

The Holy Eucharist Second Sunday of Advent December 4, 2022 – 10:30 AM

Welcome to Transfiguration!

We are a community of believers, of seekers, and we are delighted to welcome you to Transfiguration!

The word "Advent" derives from the Latin adventus, meaning "coming." The season of Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation for the advent or coming of Jesus, leading to the celebration of Christmas and the mystery of Christ's incarnation.

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The flowers today are given with gratitude and in celebration of the ministries of the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) and the Men's Group (TMG) – the people of Transfiguration.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

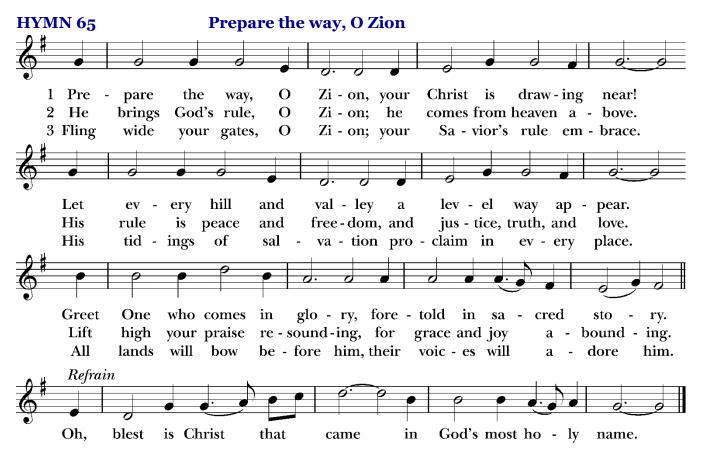
The Advent wreath originally emerged as a devotional tool used in the home but eventually migrated into the church. It is a visual symbol that marks the progression of time in Advent. The symbolism is especially powerful in the Northern Hemisphere as the wreath's growing light contrasts with the increasing darkness of winter.

Leader Today we light the first and second candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. The first candle is HOPE, the second candle is PEACE.

The Advent candles are lit.

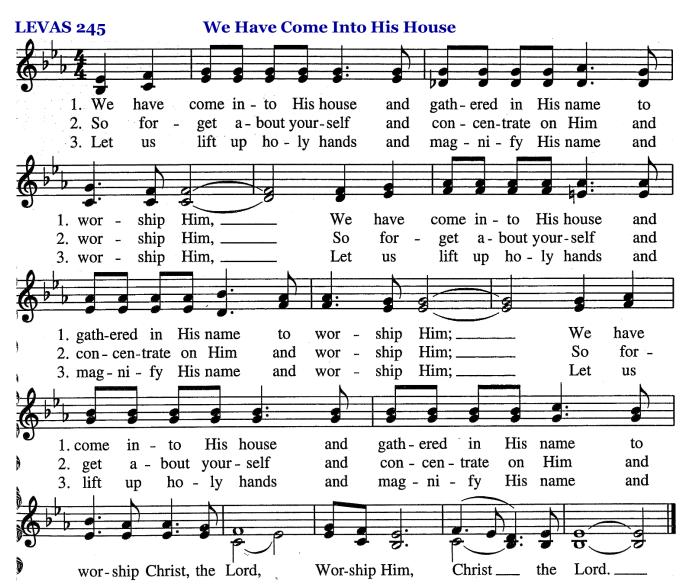
Leader A reading from Colossians 3:15 "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace." Let us pray together.

PeopleAlmighty God, you offer rest for our hearts, and peace for our souls.Give us grace to seek peace in our lives, peace in this community, and
peace in the world. Through Jesus Christ, the prince of peace. Amen.



OPENING SENTENCES

CelebrantBlessed be the one, holy, and living God.**People**Glory to God for ever and ever.



THE COLLECT FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Celebrant	God be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Let us pray.
	God of the keen blade, which cuts the roots of arrogant power: you raise voices of promise
	in the dry lands of our desire
	children of faith from the stones of the earth;
	make us ready to receive the Spirit and the fire of love,
	wild and fierce and free;
	through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come.
People	Amen.

The people are seated.

THE FIRST READING Isaiah 11:1-10

A reading from the Book of Isaiah. A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, * and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously * and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, * and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; * he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, * from one generation to another.

- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, * like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; * there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, * who alone does wondrous deeds!
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! * and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen.

