

February 11, 2024

Transfiguration Sunday
Last Epiphany
Communion Service

The congregational responses are in ***bold italic*** print.

Please join us in saying the responses.

Vision Statement: “Our Culture”

As a church of Jesus Christ, Christ Church Westshore exists to help build a great community for all people through a movement of the gospel that brings personal conversion, discipleship in community, meeting needs in the neighborhood, and cultural renewal / revival to the Westshore and, through it, to the world.

“Know – Grow - Serve!”

Processional Hymn
Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Lutheran Hymnal #873



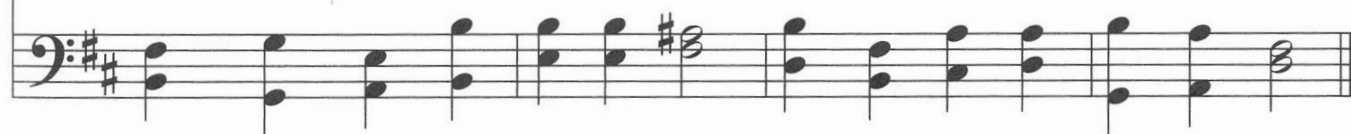
1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn Un - ac - com - pa - nied by Thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ-teous-ness, a-rise; Tri-umph o'er the shades of night.
Joy-less is the day's re-turn Till Thy mer-cy's beams I see,
Fill me, ra-dian-cy di-vine, Scat-ter all my un-be-lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap-pear.
Till they in-ward light im-part, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
More and more Thy-self dis-play, Shin-ing to the per-fect day.



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-88 | Tune: attr. Johann G. Werner, 1777-1822; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941
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Welcome

THE WORD OF GOD

I will make you, as a light for the nations.

That my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

Isaiah 49:6

Almighty God, *to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40 ESV

Song of Praise

Gloria

Elizabeth Simmons

Refrain

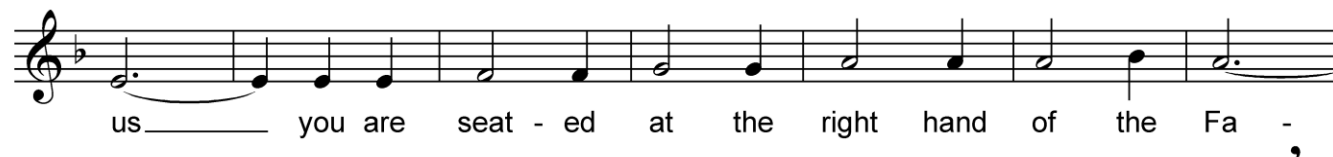


Verse 1



Refrain

Verse 2



Refrain

Verse 3

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One you a - lone are the Lord
you a - lone are the most high Lord Je - sus
Christ with the Ho - ly Spi - rit in the Glo -
ry of God the Fa - ther

Refrain

A - men. A - men.

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

O God, *who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

The Children's Blessing & Prayer

The people sit.

The First Lesson

1 Kings 19:9 – 18

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27 *(Please pray responsively by whole verse.)*

1. The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
2. ***When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.***

3. Though a host were encamped against me, yet my heart would not be afraid, and though war rose up against me, yet would I put my trust in him.
4. ***One thing have I desired of the Lord; one thing I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,***
5. To behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to seek him in his temple.
6. ***For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle; indeed, in the secret place of his dwelling he shall hide me and set me high upon a rock of stone.***
7. And now he shall lift up my head above my enemies round about me.
8. ***Therefore, I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness; I will sing and speak praises unto the Lord.***
9. Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto you; have mercy upon me and hear me.
10. ***You speak to my heart and say, "Seek my face. Your face, O Lord, will I seek.***
11. O hide not your face from me, nor cast your servant away in displeasure.
12. ***You have been my helper; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.***
13. When my father and my mother forsake me, the Lord takes me in.
14. ***Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me in the right way, because of my enemies.***
15. Deliver me not over to the will of my adversaries, for there are false witnesses who have risen up against me, and those who speak wrong.
16. ***I would utterly have fainted, had I not believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.***
17. O wait for the Lord; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart. O put your trust in the Lord.

The Epistle

2 Peter 1:13 – 21

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Thy Strong Word

Hymn 381, v 1

Verse 1

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness,
 At thy speaking it was done.
 For created light we thank thee,
 While thine ordered seasons run.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise to thee whose light doth send!
 Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia without end!

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The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel

Mark 9:2 – 9

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn

Thy Strong Word

Hymn 381, v 3

Verse 3

Thy strong word bespeaks us righteous,
Bright with thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory,
And our lives our hopes confess.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise to thee whose light doth send!
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia without end!

