



DOWNTOWN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"If a stranger lives with you in your land, do not do wrong to them. You should act toward the stranger who lives among you as you would toward one born among you. Love them as you love yourself. For you were strangers in the land of Egypt. I am the Lord your God." – Leviticus 19:33-34 (NLV)

Celebration of Worship

March 2, 2025, 11:00 AM

The Transfiguration of The Lord (Year C)

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*If you have a joy or concern you would like to have lifted in prayer today, please complete a **Prayer Request Card**, including the name of the person (and pronunciation) or event, and additional information you'd like to share. Prayer Requests will be collected in baskets during the **hymn following the sermon** to share with the pastor and/or Deacons.*

Prelude

Meditation on Trentham

Words of Welcome

Rev. Phil Davis

Announcements

Chime

*Introit

I've Just Come from the Fountain

Negro Spiritual

Please join in singing the refrain:

Arr. James Capers

"I've just come from the fountain, I've just come from the fountain,

O I've just come from the fountain, His name's so sweet!"

*Call to Worship

Pat Tweet

Leader: The call of the Holy One has brought us together.

People: **We have been called to pray and to praise.**

Leader: We are called to worship and to holy wonder.

People: **May the light of Love burn brightly in us.**

Leader: May it transfigure and transform our hearts and minds.

People: **May it become a beacon of hope for others.**

*Invocation (Unison)

All: God of mountaintops and valleys and everywhere in between, we thank you for meeting us where we are. We thank you also for leading us to this place of prayer and renewal. Enlighten our minds, radiate our

hearts, and ready us for Your alive Word of Love. Let it shine in and through us, lighting a path of grace, hope, and joy. May the same transfiguring power, shown forth in Jesus Christ, also shine in us for the good of the world. Amen.

*Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
(Verses 1, 2, and 4 - Music may be found on page 8.)

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Prayer for Transformation and New Life

All: Holy God, it has been easy to live with our eyes veiled. Too often, we have hidden from the hard realities within us and around us. We have shielded Your light of Love, instead of sharing it. Something deep within has often hardened our hearts, leading to inertia and unfreedom. But there is a deeper longing within. We hunger for the forgiveness and renewal You revealed in Jesus Christ. Forgive us, Holy One, and unveil our eyes and our hearts. With Your shining love, light a path of forgiveness for us that we may share it with others. By this, we may know the freedom of new life you revealed in Jesus Christ. Amen and amen.

Words of Grace

Leader: Hear the good news! Do not lose heart! God is merciful. Bit by bit, we are being transformed into the image of God's glory made known in Jesus Christ. In our turning, God has forgiven us and unveiled our lives. God has also called us to listen to Jesus Christ, the Beloved, who calls us by the same name. Beloved, may the forgiving light of God's love shine through us, and bear the hope of a new beginning to others. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Scripture

Exodus 34:29-35
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Time with Our Children and Youth

Music for Reflection

My Eyes for Beauty Pine

Herbert Howells

*"My eyes for beauty pine, my soul for Goddes grace :
No other care nor hope is mine, to heaven I turn my face.*

*One splendour thence is shed from all the stars above:
'Tis named when God's name is said, 'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.*

*And every gentle heart, that burns with true desire,
Is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire."*

Text: Robert Bridges

Scripture

Luke 9:28-36

Sermon

Conformed/Transformed/Transfigured

Rev. Phil Davis

*Hymn

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

(Verses 1, 3, and 4 - Music may be found on page 9.)

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

+Prayer of Jesus

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Spirit 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 Spirit, and the
power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music

The Storm Is Passing Over

Charles A. Tindley

Arr. Barbara W. Baker

*"Have courage my soul, and let us journey on.
Though the night is dark and I am far from home.
Thanks be to God, the morning light appears.
The storm is passing over—Hallelu!"*

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Let songs rise up from earth below;
Let stars and galaxies enthrone;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One! Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn**

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding
(Verses 1-2 - Music may be found on page 10.)

BREWER

Service of Holy Communion

Pastor: Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God. Our Savior invites those who trust him to sit at the table in the kingdom of God. As we come to the Lord's table, let us humble our hearts and be open to the call of Your Spirit.

People: Compassionate God, have mercy on us, we pray.

Pastor: Let us examine ourselves: our thoughts, our actions, our motives, and our attitudes toward others.

People: O Holy God, have mercy and forgive us our shortcomings.

Pastor: Help us to remember our responsibility to our families and our neighbors, our stewardship to You, and the work You have given to our hands.