THE SECOND READING Romans 15:4-13

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says,

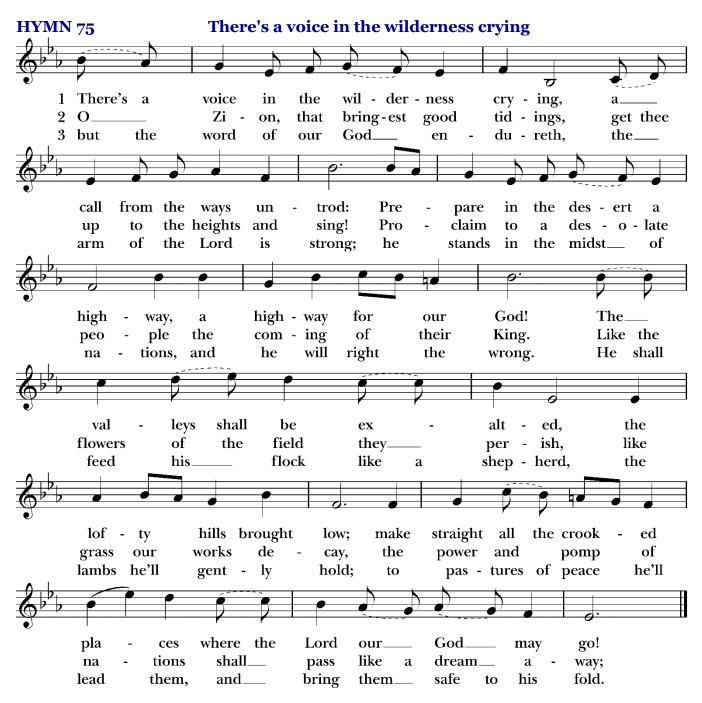
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"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again,
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"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

ReaderHear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.**PeopleThanks be to God.**



THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 3:1-12

CelebrantThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Celebrant The Gospel of our Savior.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON The Reverend Kent Marcoux

The people stand as they are able for the Nicene Creed.

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

- We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
- We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The prayer leaders and **People** pray responsively.

In joy at the nearness of the Christ, let us offer our prayers to God, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

May the power of God's holy presence clear a path through the rubble of broken lives and hearts to make our world and all of us a new creation. For this let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

May our gracious God be always for us a shepherd to console and comfort us, to nourish all our deep hungers, and to make us live in peace forever. For this let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

May we come to find in the desert of our lives the gift of forgiveness and the waters of a new Jordan that bring cleansing refreshment. For this let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

May the God of John the Baptist and our God continue to raise up holy prophets in our midst who will tell the good news of saving rescue for all people. For this let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

May the God who is our comfort hear the cries of all in need. For this let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

May the God who is our future in the gift of Jesus Christ hold us always in the embrace of faithful love and bring us to new heavens and a new earth. For this let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant invites other prayers, then prays a concluding collect, and the people respond, Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

- All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.
- *Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

CelebrantThe peace of Christ be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

The people greet each other with a sign of God's peace and sing the following hymn.

HYMN

Let there be peace on earth

Let there be peace on earth	Let peace begin with me,
and let it begin with me;	let this be the moment now.
Let there be peace on earth,	With ev'ry step I take,
the peace that was meant to be,	let this be my solemn vow:
With God as creator,	To take each moment and live each moment
brothers and sisters are we,	in peace eternally
Let us walk with each other	Let there be peace on earth
in perfect harmony.	and let it begin with me!

The people are seated.

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

All are invited to make an offering to support our work of sharing God's love in the community and with the world. Please remember also our 2023 annual giving campaign – See, I Am Doing A New Thing!

Online giving is encouraged at the link below.

Transfiguration <u>https://secure.qgiv.com/for/ecott/restriction/</u>

CHOIR ANTHEM





THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant	God be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise. **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

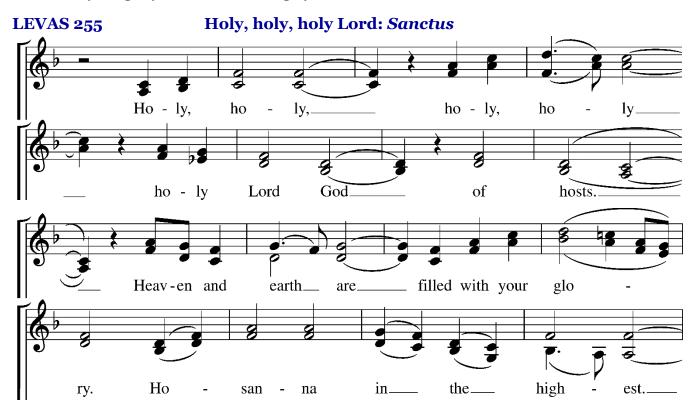
From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

