



# LET US WORSHIP GOD!

March 2, 2025—10:30 AM

## TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

A HYBRID WORSHIP EXPERIENCE IN-PERSON AND ONLINE

Today's worship team— Music Director: Jayne McDonough;  
Worship Leader: John Saalman; Message: Rev. William Gaskill;  
Worship Production: Maxwell Moran



### WELCOME! WORSHIP YOUR WAY!

So glad you're here today! Enjoy worship with your neighbors and be spiritually energized. Join us in-person in our beautiful, historic Red Brick Church or online:

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### MESSAGE PREVIEW

Please welcome **Rev. William Gaskill** to our pulpit this week!

Rev. William Gaskill has been an active Presbyterian Pastor for over 41 years in two church's, in Avondale, Pa for 16 yrs and Merchantville, NJ for 25 years. He retired in the Fall of 2019 and says he is "now a circuit riding preacher!" He and his wife Jean live in Cherry Hill where they enjoy their two surviving children ( having lost their youngest son), and 7 grandchildren. He has also written several books.

### MUSIC PREVIEW

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" was written by Walter Chalmers Smith expounding on I Timothy 1:17. Smith was a well-regarded minister in the Scottish Free Church, serving congregations in London, Glasgow, and Edinburgh. He was the moderator of the General Assembly in 1893 and a great churchman throughout most of his life. He wrote hymns for pleasure and wrote prolifically, but this hymn is the only one that remains in common use today. Originally published with six stanzas, it is today more often sung with just three or four.

"Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread" is a hymn based on the meal shared by Jesus and his companions in Luke 24. The hymn was written by James Montgomery, and is sung to the tune of "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" by John B. Dykes

"Open My Eyes, That I May See" was written in 1895 by Clara Scott, a notable

composer and hymnist, and the first woman to publish a collection of anthems. The song was written at the end of her life (she likely would have been an influential figure in American musical history, but she met an untimely demise due to a runaway horse and buggy accident). The hymn has fallen out of favor due to a musical style that was popular in its day, but has not aged well and sounds outdated. The lyrics, however, are timeless, and we set them to a different melody to give it a more modern vibe. The text uses the senses to speak to a receptiveness for the spirit and insight from the divine – open eyes to see glimpses of truth, open ears to hear God’s message, an open mouth to love all of God’s children, and an open mind to grow in one’s understanding of God’s love.

**PRELUDE**

**JAYNE MCDONOUGH**

**WELCOME:**

**REV. WILLIAM GASKILL**

## **GOD WELCOMES ALL (UNISON)**

**God welcomes all,  
strangers and friends;  
God’s love is strong  
and it never ends.**

## **THE CALL TO WORSHIP (BASED ON PSALM 99) (RESPONSIVE)**

One: God reigns, let the people tremble! God reigns, let the earth shake!

**Many: For the Lord our God is exalted over all people!**

One : God reigns, let the people tremble! God reigns, let the earth shake!

**Many: For the Lord our God loves justice and works for righteousness!**

One: So come and proclaim at the holy mountain of the Lord:

**Many: God reigns, let the people tremble!  
God reigns, let the earth shake!**

**GATHERING HYMN "*IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE*" BLUE HYMNAL #263**

**1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible  
Hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious,  
The Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious,  
Thy great name we praise.**

**2. Unresting, unhasting,  
And silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting,  
Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains  
High soaring above  
Thy clouds, which are fountains  
Of goodness and love.**

**3. To all, life thou givest,  
To both great and small;  
In all life thou livest,  
The true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish  
As leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish;  
But naught changeth thee.**

**4. Thou reignest in glory,  
Thou rules in light,  
Thine angels adore thee,  
All veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render;  
O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor  
Of light hideth thee!**

**CALL TO CONFESSION (UNISON)**

**On Transfiguration, on the holy mountain of God, we see Jesus as he truly is. But in confession we let Jesus see us as we truly are. We name our sins, our faults, and the things we've gotten wrong, and we do so in faith that Jesus wants to see us as we are. So let's hear the truth together.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (PSALM 51) REV GASKILL**

Have mercy on me, O God,  
    according to your unfailing love;  
according to your great compassion  
    blot out my transgressions.  
Wash away all my iniquity  
    and cleanse me from my sin.  
For I know my transgressions,  
    and my sin is always before me.  
Against you, you only, have I sinned

and done what is evil in your sight;  
so you are right in your verdict  
and justified when you judge.  
Surely I was sinful at birth,  
sinful from the time my mother conceived  
me. Yet you desired faithfulness even in the  
womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret  
place. Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be  
clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.  
Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones you have crushed rejoice.  
Hide your face from my sins  
and blot out all my iniquity.  
Create in me a pure heart, O God,  
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me from your presence  
or take your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.  
Then I will teach transgressors your ways,  
so that sinners will turn back to you.  
Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God,  
you who are God my Savior,  
and my tongue will sing of your  
righteousness.  
Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare  
your praise. You do not delight in sacrifice, or I  
would bring it; you do not take pleasure in  
burnt offerings. My sacrifice, O God, is[b] a

broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart  
you, God, will not despise.

May it please you to prosper Zion,  
to build up the walls of Jerusalem.

Then you will delight in the sacrifices of the  
righteous, in burnt offerings offered whole;  
then bulls will be offered on your altar.

