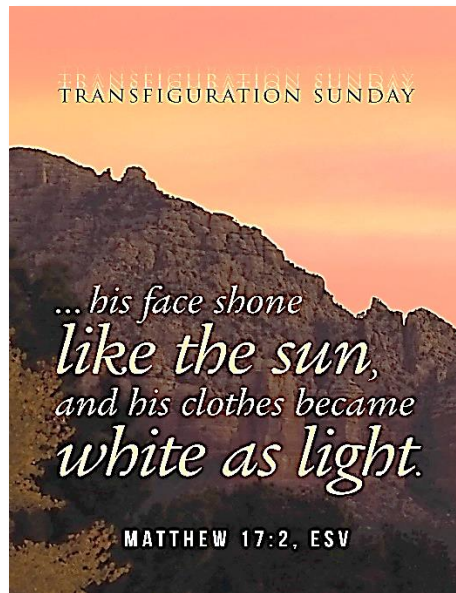


ELIZABETH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Helping people meet and walk with Jesus
February 15, 2026 – The Transfiguration of Jesus



*Please stand in body or in spirit

CELEBRATING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE *"God So Loved"*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

BIND US TOGETHER SONG

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

"Where the Spirit of the Lord Is"

PRAISE TEAM

PHIL WOOD

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CHOIR & CHRYSTAL COTTRELL, ACCOMPANIST

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* CALL TO WORSHIP

REV. KIM NOFEL

Leader: The God of glory rules over the earth in majesty and mystery.

People: We praise God's holy name!

Leader: The Spirit of God empowers us to do justice and calls us together in equity.

People: We come to honour God's purposes with love and loyalty.

Leader: The Christ of glory shines in this place.

People: We praise God's holy name!

OPENING PRAYER

All: God of grace and of wonder, you are the light of the minds that know you, the life of the souls that love you and the strength of those who serve you. In you we have our beginning and our end and in you we find our life's purpose. We come to worship, to marvel in your goodness and seek your truth, as we offer all praise and honor to you, with Christ and the Holy Spirit, One God, mighty and merciful, now and always.

HYMN #92

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”
CHOIR & CRYSTAL COTTRELL, ACCOMPANIST

*PRAISE SONGS

“Here Is Our King” and “Everlasting God”
CLARK HAGAN, MIKE & JULIE BAGGETT and BOBBIE MARCHESE

CELEBRATING GRACE AND FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PHIL WOOD

Leader: In recalling all that you do and all that you are, we realize that we often forget who we are and Whose we are; and so to begin again with you and each other, we confess our sins:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of mystery and mercy, we confess we sometimes mistake our own desires for your will. We are too often distracted by our own desires and disappointments, and we cling to fantasies and false promises. We fear for the future rather than seeking your signs of hope and we preserve what is, rather than work for what you desire the world to be. Forgive who we have been, amend who we are and direct who we shall be; in Jesus’ name we pray.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: While it is true that we have all sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God’s love in Jesus Christ. God offers us mercy and newness of life this day, so be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

CALL TO OFFERING

REV. KIM NOFEL

Leader: God reached out to the world in Christ Jesus, calling us to share God’s transforming love. We offer our gifts as a sign of our readiness to follow God, praying they will become tangible signs of that transforming love.

OFFERTORY: **“There Is Power in the Blood”**

CHOIR

DOXOLOGY

“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 DEDICATION

EVERYONE

All: God of love that transforms lives, we offer our gifts in gratitude for all we have received in Christ, your beloved Son. Take our gifts and transform them into acts of love that will bless the world in his name. Amen.

God of Word and Wisdom, your Spirit inspired the authors of scripture with faithfulness in their day. Send us your Holy Spirit as we listen to the scriptures in our time. Give us fresh understanding and a vision of how to live out your wisdom in the example of Christ, your living Word. Amen

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 24:12-18 (NIV)

¹² The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction."

¹³ Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. ¹⁴ He said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them."

¹⁵ When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, ¹⁶ and the glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from within the cloud. ¹⁷ To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. ¹⁸ Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

New Testament Reading:

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Matthew 16:13-28 (NIV)

¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

¹⁴ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

¹⁵ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

¹⁷ Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

²¹ From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

²² Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"

²³ Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶ What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.

²⁸ "Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Matthew 17:1-13 (NIV)

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ² There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. ³ Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

⁴ Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."

⁵ While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"

⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." ⁸ When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

¹⁰ The disciples asked him, "Why then do the teachers of the law say that Elijah must come first?"

¹¹ Jesus replied, "To be sure, Elijah comes and will restore all things. ¹² But I tell you, Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but have done to him everything they wished. In the same way the Son of Man is going to suffer at their hands." ¹³ Then the disciples understood that he was talking to them about John the Baptist.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Walking With Jesus: the Transfiguration"

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SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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Following each Joy we say, **"Thanks be to You, O God."**

Following each Concern we say, **"Hear our prayer, O Lord."**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***SUNG BENEDICTION**

EVERYONE

"Go Now in Peace"

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.

God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

***PASTORAL BENEDICTION**

REV. KIM NOFEL

POSTLUDE

CRYSTAL COTTRELL