



February 19, 2023 | Transfiguration Sunday

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*(Stand as you are able.)

GATHERING MUSIC

Greeting

Announcements

Birthdays

Anniversaries

PRELUDE: "Jesus, Oh How Could It Be True", Gieseke

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The coming of a new day calls us to anticipate

God's dawn. The day of God's dawning is like a

morning star rising.

People: The light of God is like a devouring fire.

God's brightness is too intense for our gaze.

Leader: Come up to the mountain of God's presence.

Wait for God to reveal divine intentions for us.

People: We are eyewitnesses to God's majesty.

We have sensed God's presence in stories of Jesus.

Leader: Look up, and do not be afraid.

Jesus, whom you seek, is transfigured before you.

People: We will serve our God with fear and trembling.

Happy are those whose refuge is in God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE: #25 "Immortal. Invisible"

*THE MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION (Unison)

Amazing God, as leaders of old sought high places of encounter with you, lift us up above the fogs of our technology and theology that we might meet you in this hour. If you have instructions for us, we want to hear them. If our lives need a change of direction, turn us around. If there is a prophecy we have ignored, reveal to us its meaning for us. If the Scriptures hold truth we have overlooked, awaken our attention and grant us courage to respond in new and positive ways. Amen.

Caring for Us Caring for Others Praising God

RED BAG MOMENT

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #43 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD'S PRAYER

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: MATTHEW 17:1-9 #798

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "MOUNTAIN HIGH"

A TIME OF GIVING

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*Doxology #625 unison prayer of dedication praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above ye Heavenly host; ** praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

(**alternate: Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A TIME OF GOING OUT

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

(We offer one another the peace of Christ for the week ahead.)

*HYMN SENDING FORTH #64 "All Creatures of Our God and King"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Trumpet Voluntary", Jeremiah Clarke

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Everyone is Welcome! Feel at home, *for* Christ Jesus is our host. If you are visiting for the first time, we are delighted to have you here!

The Psalmist sings: "Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing... thanksgiving... and praise." We pray peace and joy to you, dear friend.

WORSHIP TEAM

Senior Pastor Pastor Chris Buckingham-Taylor

Organist Allen Cadwallader
Zoom Director Mary K. Kirsch
Worship Producer Brian Schieferstein
Handbell Choir Director Scripture Reader Mary-K Kirsch

Ushers Karen Geduldig, Tom Janas,

Geoff Gatz, Linda Gatz

Please <u>join us</u> for **coffee and snacks** immediately following the service downstairs in Fellowship Hall.



Circle Six - Mark Your Calendar!

Circle Six will hold its next meeting on **Tuesday, March 7** in Fellowship Hall. The program will be "Old Breweries of Cleveland", presented by Rebecca McFarland. Members may invite guests and the program is open to the congregation. Members will hold a brief meeting at 6:00 (do not bring your meal - each member is requested to bring at least 1 dozen cookies). At 6:30 we will set up for the speaker, cookies, coffee and fellowship. The program will begin at 7:00.

Circle Six is also hosting a program titled "The Mystery of the Shroud of Turin" presented by David M. Onyska on Wed., March 15 at 7:00 in the Sanctuary. A reception will be held afterwards in Fellowship Hall. Tickets are free and donations will be welcome. Tickets can be obtained from Sally Readinger and are also available in the office.



Join us for Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 7 PM

Lent's three pillars are prayer, fasting and almsgiving-meaning that we're called to do more than just abstain from a particular food or activity. It involves not only what we're willing to give up, but what we're willing to take on. Think about what sort of commitment to prayer and charitable organization that you can commit yourself to during our 40 days and 40 nights of Lent.

Recycling Plastic Bags Returns

The box is back in its original spot.

The Amherst Leo Club is sponsored by the Amherst Lions Club. It is comprised of approx.75 High School students. They are the youth part of Lions International. The Leos are recycling plastic bags through the TREX Recycling project, and it takes 500 pounds to achieve the goal to receive a recycled bench. So far, they have received 4 benches, which have been placed in various sites in Amherst. Lions International is one of the only service clubs that returns 100% of funds acquired from the community BACK to the community. They specialize in eye care, but provide hearing

care, and other health care projects. For more information and on how to join, there will be an article in the March Key. Thank you for participating in our recycling project. Christine Burman, Council President



Tuesday, February 28, 6:30-8:00 PM

Craft Club will start meeting on the last Tuesday of the month at the church starting on February 28 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. They will meet in the Fireside Room. All are welcome. Bring your current (or old) craft project to work on, and come have some fun fellowship with other crafters! *We can't wait to see you!*



Good Shepherd Baptist Food Pantry has started the <u>Weekend</u> <u>Children's Backpack Program</u> (with #s doubling last year). We cannot let any child go hungry if it is in our power. Following are some suggestions that would be very helpful with this great need:

Single Serving PB & Jelly *	Peanut Butter Crackers	Small Bag Chips
Canned Soup (Pop top lids)	Individual Cereals	Small Bag Pretzels
Spaghetti-Os (Pop top lids)	Granola Bars	Fruit Cups
Mac & Cheese (Microwavable)	Oatmeal Packages	Jello Cups

We will also still collect 'regular food items' for families in addition to the Backpack Program. Please leave your donations in the drop off boxes at the church. Al Murphy will ensure that all items are transported to Good Shepherd Baptist Food Bank.

Thank you to everyone who continually donates.

Please take a moment to fill out the yellow Participation cards and drop into the offering plate. *Participation cards should be filled out weekly.* Thank you!

YOGA with Mary-K

Wednesday Mornings | 8:30-9:45 AM Thursday Evenings | 6:00-7:15 PM

Our Wednesday morning, and Thursday evening class will meet in the lower level of St. Peter's Church. Please arrive by 8:25 a.m. for the morning class, and by 5:55 p.m. for the evening class. Enter through the door by the Chapel. Cost is \$10.



Meet the Pastor | Sandstone Coffee House, Amherst **Wednesday** *from* **9-11:00 a.m.**

"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God."

-Corrie Ten Boom

Join us LIVE on Facebook: St. Peter's UCC Amherst, OH

Zoom: Meeting ID: 524 411 3917 | Passcode: 379205

(or call in with phone: 1 929 205 6099)

The service will be posted at a later date to view on our

YouTube channel: St Peters UCC Amherst

NEW! Be sure to check out "<u>A minute with Pastor Chris</u>" on YouTube! Also, please Subscribe, Like and Share!



This Week's Events

Mon., Feb. 20 Council Meeting 7 PM Zoom

Tues., Feb. 21 Bible Study 7 PM Zoom

Wed., Feb. 22 YOGA with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM

Coffee Chats with Pastor Chris, Sandstone 9-11 AM

Ash Wednesday Service 7 PM

Thurs., Feb. 23 YOGA with Mary-K 6-7:15 PM

Handbell Choir Practice 7:15 PM

Sun., Feb. 26 Worship Service 10 AM

How To Reach Us

Office Hours: Mon.–Fri. 8:30-12:30 PM *and* 1-2:30 PM Afternoons available by appointment with Pastor Chris

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