John to find out more.

Church Announcements

Donations: “Tithely” at covenantbutler.org or “Tithely” Smartphone App

February 19: Regular bi-monthly Session meeting is Thursday, February 19 at 6:30 PM.

February 18: Ash Wednesday Worship – Butler Area Presbyterians at Trinity 7:00 PM.

March 1: Trinity’s Girl Scout Troop will sell cookies in the lobby beginning at 10:45 AM. If interested, please purchase on your way into our service.



Prayer List: If you have a prayer request, please contact the Prayer Cordon: Virginia Lokovich 724-287-3920, Jane Hall 724-287-5410, Pastor John 412-779-6148, or covenantoffice@zoominternet.net

Please Pray for:

All who are going through medical testing and diagnosis.

Jan Thompson & Family, Gina Loebell's former co-worker, as daughter Donna had a major stroke, she is currently in AGH.

Pam Patterson, residing at Concordia Cabot.

Jane Faulkner, Ann Morrison’s sister in CA, that an appeal made to Whitehouse.gov will break the impasse with FEMA concerning her ongoing housing situation.

Scotty McAliley, Ann Morison’s cousin in Marietta, Georgia, continues with chemo-therapy treatments every two weeks for the remainder of her life. She treasures each day and week she can visit with her parents in North Carolina on off-weeks.