The Sermon

Rev. Gene Sherman

The Big Picture – "The Glory of the Messiah"

The people stand.

The Nicene Creed

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

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man. 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

The Prayers of the People

From the rising of the sun to its setting let us pray to the Lord:

That the people of God in all the world may worship in spirit and in truth:

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

That the church may discover again that unity which is the Father's will:

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

That the nations of the earth may seek after the ways that make for peace:

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

That the whole creation, groaning in travail, may be set free to enjoy the glorious liberty of the children of God:

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We thank you for all the blessings of this life.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

That all who with Christ have entered the shadow of death may rest in peace and rise in glory:

Let us commend the world, to which Christ showed the way, to the mercy and protection of God. ***Amen.***

Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 your Son 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.***

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

1 Timothy 1:15 ESV

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with your spirit.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements / Birthdays / Anniversaries

Birthdays:

Katie Middlemiss	2/11	John Mack	2/16
Cathie Vasko	2/11		

Question for Week 7

The New City Catechism

What does the law of God require?

Personal, perfect, and perpetual obedience; that we love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; and love our neighbor as ourselves. What God forbids should never be done and what God commands should always be done.

(Matthew 22:37-40)

And Jesus said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the prophets.”

Offertory

Please stand.

Doxology

Hymn 380, v. 3

***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.***

The people remain standing.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore, we praise you joining our voices with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, who forever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power 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.

The people sit or stand.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son into the world for our salvation.

By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore, let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the fullness of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. ***Amen.***

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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.

Alleluia, Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed once for all upon the cross.

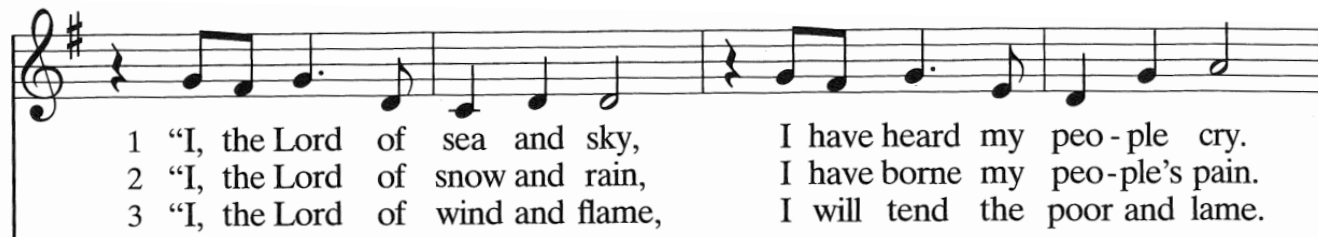
Therefore, let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

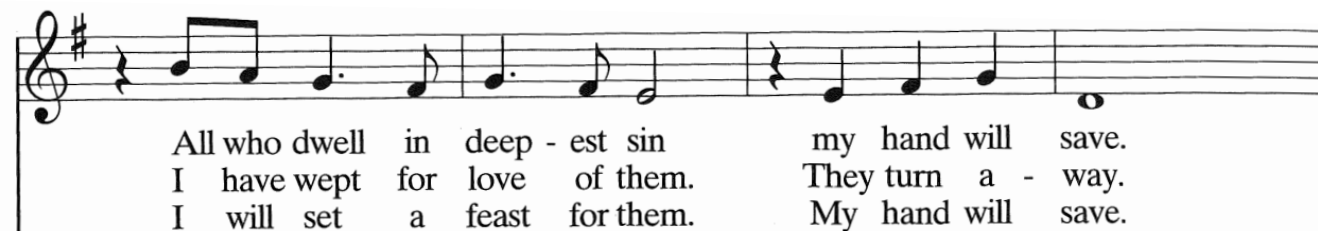
The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Music (*Please join in*)

