WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Transfiguration of our Lord Sixth Sunday after Epiphany February 11, 2024

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME, WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ GATHERING +

*GATHERING HYMN

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ELW 631

(Please stand as you are able)

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



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Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

*CALL TO WORSHIP AND CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,

→ one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P: God, our rock and refuge,

C: we pour out our hearts before you.

We have known you but have not always loved you.

We have wounded one another

and sinned against you.

We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit

dwelling in each of us.

Remember your covenant.

Renew your creation.

Restore us,

that we might proclaim your good news to all.

Amen.

P: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved. **Amen.**

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE "Every Praise"

Every praise is to our God.

Every word of worship with one accord

Every praise every praise is to our God.

Sing hallelujah to our God

Glory hallelujah is due our God

Every praise every praise is to our God.

(repeat 3 times)

God my Savior God my Healer God my Deliverer Yes He is, yes He is

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

+ THE WORD +

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; be 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, until 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. Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 50:1-6

¹The mighty one, God the LORD, has spoken; calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

²Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,

God shines forth in glory.

³Our God will come and will not keep silence; with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm.

⁴God calls the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgment of the people.

⁵"Gather before me my loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."

⁶The heavens declare the rightness of God's cause, for it is God who is judge.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

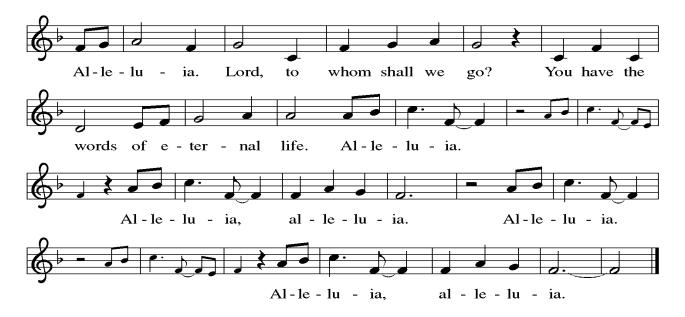
³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, as you are able)

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-9

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the ninth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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 white, such as no one on earth could bleach 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 make three dwellings, 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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

Pastor Rachel

*HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 815

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH -APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.*

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL

P: The people gathered here have agreed to serve our community thru positions of leadership. We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these sisters and brothers will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

A reading from First Corinthians: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

You have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation.

You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the whole church.

You are to seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in this congregation, in the wider church, in this community, and in the whole world.

You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving, that the Spirit who empowers you may be glorified.

You are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: People of God, I ask you: Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

Congregation: We will, and we ask God to help us.

P: I now declare you installed as officers / council members of this congregation.

Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be faithful servants of Christ.

+ RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD +

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(response after: God of grace.)
C: receive our prayer.

*PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Let us greet one another from our seats in the name of the Lord, saying, 'Peace be with you'.

Please be seated as we finish singing

"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 Father, siblings all are we

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now

With every 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.

OFFERING:

A: We worship through our tithes and offering. Now let us joyfully respond to God's goodness, through our personal giving.

It is only through your giving that the ministry and mission of Holy Spirit continues. Many people give electronically and we thank all growing disciples in advance for their generous giving. Offerings can also be dropped in the mailbox or mailed in.

*OFFERTORY

Come by Here



- 1 Come by here, Lord, come by here; come by here, Lord, come by here;
- 2 Some-one needs you, Lord, come by here; some-one needs you, Lord, come by here;
- Send a bless-ing, Lord, come by here; send a bless-ing, Lord, come by here;



come by here, Lord, come by here. some-one needs you, Lord, come by here. send a bless-ing, Lord, come by here.

O Lord, come by here.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray:

A: Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right......we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, in the highest.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: *Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.*

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass 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 and ever. Amen.

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

In Holy Communion, the church shares the forgiving and renewing presence of the Lord Jesus in bread and wine. We invite all to receive this sacrament. Communion will be offered either by intinction or the prepackaged communion cups. You can pick up your prepackaged communion cup before entering the church and receive that from your seat at the appropriate time or come forward to receive the elements from pastor at the rail. Please discard your cups on the way out. Thank you.

(Please be seated)

*P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. Amen.