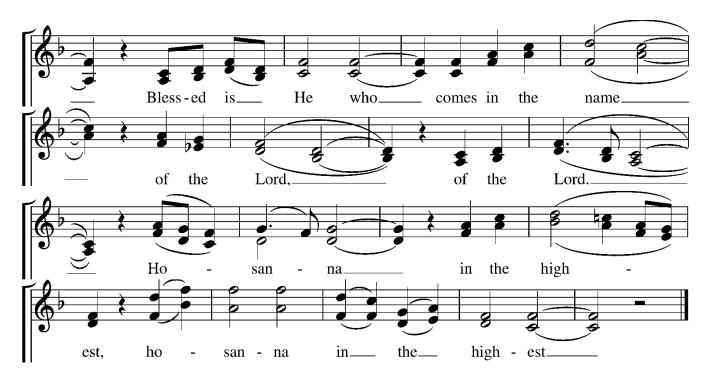
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:





And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, **We celebrate his death and resurrection**, **as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; Lord God of our Mothers: God of Hagar, Deborah, and Ruth; God and Parent of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN**.

LEVAS 264

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,



THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

CelebrantAlleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.PeopleTherefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

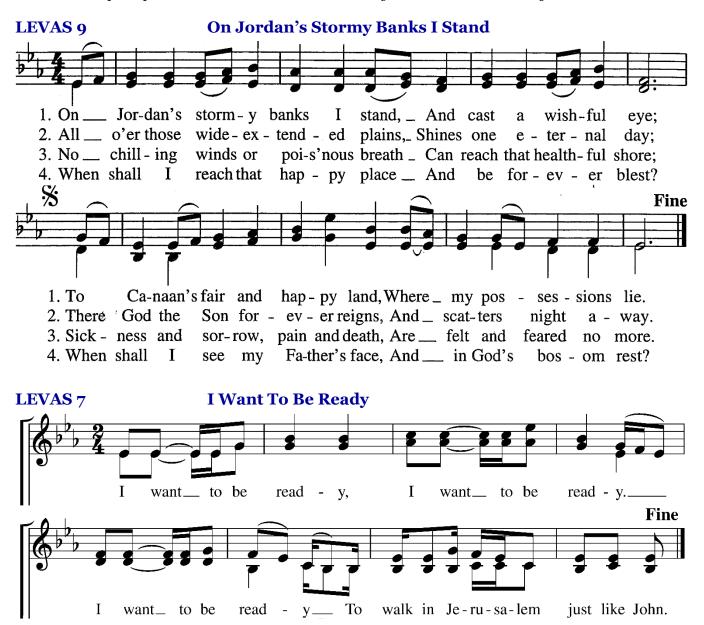
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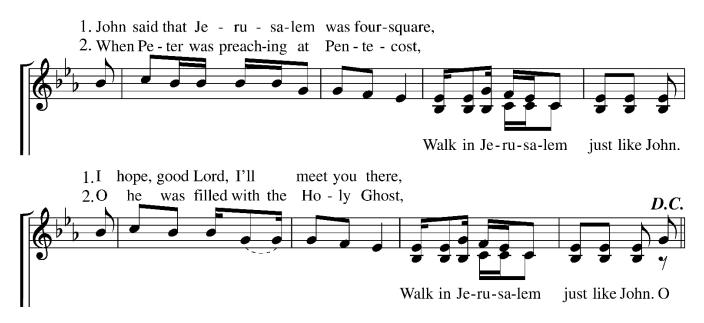
All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

The people will come forward to receive communion packs that they bring back to their seats. **After the first communion hymn**, the Celebrant invites the communicants to receive the Bread and the Cup with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

The ushers will pick up the used communion containers during the second communion hymn.





POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

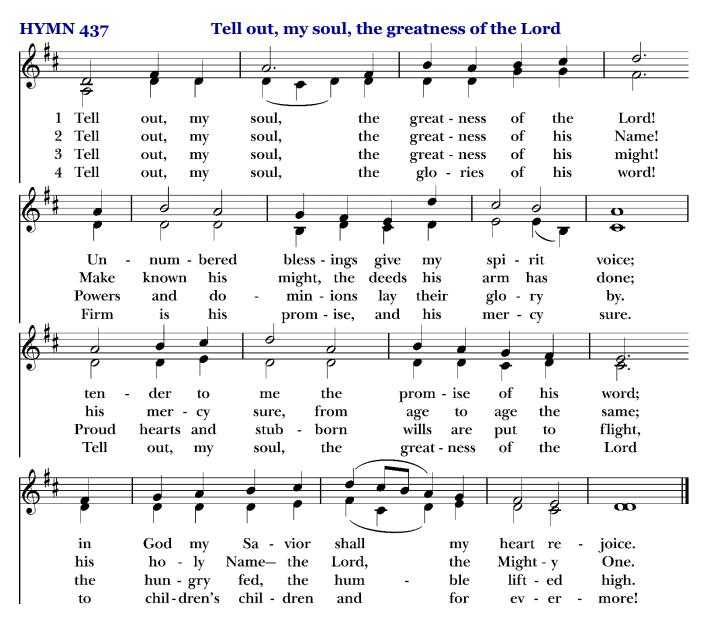
Celebrant Let us pray.

PeopleEternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of
our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the
Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness
and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant People	May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. Amen!
Celebrant	May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love.
People	Amen!
Celebrant	May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life.
People	Amen!
Celebrant	And may the Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

People Amen!



DISMISSAL

Leader Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!*People* Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

The Holy Eucharist Second Sunday of Advent December 4, 2022 – 10:30 AM

WORSHIP LEADERS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

**	Celebrant & Preacher	The Reverend Kent Marcoux
*	Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM)	Dave Stoddard
*	Acolyte	Marvin Arthur
*	Readers (First Lesson)	Mark Pankow
*	Reader (Psalm)	Mark Pankow
*	Reader (Second Lesson)	JJ Boulin
*	Director of Music	Elton King
*	Vocalists	Transfiguration Parish Choir
*	Other Lay Ministers	the People of Transfiguration
*	Altar Guild	Karen Facen, Maureen Kasule, Caroline Kajubi & Diana Livingstone
*	Audio/Visual	Steve van Albert
*	Fellowship	Oguledos, Constance, Florence & Vivian

LEADERS IN MINISTRY AT TRANSFIGURATION

- ✤ Altar Guild
- ✤ Altar Guild Flowers
- Lectors & LEMs
- Ushers
- Audio/Visual
- Choir
- Episcopal Church Women (ECW)
- ✤ The Men's Group (TMG)
- Vestry & Treasurer

Karen Facen Gail Carter JJ Boulin Steve Van Albert Steve Van Albert Elton King, Director of Music Kellie Renich, President Craig Carter, President Mary Ellen Flynn & Roger Petzold, *Wardens* Gail Carter, Cheryl Lee Church, Tony Kasule, Gordon Linton, Courtney Livingstone, Rik Renich, Moses Talyowe, Casey Tesfaye,

Martha Wolf; Kathy Berry, Treasurer



Thank you for joining us in worship today!

For more information, please see <u>www.transfig.org</u> or contact the Church Office at <u>church@transfig.org</u> or 301-384-6264

ANNOUNCEMENTS Sunday, December 4, 2022

TODAY at Transfiguration! – Thank you for joining us for worship today! Please join us downstairs for food and fellowship following the service.

Sunday School – Our Sunday School classes are meeting once again! See below for details.

Our Prayer List – At this time we are praying for: Gloria, Emy, Beverly, Ida, Curtis, Tina, Marilyn, Dave, Bankole, John, Kathe, Toni, Rose & Roscoe, Olga, Linnet, Arthur, Lloyd, Lucille, Joe & his family, Paulette, Karlyn, Ruth, Joe, Desmond, Joan, Noel, Joseph & Olivia

*Please submit prayer requests at <u>transfig.org/prayer-request</u> or call the office at 301-384-6264. Note: the prayer list will be updated every two weeks. If you wish to continue praying for someone, you may submit another request online or call the office for an extension.

at Transfiguration (new items highlighted)

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Dec 4 (Sun)	Second Sunday of Advent		
	9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist – online via Zoom	-
	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist – In person/livestream	
	Fellowship:	ECW Cookie Swap & Pizza Party	
Dec 7 (Wed)	10:00 AM	Morning Prayer - Library/Zoom	
Dec 7 (wed)	11:15 AM	Bible Study – Library/Zoom	
	6:30 PM	Advent Dinner with TOS – Parish Hall	
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Dec 11 (Sun)	Third Sunday of Advent		
	9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist – online via Zoom	
	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist – In person/livestream	-
	Fellowship:	Town Hall Parish Finances	
	12:15 PM	Meeting: ECW – Library	
Dec 14 (Wed)	10:00 AM	Morning Prayer – Library/Zoom	
,	11:15 AM	Bible Study – Library/Zoom	
	6:30 PM	Advent Dinner with TOS – Parish Hall	
Dec 18 (Sun)	Fourth Sunday of Advent		
	9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist – online via Zoom	
	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist – In person/livestream	
	Fellowship:	Greening of the Church	
	12:15 PM	Meeting: Vestry – Community Building	
	12:15 PM	Meeting: TMG – TBA	
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	6:30 PM	Advent Dinner with TOS – Parish Hall	
	7:00 PM	Taizé Service – Church	
Dec 24 (Sat)	7:30 PM	Christmas Eve: Festival Eucharist	
Dec 25 (Sun)	10:30 AM	Christmas Day: Festival Eucharist	
Jan 1 (Sun)		Festival Eucharist – Lessons & Carols	
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SUNDAY SCHOOL AT TRANSFIGURATION

Our Sunday School is a time of fun, friends, and learning about God's love.

SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADES 6-12 (10:30–11:15 AM)

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join Sunday School <u>during the 10:30 am</u> <u>service</u>. At 10:30 (before the service), go directly to your class, which gathers in the Community Building. You will join your family during the Announcements.

Teachers: Casey Tesfaye, David Boyd, Humphrey Magino

SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADES K-5 / AGES 3-5 (12:00–12:45 PM)

Youth in <u>grades K-5</u> and <u>ages 3-5</u> are invited to join Sunday School <u>after the</u> <u>10:30 am service</u>. Come down to the Parish Hall – then join your class in the Community Building.

Teacher: Martha Wolf

PARISH CALENDAR ONLINE transfig.org/calendar/

Stay up to date by visiting our parish calendar on our website. Contact the church office to submit events for the calendar or with any questions. Thank you for helping us to stay current!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2023 Stewardship Campaign

We take a moment to thank everyone who has pledged to our 2023 Stewardship Campaign.

- Constance Anammah
- Marvin & Sissy Arthur
- Kathy Berry
- Donna & Michael Betteridge
- Charlene Blaine
- ✤ Betty E. & Jean J. Boulin
- David & Michelyn Boyd
- Ruby Brackett
- Dr. Joan Wilson Brown
- Craig & Gail Carter
- Gladstone Christie
- Cheryl Lee Church
- Rosamond Daniels
- Bernadette Denis
- Eduardo Diaz-Campbell
 & Annika Campbell
- Karen Facen
- Mary Ellen Flynn & John Cardinale
- Hyacinth Fray
- Lesley Gordon
- Linnet Grant
- Ladi Grey-Coker

Campaign Goals

70 pledges \$237,000 total

- Valda Harvey
- Carol Hillmann
- Jordan & Jamie Hoekstra
- Pearl Jackson
- Bankole Jarett
- Ida Jenkins
- Gloria Johnson
- Carmen Kemp
- Elton King
- Pat Lester
- Patrick & Joan Levermore
- Gordon Linton & Gina McBean-Linton
- ✤ Glynette Livingstone
- Lois & Easton Manderson
- Rev. Kent Marcoux & Ellen Kennedy
- Ernest O. Mattison
- Robin McEntire
- Ruth Moore
- Louis & Betty Mutumba
- Charity Nakabuye
- Florence Palmer

As of December 4

61 pledges 87% of goal (#) \$181,554 total 77% of goal (\$)



- Mark Pankow & Patty Reese
- Rose & Roscoe Parker
- Roger & Anne Petzold
- Rik & Kellie Renich
- Lenn & Nellie Robinson
- Mervyn & Yolando St. George
- Virginia Smith

Sunday, December 4, 2022

- Marilyn Steele
- Tom & Pat Stevens
- Dave & Karen Stoddard
- Moses & Estella Talyowe
- Steve Van Albert
- Karlyn Walker
- Paula Walker
- Desmond & Vivienne Williams
- Burney & Victoria Williams
- Marcia Wilson
- ✤ Martha & Rev. David Wolf
- Roxane France & Leroy Woods

Join us as for Advent & Christmas at Transfiguration!



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TAIZÉ SERVICE

Wednesday, Dec 21 at 7:00 pm

JOIN US in-person or online ONLINE: transfig.org/livestream/

Join us for a special Taizé service bringing together candlelit intimacy, simple singing, scripture readings and silent reflection in a meditative common prayer.

CHRISTMAS EVE Festival Eucharist

CHRISTMAS DAY Festival Eucharist

Sunday, Dec 25 at 10:30 am

Saturday, Dec 24 at 7:30 pm

JOIN US in-person or online ONLINE: transfig.org/livestream/

Join us for Christmas at Transfiguration – where we celebrate Christ's birth with readings from Holy Scripture, seasonal hymns, and glorious choral & instrumental music – with tympani & brass. A joyful, Spirit-filled, family-friendly celebration for all – you are welcome here!

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