



February 11, 2024
Transfiguration of the LORD Sunday

PRELUDE *Fairest Lord Jesus* Arr. Forrest/Wagner

POURING OUT OF WATERS, PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST Pastor Craig

TRINITY RINGING, CHOIR PROCESSIONAL

INTROIT *Seek Ye First*

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
alleluia

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Ron Darrah

The Creator GOD who said, “Out of darkness and chaos shall light shine!” is the same GOD who made light shine in our hearts to bring us the knowledge of God’s glory shining in the face of Christ.

✠ **OPENING HYMN** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God, Almighty!* 1

CALL TO PRAYER

In Jesus Christ, GOD revealed the light of GOD’s glory, but we turn away distracted by our own plans. We speak when we should listen, we act when we should wait in prayer.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O GOD, in the transfiguration of your Son, you confirmed the mysteries of the faith, witnessed by Moses and Elijah, Peter, James and John; with a voice from the cloud, foreshadowing our adoption as children of God. Make us with Jesus, heirs of your glory. Strengthen us in faith to embrace the mystery of the cross, opening our hearts to its transfiguring power, that, clinging in love to your will for us, we may walk the path of discipleship as Christ’s followers. Grant us faith to perceive that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed from glory into glory through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Silent Prayer) Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Great is the mystery of faith: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. Brothers and sisters, believe the Good News of the Gospel, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

✠ **GLORIA PATRI**

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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.

ANTHEM

Amazing Grace
Peggi Briggs, Soloist

Arr. M. Hayes

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

“Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
‘Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise
Than when we’ve first begun.
God’s grace has set me free.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

CHORAL AMEN

CHILDREN TIME

SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 19:3-14

Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, LORD," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep. All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat." He looked around, and there by his head was some bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. There he went into a cave and spent the night.

And the word of GOD came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I, I alone, am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."

The LORD said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.”

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a still, small voice. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Then the voice said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

He replied, “I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.” The LORD said to him, “Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. Yet I reserve 7,000 in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose lips have not kissed him.”

Mark 9: 2-13

After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, 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 to say, they were so frightened.)

Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!”

Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They kept the matter to themselves, discussing what “rising from the dead” meant.

And they asked him, “Why do the teachers of the law say that Elijah must come first?”

Jesus replied, “To be sure, Elijah does come first, and restores all things. Why then is it written that the Son of Man must suffer much and be rejected? But I tell you, Elijah has come, and they have done to him everything they wished, just as it is written about him.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON: “WHAT ARE WE DOING HERE?”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH A Deacon’s Ordination Linda Piotrowski

✠ **HYMN** *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot* 825

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Majesty

J.W. Hayford/Arr. J.F. Wilson

****Please print your name in the fellowship register: Friendship Pads in the pews are a great way to meet your neighbor.***

***** If you have a special prayer request, please fill out the blue card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. There is also a box in the Narthex you may place it in as well. Our Pastors and Prayer Ministry Team will Pray for your request.***

✠ **DOXOLOGY**

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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.

✠ **HYMN**

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Let There Be Peace On Earth*

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other, in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

✦ **All those who are able, please stand**

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FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY PROVIDED BY: Joyce Lambert, in memory of Royce.

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE RECENTLY IN THE HOSPITAL OR IN REHAB:

Pat MacFarland, Carol Cikanek.

SHROVE TUESDAY, PANCAKE BREAKFAST—Tuesday, February 13th, at 5:00 p.m. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

ASH WEDNESDAY—Tuesday, February 14th, Drive-thru ashes by the fountain 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE—Tuesday, February 14th, at 4:30 p.m. with Communion and ashes.

TOUR YOUTH ON THEIR OWN AND BEN'S BELLS—Thursday, February 15th. Please sign up today.

EMPTY BOWLS—Saturday, February 17th, at 10:00 a.m. to benefit Valley Assistance Services. Tickets are \$25.00 and now available


at Green Valley-Sahuarita Chamber of Commerce, Nancy Pantz, Posada Java, Valley Presbyterian Church and Valley Assistance Services.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN’S LUNCHEON PATIO SALE FASHION SHOW –
Tuesday, February 20, at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are on sale Sundays, February 11 and 18 for \$15.00.

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
Dec. 2023		Through Week 4 (1/28/24)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 80,253	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	330
Monthly Giving Budget	64,319	YTD 2024 Attendance Sanctuary	1,309
YTD Giving Support	768,813	Weekly Viewing On-Line	130
YTD Giving Budget	778,338	YTD 2024 Viewing On-Line	515
S. Ginader - VPC treasurer - steveginader@gmail.com - 952-687-1879 2024 Per Capita is \$41.50 per member			

WELCOME to all who enter this place. Drink deeply of the living waters of God’s grace as we worship together in spirit.

VISITORS: Consider yourself at home while you are here! Please enjoy a cup of coffee, lemonade and a cookie while visiting the Visitor’s Table in Fellowship Hall after the church worship service. You can pick up a Visitor’s Information Packet at the Visitor's Table or the Welcome Centers. If you would like to receive more information about us, visit us at valleypres.net where you can sign up for our daily email blasts and monthly

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