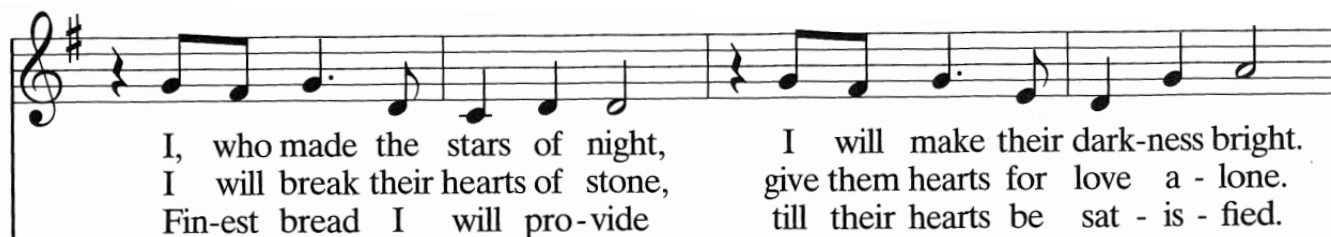
Here I am Lord



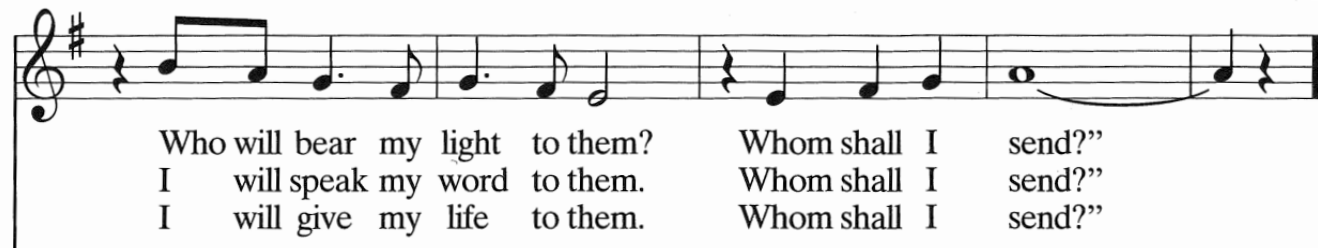
1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in deep - est sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain

D G Gsus4 G C G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

Am⁷ G C D G Gsus4 G

call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

C G Am⁷ D G Gsus4 G

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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Before the Throne of God Above

Bancroft & Cook



1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair, and tells me of the guilt with -
3. Be - hold Him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect spot - less right - eous -
4. I bow be - fore the cross of Christ, and mar - vel at this love di -



plea, a great High Priest whose name is love, who ev - er lives and pleads for
-in, up - ward I look and see Him there, who made an end to all my
-ness, the great un - change - a - ble "I Am", the King of glo - ry and of
-vine, God's per - fect Son was sac - ri - ficed to make me right - eous in God's



me. My name is grav - en on His hands, my name is writ - ten on His
sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - iour died my sin - ful soul is count - ed
grace. One with Him - self I can - not die, my soul is pur - chased with His
eyes. This riv - er's depths I can - not know, but I can glo - ry in its



heart; I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence de -
free, for God the Just is sat - is - fied to look on Him and par - don
blood; My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Sav - iour and my
flood; The Lord Most High has bowed down low, and poured on me His glo - rious



-part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
me, to look on Him and par - don me.
God, with Christ, my Sav - iour and my God.
love, and poured on me His glo - rious love.

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Song of Celebration

Christ is Mine Forever More

Robinson & Thompson



1. Mine are
2. Mine are
3. Mine are



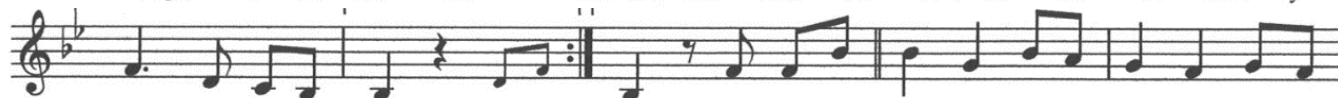
days that God has num-bered; I was made to walk with Him. Yet, I look for world-ly
tears in times of sor-row, dark-ness not yet un-der-stood. Through the val-ley I must
days here as a stran-ger, pil-grim on a nar-row way. One with Christ I will en-



treas-ure and for-sake the King of kings. But mine is hope in my Re-deem-er; though I
trav-el where I see no earth-ly good. But mine is peace that flows from heav-en, and the
-coun-ter harm and ha-tred for His name. But mine is ar-mour for this bat-tle, strong e-



fall, His love is sure. For Christ has paid for ev-'ry fail-ing; I am
strength in times of need. I know my pain will not be wast-ed; Christ com-
-nough to last the war. And He has said He will de-liv-er safe-ly



His for-ev-er more. shore. And mine are keys to Zi-on ci-ty where be-
-pletes His work in me.
to the gold-en



-side the King I walk. For there my heart has found its treas-ure; Christ is mine for-ev-er-

INSTRUMENTAL



-more.

BRIDGE



Come re-joice now, O my soul, for His love is my re-ward. Fear is

gone and hope is sure; Christ is mine for - ev - er -

43 1, 2. B \flat 2. B \flat D.S. al Coda
-more. Come re - - more. And mine are

46 Coda B \flat ENDING B \flat F 7 1. B \flat 2. B \flat
more. Christ is mine for - ev - er - more. Christ is more.

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Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, *we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.*

The Blessing

The people respond: Amen.