People: O Living God, we stand in need of Your grace, strength, and mercy.

Pastor: As we eat the bread which represents Your body, which is the True and Living Bread, open our eyes to recognize the intimacy that You yearn to share with us.

People: O Loving God, teach us to love You above all else.

Pastor: As we drink the cup which represents Christ's blood shed for us, we thank You for the new covenant, "Love ye one another," which is written in our hearts. Let us rejoice because our names are written in heaven.

People: Tender Father and Mother, may Your great sacrifice of redeeming love renew us for loving service and sacrifice for others.

Pastor: May this Lord's Supper energize every area of our lives and enable us to transcend our circumstances, our inadequacies, and our enemies.

People: God who sees us, touch and empower us so that our lives will be renewed.

Pastor: We praise You, O God, who made us Your own people through the death and resurrection of Your Son, our Lord.

All: Abide in us, Savior and Redeemer. Fill us with the life-giving power of Your Spirit, now and forever.

The Words of the Institution

Pastor: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, He broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Pastor: In the same way, he took the cup saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, Shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Pastor: Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord. Now all the people say:

People: Amen, Amen, and Amen.

Sharing of the Bread and the Wine

Music at Communion

Cristo Redentor

Duke Pearson
Transc. G. Franklin

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding
(Verse 3 - Music may be found on page 10.)

BREWER

*Benediction

Choral Response

Amen

Justin Wallace

*Passing of the Peace

Thank you to. . .

Liturgist: Pat Tweet
Chancel Choir Members

Soprano: Nicole Knickerbocker, Lindsey Puc, Carolina Sullivan, Joan Sussman

Alto: Cecelia Allchin, Isabella Apodaca, Leah Rosenman

Tenor: Olivia Anderson, Jason Cloen, Mark Darling, Evan McMahon

Bass: Rob Brown, John DeHority, Elijah Gebers,
Alan Jones, Stephen Lloyd, Sumner Tessier

Live Stream Team: Don Fairman, David McDowell, Jim Parks, Sally Allison

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This Week at Downtown United Presbyterian

Sunday, March 2

9:45AM Sunday Forum

10:00AM Choir Warm-up

11:00AM Worship - Rev. Phil
Davis

11:15AM Sunday School

12:00PM Refreshments in
Sanctuary

Tuesday, March 4

10:30AM Bible study via Zoom

5:30PM Justice Team Mtg.
via Zoom

Wednesday, March 5

12:20PM Ash Wednesday service
with Spiritus Christi

7:00PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 6

7:15PM Worship Team Mtg via Zoom

Sunday, March 9

9:45AM Sunday Forum

10:00AM Choir Warm-up

11:00AM Worship - Pastor Phil Davis

11:15AM Sunday School

12:00PM Refreshments in the
Sanctuary

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

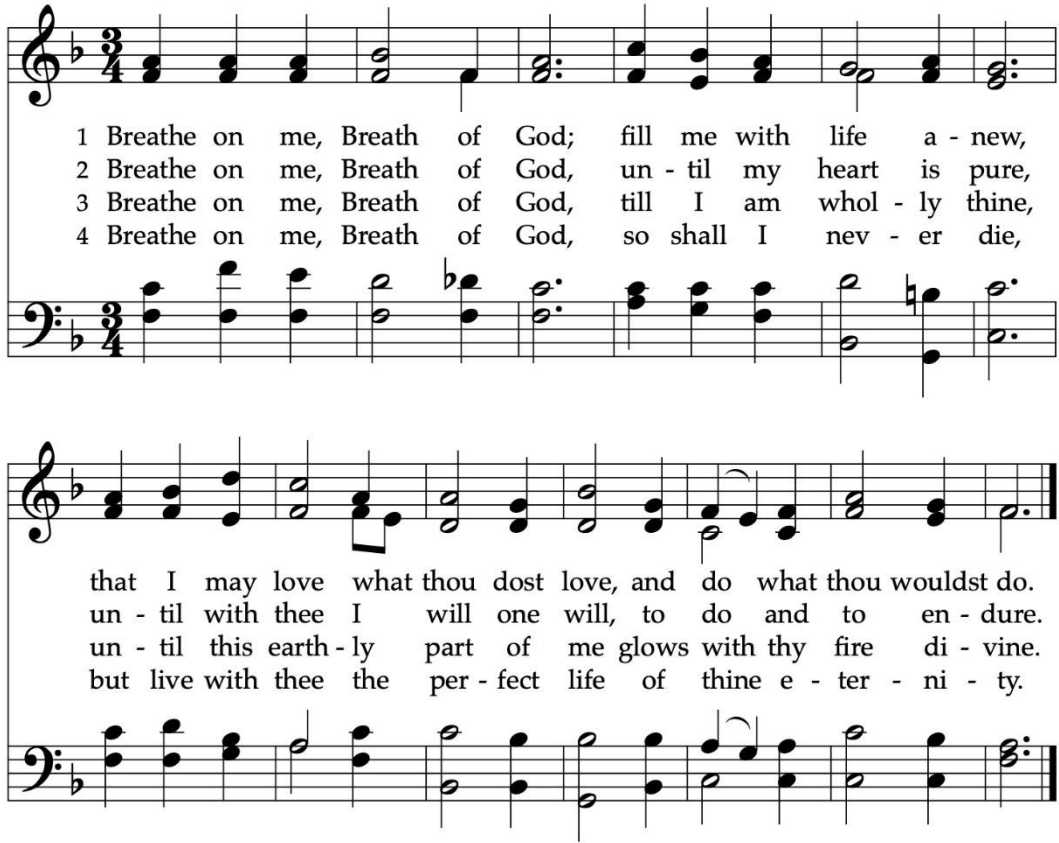
al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