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray:

A: Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

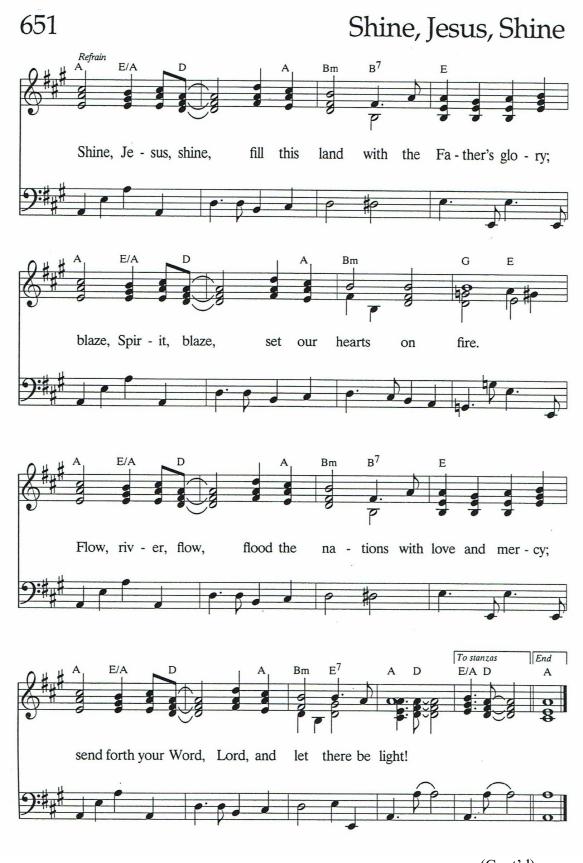
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BLESSING & BENEDICTION

C: Amen.

* SENDING HYMN

ELW 671



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Text: Graham Kendrick Music: Graham Kendrick SHINE, JESUS, SHINE 99101033 and refrain

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

C: Thanks be to God.

Jan's Income: \$14,261 Average Attendance: 27

Jan's Expense: \$17,333

Altar flowers are dedicated in loving memory of Lewis and Alice Binder by Lois Saunders and Joyce Shaw and in loving memory of Gail Briggs by Diana and Dolores Downey.

MINISTERS – ALL BAPTIZED PEOPLE OF GOD

Scheduled to serve this week 2/11 Scheduled to serve next week 2/18

Greg C. – Assisting Minister Alan S. – Assisting Minister

Lydia Yost-Psalm Reader

Alan S./Alan D. – Ushers Colahans - Ushers

Christensen/Joshi – Counters Christensen/Joshi - Counters

Barb – Altar Barb - Altar

Mon, Feb 12 2:00pm – Blood Drive (Hall)

6:30pm – Girl Scouts (Mtg Rm)

Tue, Feb 13 6:00pm – Nursery School Meeting (Mrg Rm)

7:00pm – Council Meeting (Mtg Rm)

Wed, Feb 14 6:30pm – Girl Scouts (Mtg Rm)

6:00pm - Soup & Service (Hall)

Thu, Feb 15 7:00pm – AA (Hall)

Sat, Feb 17 10:00am – AA (Hall)

11:00am – DA (Mtg Rm)

Sun, Feb 18 10:15am–Worship

Coffee Hour (Fellowship Committee)

11:30am – Lent Gathering (Hall)

12:30pm – Song of Praise (Sanctuary)

<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u> - Plan to stay after church on the **2nd and 4th Sunday of each month**, for a God's take moment. We will meet at **11:30** for Bible discovery, and singing. All ages are welcome.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u> <u>Teacher</u>

Feb 11 Debbie Gruhler

Feb 25 Gina Helt

*********PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS******

Healing:

Mike Longo Jackie Bernduer White

Rob Hahn Jackie Dewitt

Lisa McDonough Maureen Colahan

Hugh MullarkeyAnn FergusonJean BrownBill McVeanBetty LakeEd Shoup

Anne Rainsford Dennis Dobson
Judy McGrane Phyllis Horton
Christine Abate Lou Vallies

Scott Smith Geralyn Gerakaris

Bonnie Wood Kathy Shoup

Lois Saunders Jamal MacDonald

Cliff Kellett Harry Collins
Trudy McDougall Eileen Maloney

Sandy Heacock

(If you would like to add someone to the prayer list for Feb., please call the office).

Also please remember in your prayers homebound members: Betty Oddi, Ruth Dell'Orefice, Jane Croghan, Diane Kuhn, Ruth Dukes, Janet Kline and Debra Ulmer.

Men & women in our armed forces, firefighters, police officers and emergency services personnel.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

BLOOD DRIVE SET UP – A few people are needed after worship today to help set up for the Red Cross Drive in the social hall on Monday. Thank you!

NURSERY SCHOOL MEETING - Tuesday, Feb 13th at 6:00pm in the meeting room

<u>COUNCIL MEETING</u> – Tuesday, Feb 13th at 7:00pm in the meeting room.

<u>ASH WEDNESDAY</u> – February 14, 7:00 Service with soup at 6:00. Sign-up sheet will be available for soup, bread, and drinks.

WED. LENTEN SERVICE – 7:00pm at Holy Spirit in the hall.