Recessional Hymn

O Worship the King

Hymn 388

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
2 O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!
3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,
4 Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,



1 O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love!
 2 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.
 3 Al - might - y, thy power hath found - ed of old,
 4 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
 5 in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;

1 Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 2 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
 3 hath stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 4 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
 5 thy mer - cies, how ten - der! how firm to the end!

1 pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
 2 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
 3 and round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 4 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 5 Our Ma - ker, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

Words: Robert Grant (1779-1838): Music: *Hanover*, att. William Croft (1678-1727)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our February Prayer Meeting Dates & Times:

Morning Prayer – Mondays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays at 10:00 AM

Mid-Day Prayer – 1st, 2nd, 4th & 5th Wednesday at 12:00 PM

Once a Month Evening Corporate Prayer Meeting – 2/26 at 7:30 PM

Study of King David – Want to know more about King David, a man after God's own heart? All women are invited to join in a 6-week study of 2 Samuel where we witness David's triumphs and failures as the King of Israel. We will meet on **Tuesday mornings, 9-10:30, began on February 6**, at the home of Sue Hill, 2261 Valley View Dr., Rocky River. There is still time to join the class. For more information call or text Sue at 440 665 4697 or email at smhill928@gmail.com.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER – Come enjoy pancakes & sausage with your CCW family **this coming Tuesday, February 13th, from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Join in the talent show and cheer the kids on as they race and flip pancakes to win the Golden Skillet. Please RSVP and include the number of people attending on the Realm post sent out last week. **If you haven't signed up online yet please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the board in the narthex and include the number attending.**

Ash Wednesday – Our Ash Wednesday Communion service times are on **Wednesday, February 14th at 7:30 am, 10:30 am, and 7:30 pm** in our sanctuary. There is also a service at Knickerbocker Apartments (27100 Knickerbocker Road, Bay Village, OH) at 1:00 pm.

Easter Egg Hunt – The kids will have an easter egg hunt on Easter morning while we're in the service. Kim Sherman is requesting donations for plastic eggs & easter candy for the Children's Easter Egg Hunt. There is a bin in the narthex to drop "goodies" off over the next number of weeks. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

SAVE THE DATE – Please join us for our annual CCW Women's Spring Luncheon on **Saturday, March 23rd from noon until 2:30 pm**. Carol Ball will be our speaker for the event. Details to be announced as soon as they have been finalized. Please call Kristin Hewko at 440-823-4403 with any questions or concerns.

Join us for Family Bowling – Calling all CCW & KidCat Families: please join us for a family day of bowling, pizza, soda, and lots of laughs! The details are as follows:

- **Date:** Saturday, March 2, 2024
 - Time: Beginning at 2:30 PM
- **Cost:** \$15 per person (scholarships available upon request
 - includes bowling, shoes, pizza, and soda.
- **Location:** Spevok's Nautical Lanes (184 Miller Road, Avon Lake)

Please note, the deadline to register is Saturday, February 24, 2024. The bowling alley can accommodate 40-50 people. If you would like to attend, register online from the Realm post sent out last week. Last year was a lot of fun! Let's make this year just as much or more FUN!!!! Looking forward to seeing many of you there! **If you haven't registered online yet, please add your name(s) to the sign-up sheet on the board in the narthex and make sure to include the number attending.** Please contact Kim Sherman at 440.242.7515 or the office with any questions or concerns.

Children's Minister Position – After 10 years, Kim Sherman will be stepping down as KidCat director on May 1st. If you are interested in this position, please reach out to our Gene Sherman via phone - 44402425536, or email at gsherman@christchurchwestshore.com. The job description has been updated and applications will be received until **Feb. 15th**.



Sermon Text: Mark 9:2 – 9

²And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵And Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” ⁶For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my beloved Son; listen to him.” ⁸And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.



Giving

**The flowers at the Altar are given to the glory of God
by Christ & Nancy Hund
in loving memory of Harry & Virginia Hund
and for all of God's blessings!**

2024 Financials

Through Sunday	2/04/2024
Current Month Total Expense Budget	\$46,034
Current Month Actual Revenues	\$14,400
YTD Total Expense Budget	\$90,105
YTD Actual Revenues	\$75,829
Annual 2024 Total Expense Budget	\$555,002

Attendance for 2/4/2024

9:00 a.m. — 13

10:30 a.m. — 115

Wednesday — 4

Online — 49