### SILENT REFLECTION

### HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends, the Lord sees you and knows you.  
The Lord sees you and loves you.  
The Lord sees you and calls you.  
Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

### THE GLORIA -

**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.**

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, in your light may we see light, in  
your truth may we see truth and in your Holy  
Word may we be called into holy work.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING: EXODUS 34: 29-35

When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the Lord. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the Lord had given him on Mount Sinai. When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. But whenever he entered the Lord's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the Lord.

## GOSPEL READING: LUKE 9: 28-26

About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with

Jesus. They spoke about his departure,<sup>[a]</sup> which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, “Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what he was saying.)

While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. A voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.” When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

## **MESSAGE: "STARTLING GLIMPSES"**

**REV. WILLIAM GASKILL**

### **PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION**

#### **Profession of Faith - The Apostles Creed (Unison)**

**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**

### **OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS -**

The Lord our God is exalted over all people. All that we have, and all that we are, belong to God. Let us therefore give back to God what God has given to us, using our gifts of tithes and offerings.

### **OFFERTORY -**

### **THE DOXOLOGY**

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

### **Prayer of Dedication**

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES BLESSINGS:

Susan Sparks - March 2

Amy Myers - March 3

Buddy Dehart -

March 7

**Flowers:** Sign-up in the Narthex, or online, if you'd like to donate flowers in memory, or in honor, of a loved one. For more information, contact Beverly Mate, 609-847-1530. (\$20/vase).



Next Sunday, March 9, we Spring ahead one hour into Daylight Saving Time! Set your clocks ahead Saturday night before going to sleep!

As Lent begins on Wednesday, instead of giving up candy or ice cream for Lent, the Deacons are asking you to “Donate 40 items in 40 days” pick up a card in the narthex today, for the details on this Lenten project.

## RECEIVING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Pray for: **Bob** post knee surgery pain and discomfort; **Elaine Jordan** with the norovirus, now recovering; **Anne Ferrari** took a fall and is in pain; **Beverly Mate** with post surgery pain and discomfort in her New knee; **The Word Family** on the passing of **Eileen Word**; **The Vitale Family**, the Father suffering with effects from a stroke, and the children needing prayers for mental health issue and relationship issue; **Anne and Fred Ferrari** on the passing of **Anne's Sister, Linda Trowbridge** who suffered for 6 years with Alzheimer's Dementia; **Norma Sasso** in Cape Coral, Fla., undergoing radiation therapy after breast surgery; **Dee Sloan** getting over COVID and ear infection; **Charlie Keister** is at Genesis Rehab Center in North Cape May, still going through a lot, with Barbara & daughter Bonnie at his side; **Lisa & Will** having marriage difficulties; **Julie Groob** grateful for our prayers as she completes her radiation treatments.

**Continual prayer requested for:** **Eileen Stalford** in nursing care; **Pastor Bob & Anna Sheidly** friends of Bob Heinly, as they battle multiple ears maladies of aging; **Bob Sheidly** is improving and grateful for our prayers.

**Those on hospice care:** **Marty, John Stalford, Gertrude Hess, Celeste Bashaw, Ted Lewis, Ed McCaughey, Mike Ferry.**

**Those undergoing cancer treatment:** **Katrina Gonzalez, Bob Maher, Karen R., Keith, Todd, Brian, Gerri Mills, Robin B, Mike, Kim, Steve, Rickey,**

**Lorraine, Candy, Donna, Liz, Jennifer, Lori, Ruth & Debbie, Mike Grecco.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**HYMN OF MEDITATION -"*BE KNOWN TO US IN BREAKING BREAD*" BLUE HYMNAL #505**

1. Be known to us  
In breaking bread,  
But do not then depart;  
Savior, abide with us and spread  
Thy table in our heart.

2. There sup with us  
In love divine;  
Thy body and Thy blood,  
That living bread,  
That heav'nly wine,  
Be our immortal food.

3. Hear us, O Lord,  
We come to Thee  
And listen as we pray,  
As we partake this bread and wine,  
Guide us ev'ry day!

## **Invitation To All: Come To The Lord's Table!**

### **Rev. Gaskill**

## **The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (Responsive)**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you,....

... who taught us to pray, saying,

**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.**

## **Words of Institution**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

## FRESH EXPRESSION OF COMMUNITY

Once we were strangers,  
**Now we are neighbors.**

Once we were strangers,  
**Now we are friends.**

## SENDING HYMN - "*OPEN MY EYES THAT I MAY SEE*" BLUE HYMNAL #324

**1. Open my eyes, that I may see  
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;  
Place in my hands the wonderful key  
That shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for Thee,  
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

**2. Open my ears, that I may hear  
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;  
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,  
Everything false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for Thee,  
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

**3. Open my mouth, and let me bear  
Gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
Open my heart, and let me prepare  
Love with Thy children thus to share.**

**Silently now I wait for Thee,  
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

**BENEDICTION:**

**REV. WILLIAM GASKILL**

**POSTLUDE:**

JAYNE McDONOUGH

Go in peace. See you next week!

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1. *God Welcomes All* - CCLI Song #5495557
2. *Immortal, Invisible, God Inky Wise: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867, Welsh folk melody ; CCLI #124466*
3. *Gloria* Public Domaine
4. *Be Known to us in Breaking Bread:* James Montgomery, 1825, Dsy's Psalter 1562, Jay Althouse; CCLI Song # 7169409
5. *Doxology* - CCLI Song #425557
6. *Open My Eyes That I May See;* Clara H. Fisk Scott, 1895; CCLI Song #68003