

**Transfiguration Sunday
February 19, 2023**

PRELUDE/GATHERING *God Will Make a Way* Marti Lane
Don Moen

ANNOUNCEMENTS Buddy Butler

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES: THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN OUR MIDST
CALL TO WORSHIP Buddy Butler

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON, 892

Our heavenly Father, who by thy love hast made us, and through thy love hast kept us, and in thy love wouldst make us perfect: We humbly confess that we have not loved thee with all our heart and soul and mind and strength, and that we have not loved one another as Christ hath loved us. Thy life is within our souls, but our selfishness hath hindered thee. We have not lived by faith. We have resisted thy Spirit. We have neglected thine inspirations. Forgive what we have been; help us to amend what we are; and in thy Spirit direct what we shall be; that thou mayest come into the full glory of thy creation, in us and in all the people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. All pray in silence. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. If any one sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. **Thanks be to God.**

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE, 384 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, 882 The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical Version)
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
THE LORD'S PRAYER, 895

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, for ever. Amen

CHOIR ANTHEM *Celebrate the Life of Jesus* Lyrics by Nancy Price & Don Besig
Music by Don Besig

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES
OFFERTORY *Just When I Need Him Most* Marti Lane
Charles H. Gabriel, arranged by Jenifer Cook

*DOXOLOGY, 95 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.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Exodus 24:12-18 Evelyn Stemmann
PSALTER, 739 Psalm 2 April Butler
SECOND READING II Peter 1: 16-21 Joy Turner
*GOSPEL READING Matthew 17: 1-9

*GLORIA PATRI, 70 **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.**

SERMON "Listening" Buddy Butler

*HYMN OF INVITATION, 349 *Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus*

*SENDING FORTH

*FOLLOWING CHRIST INTO THE WORLD, TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO OUR COMMUNITY

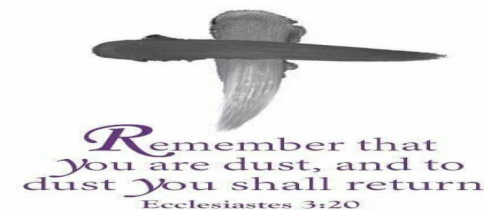
*POSTLUDE *Children of the Heavenly Father* Marti Lane

*Congregation standing, as able

Love and sympathy is expressed to the family of Tom Canady, who passed to the new life on February 11. Please keep Charles and the rest of Tom's family in your prayers.

Our Ash Wednesday Service
will be held on February 22 at 6 p.m.

Choir practice will not be held.



The **Missions Committee** will meet on Tuesday, February 21, at 6 p.m. Anyone interested in Missions is invited to attend.



A new 13-week session of GriefShare, a special weekly seminar/support group for people grieving the death of someone close, will begin on Monday, March 13, 6-8 p.m. Call Lonney McDonald at 706-455-8249 for more information.

Volunteers are needed to organize an Easter Egg Hunt after worship on April 9. Please sign up in the Narthex if you would like to help!



Church Leadership
Pastor Gilbert "Buddy" Butler
Secretary Heidi Rule
Custodian Christine Dowlin

Sunday Servants
Ushers Shirley Starling, Charlie Stemmann
 Joy Turner
Sound Techs Randy Loudermilk, Ann Rymer
Webmaster Marti Lane

Our Prayer Concerns

Our Congregation: *+Warrene Alexander, *the family of Tom Canady, Cathryn McCarter, Sheppie Dunn, Jeanne Kalchik, Hannah Geren, Bill Simonds, Glenda Simonds, Elaine Crowe, Louise Arp, Barb Bender

Homebound/Assisted Living: Emily Yaxley

Others in our prayers: *Kimberly Curcio- in ICU after fall (friend of Neila Pace), the family of Garry Collis (late brother of Larry Collis), Bee Hicks, Junior Gwynn (home from hospital after long stay—friend of the Massengales), ^Tom Reed, Kerry and Cindy Hicks, first responders, armed forces members, the people of Ukraine

*new to concerns +Hospital or Rehab ^Assisted Living/Nursing Home ~ Hospice

If you would like to add someone to the Prayer Concerns, please call the church office.

If your birthday or anniversary has not appeared in our listings please call the church office.

The Community Meal is held on Mondays, 4 to 6 p.m. 174 free "to go" meals were served last week. If you would like to help, contact Community meal volunteers at 423-241-2282.

Upper Rooms for March—April are available in the Narthex today.



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UMCOR responds to deadly earthquake in Turkey, Syria

As the death tolls passes 19,000 and hundreds of thousands are left homeless across Syria and neighboring Turkey, UMCOR is working with partners in the region to provide tents, heaters, blankets, warm clothes, ready-to-eat meals and basic first-aid kits. Advance #982450.

Calendar

Today
 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship
 6:00 pm Life Group Meeting

Monday
 4-6 pm Community Meal "To Go"
Wednesday
 6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service
 No Choir Practice

Thursday
 6:00 pm AA Meeting

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The Transfiguration of the Lord



Everyone Welcome!