

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR FEBRUARY 11, 2024

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

INTROIT 406 *We Are Standing on Holy Ground* HOLY GROUND

Gathering Around The Word

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *from Ps. 50:1, 3; 2 Cor. 4:6; Mark 9:7*

One: The glory of God shines like a consuming fire.

All: We have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

One: The voice of God thunders like a mighty storm.

All: Out of the cloud, God speaks: This is my beloved Son; listen to him!

***HYMN 12** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST. DENIO

CALL TO CONFESSION *from Ps. 50:2, 6*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison) *from 2 Cor. 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9*

**God of all glory, beauty, and grace,
we have tried to hide from you—
to hide our faces, to hide our sin—
yet you have never hidden your love for us.
We have tried to search for you—
in temples, in clouds, on mountaintops—
yet you have already revealed yourself to us
in the face of Jesus Christ.
Forgive us, and transform us
so that our lives may shine
with your glory, beauty, and grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *from Ps. 50:3; Mark 9:7*

One: Our God comes and does not keep silence; God speaks to us with grace and love, saying: You are my beloved child. This is the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

We invite you to share the peace of Christ with others.

***RESPONSE 581** 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. Amen, amen.**

**for portions marked with an asterisk, you're invited to rise in body or spirit*

Listening To the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION OF GOD'S WORD *from Ps. 50:1; 2 Cor. 4:6; Mark 9:4*

FIRST READING 2 KINGS 2:1-12
(The scripture readings can be found on the side panel of the bulletin)

ANTHEM *Follow the River* JOSEPH M. MARTIN

SECOND READING MARK 9:2-9

SERMON "The View from the Mountain" Rev. Dr. Tim Noel

Responding to the Word

***HYMN 415** *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* RESTORATION

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** 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;
on 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 life everlasting. Amen.**

SHARING OUR PRAYERS *See prayer concerns list, back page*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER *page 35 in hymnal*

GIVING BACK TO GOD'S KINGDOM *from Ps. 50:1*

*The God who speaks
and summons the earth into being
now speaks to us,
calling us to offer up our lives
as a sacrifice of praise.*

OFFERTORY

***THE DOXOLOGY 606**

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *from 2 Cor. 4:6*

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

God Sends Us Forth

***HYMN 353** *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* SOLID ROCK

***CHARGE & BLESSING**

***BLESSING**

HYMN 747 *The Lord Now Sends Us Forth* ENVIADO

POSTLUDE

Visiting today? Welcome!

Please tell us a little about yourself!
You can scan this QR code with your
smartphone to fill out our online form.
We would love to get to know you better!



This Week

TODAY! @ 12:00pm - Welcome Lunch w/Rev. Noel!
TODAY! @ 4:00pm - Interracial Dialogue
Mon., Feb. 12 @ 11:00am - PW Bible Study
Tue., Feb. 13 @ 5:00pm - Earth Care Team Meeting
Wed., Feb. 14 @ 12:00pm - Packing Food Boxes @ GFP
Wed., Feb. 14 @ 12:00pm - Ash Wednesday Service
Wed., Feb. 14 @ 6:30pm - Choir Practice
Thur., Feb. 15 @ 4:00pm - Deacon Meeting
Thur., Feb. 15 @ 5:45pm - Centering Prayer
Thur., Feb. 15 @ 6:00pm - Session Meeting
Fri., Feb. 16 @ 11:30am - Lunch Ladies to Longhorn
Sat., Feb. 17 @ 2:00pm - Food Box Giveaway

Worship Assistants Next Week

Liturgist.....Troy Jamieson
Ushers.....John & Lynn Cain
Audio.....Paul Guffey
Video.....Sue Guffey
Coffee Plus.....Paula Burlew

First Reading—2 Kings 2:1-12

¹Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here, for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.”

⁴Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here, for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; keep silent.”

⁶Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here, for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” ¹⁰He responded, “You have asked a hard thing, yet if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Second Reading—Mark 9:2-9

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling bright, such as no one on earth could brighten them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Scripture verses taken from the New Revised Standard Updated Edition



Prayers for Comfort, Concern, and Healing

Jenny Gilmore’s niece, Carrie Abbott; The family of Rodney Patton; Lynn Cain; Ed & Joyce Mick; Autumn Brock; Pat Carpenter’s son, Josh White; Angie Butler; Barbie Cooper; Rogelio Castillo; Don Haney; Autumn Brock’s mom, Marie; Jennifer Williams; Glenda Wilson; Pat Carpenter; Bill House; Leslie Phillips

Current Giving

	Rec’d month of Jan.	Needed Monthly	Received YTD	Needed YTD
Pledged Offering	\$9,915	\$11,985	\$9,915	\$11,985
Non-Pledged	\$4,236	\$3,289	\$4,236	\$3,286

Blessing Box Attendant

This Week.....Suzanne Kidd
Next Week.....

Assisting In Worship Today

Ministers.....Every Member
Liturgist.....Marshall Judy
Ushers.....John & Cathy Wright
Audio.....Josh Jones
Video.....Jon Burlew
Coffee Plus.....Linda Bonardel
Director of Music.....Theresa Jean Kibby
Piano & Organ.....Debby McDonald
Interim Pastor.....Rev. Dr. Tim Noel

Deacons:

Paula Burlew	Eileen Stockham	Carol Prater
Cindy Fountain	Mary Beth Waller	Sue Guffey
Marshall Judy	Marci Randall	

Elders:

<i>Class of 2024</i>	<i>Class of 2025</i>	<i>Class of 2026</i>
Charles Leveridge	Sharon Mandt	Jo Salmon
Zack Vaught	Perry Waller	Laura Wright
John Wright		

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Transfiguration Sunday



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People of God, Welcome Home!

May Christ’s peace and presence fill your heart as you worship this day, and may you go forth with the light and love of God shining within you.

We welcome you to worship, and ask that any electronic devices be placed on silent so that all may hear what God has to say.