<u>COFFEE HOUR</u> – Feb 18th after service sponsored by Fellowship Committee.

FIRST COMMUNION - First communion instruction is being planned for early March. Please speak with any family or friends that you think may be interested in receiving this instruction for their loved one. There is no particular age for first communion prescribed by the ELCA, as the admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord. "Baptized children begin to commune on a regular basis at a time determined through mutual conversation that includes the pastor, the child, and the parents or sponsors involved. *Use of the Means of Grace* ELCA(37 and 37).

SUNDAY LENTEN GATHERINGS- Join Pastor Rachel for discussion and study on *Living Faith in Daily Life*. For four weeks, following worship, we will gather for reflection, bible discovery and sharing as we discover ways to grow in our relationship with God. No Bible knowledge or individual reading is needed. Each gathering in the hall will be approximately 45 minutes. Meeting dates are **2/18**, **2/25**, **3/3** and **3/10**. Attend one or all!

<u>BLOOD DRIVE</u> - The next Blood Drive at Holy Spirit is **Monday**, **February 12th from 2:00 -7:00 PM.** Please consider donating blood on this date. It is easy to sign up online at REDCROSSBLOOD.org and enter Holy Spirit Secane or by phone 1-800-RedCross.

Also our new account manager, Lisa Cullison is looking for help in recruiting donors for our blood drives. If you are interested in volunteering for this please let Barb Saporetti know and she will put you in contact with Lisa.

<u>**DIRECTORY**</u> – 2024 Directories can be found on the table outside the office. If you would like a directory emailed to you, please let the office know.

<u>ALTAR FLOWERS</u> - THANK YOU everyone who signed up to sponsor altar flowers throughout the year. 2024 Flower Chart is now on the bulletin board. Please take a dedication form when you sign up and return to office.

<u>BULLETIN COVERS</u> —There will be a sponsor sign-up sheet to sponsor special bulletin covers for **special occasions**. The cost is \$15.00. Please see sign-up sheet outside the office.



Food Collection during Lent

This year during Lent we are going to collect food for a local food pantry. Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry is a community food bank located at the Prospect Hill Baptist Church in Prospect Park. It was started in 2001 and has grown during the past 20 years serving clients throughout Delaware County. The Pantry is a non-denominational, non-sectarian food pantry that supplies food to those in need throughout our local communities and is completely volunteer run. Families are provided with a variety of fresh produce, frozen meals, and shelf stable items to meet their nutritional needs.

Items that they are in urgent need of include:

Canned protein- chicken and salmon

Bagged Rice

Canned pineapple (in juice preferred)

Canned tomatoes (diced, crushed, tomato paste, pasta sauce)

Jelly (strawberry or grape)

Boxed side dishes

Dry/Canned beans

Crackers

Boxed cereal

Oatmeal

They also appreciate monetary donations. Checks can be made payable to Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry and hand delivered or mailed to 703 Lincoln Ave, Prospect Park, PA 19076

If you want to donate on-line, visit https://give butter.com/delcoloaves and fishes. The collection will be from Wednesday, February 14th through Wednesday, March 27th. Thank you in advance for your support with this outreach activity.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

God Heals Persons and Communities

When Jesus heals us, we are empowered to serve others. While at first glance it might seem that Jesus' healing of Peter's mother-in-law was self-serving, on further reflection we see the same result in nearly all of his signs and miracles. The object of Jesus' compassion now has new responsibilities. In the very next chapter a paralytic lowered through the ceiling is raised, only to become the center of a religious controversy (Mark 2:3-12), as was the man who lay by the pool of Beth-zatha for thirty-eight years (John 5:2-15). When Jesus calms the storm (Mark 4:35-41) the disciples have to row the rest of the way! Any meaningful encounter with Jesus will result in our being changed, which in turn alters the way we see our relationship to the needs of others and the world.

Hard economic times, natural disasters, and divisive, party strife can make us feel helpless and hopeless, as if we have been abandoned by God. Even the church—local congregations as well as denominations—may feel fear and panic in the face of declining numbers and revenues, loss of loyalty from members, indifference or hostility from the surrounding culture, and internal sniping among factions. The exiled people of Israel in Babylon experienced all of this and more, so our condition is neither unique nor beyond the reach of our God. Isaiah 40:21-31 in the NRSV begins "Have you not known? Have you not heard?" Eugene Peterson, in *The Message*, translates this idea as "Have you not been paying attention? Have you not been listening?" There is some irony indeed that God's church, entrusted with God's salvation history and the gospel, still panics, still doubts and worries, still feels like it is up to us to save the church. We indeed are "clay jars" (2 Cor. 4:7)—carrying the message but not understanding, preaching salvation but not believing that God cares or will act to save. We live Isaiah 40 every day.



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