TEXT: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867, alt.
 MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; arr. *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839

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Breathe on Me, Breath of God 286



1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,
 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
 un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
 un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
 but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

In both Hebrew and Greek, the words for “spirit” can equally well be translated as “breath” or “wind,” so it is very appropriate to address the Holy Spirit as the “Breath of God.” This tune by an English organist has become the customary one in North American hymnals.

TEXT: Edwin Hatch, 1878
 MUSIC: Robert Jackson, 1888

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We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding 191



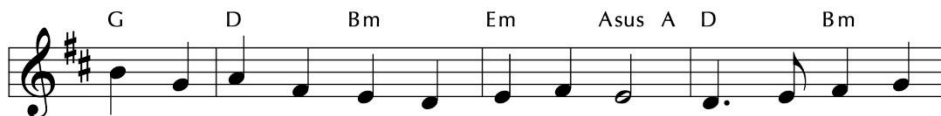
1 We have come at Christ's own bid - ding to this high and
 2 Light breaks through our clouds and shad - ows; splen - dor bathes the
 3 Strength - ened by this glimpse of glo - ry, fear - ful lest our



ho - ly place, where we wait with hope and long - ing
 flesh - joined Word; Mo - ses and E - li - jah mar - vel
 faith de - cline, we like Pe - ter find it tempt - ing



for some to - ken of God's grace. Here we pray for new as -
 as the heav - en - ly voice is heard. Eyes and hearts be - hold with
 to re - main and build a shrine. But true wor - ship gives us



sur - ance that our faith is not in vain, search - ing like those
 won - der how the law and proph - ets meet: Christ, with gar - ments
 cour - age to pro - claim what we pro - fess, that our dai - ly



first dis - ci - ples for a sign both clear and plain.
 drenched in bright - ness, stands trans - fig - ured and com - plete.
 lives may prove us peo - ple of the God we bless.

Through this Transfiguration hymn runs an implicit comparison between the attitudes and assumptions of the three disciples on that mountain and the expectations of present-day Christians as they gather for worship. This event is reported in Matthew 17:1-9/Mark 9:2-9/Luke 9:28-36.

Welcome Visitors!

Nursery Care for children up to 2nd Grade is available in the Library

Children not in nursery care will be invited forward during the “Time with Our Children and Youth” for a brief time with the pastor, and then will be taken up to their Sunday School room by their teacher. Parents are welcome to come up with their kids if they would like.

You may place your offering in the offering plates as they are passed. If you would like to donate online you can use the QR code to the right to make your contribution to the church.



+We seek to use diverse images and liberating language about divine presence in our services of worship. Please feel free to adapt the words in hymns and prayers as needed so that they express your faith.

This is a Hearing Loop equipped sanctuary – please switch your hearing aid to the “T” (telephone) position.

*** An asterisk indicates** “please rise in body or spirit.”

We hope you will join us after worship for conversations and refreshments! Cookies and drinks are available in the front of the sanctuary.

Joys and Concerns– If you have a joy or concern that you would like to lift in prayer today, please complete a Prayer Request card (available by the worship bulletins) naming the person(s), situation or event, and any other information that you would like to be shared. The prayer requests will be collected during the hymn following the sermon and provided to the pastor.

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