

Love God, Love People, and Serve Together

Transfiguration Sunday

February 19, 2023

"After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them." Mark 9:2-3

This upcoming Sunday we are celebrating Transfiguration Sunday. During the original transfiguration, the clothes Jesus wore were transformed to dazzling white when Moses and Elijah, two of the elders of the Old Testament appeared with Jesus. They were pillars of Jewish history, people that were instrumental in the work of God. The disciples recognized them, but even still, they were reminded that these Old Testament figures were not to be compared with Jesus.

This was a moment of transformation for the disciples, when they finally started to realize who Jesus was. On Transfiguration Sunday, we reflect back on the transformation that occurs when we reach that mountaintop moment with Jesus, just as the disciples were transformed when they saw Jesus on that mountain.

The transformation that occurs in us is not a visible one like clothes changing to dazzling white, but an inward one. When we truly realize who Jesus is, and what God sent Him here to do, we open our hearts to the work of the Holy Spirit. When we allow ourselves to be transformed, God makes us into something new. We are not alone.

As you prepare for Transfiguration, be prepared to open up your heart to God. There is always more work God is going to be doing on us, but we have to be willing to open up to Him. Trust in the Lord your God and let Him guide us. It is only when a butterfly gains its wings that it can soar over the trees to see all that God has wrought.

By His Grace, Will

> ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE February 22, 2023 6:30 p.m. In Sanctuary

The Chancel Flowers are given in loving memory of Eyler Larson, Jr., Richard Staley & Herbert Boensel by Diana & Marc Boensel.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Denise Hill** by Jean Mullins

EASTER BASH

Our Easter Bash is set for March 18th, and we are requesting donations of individually wrapped candy and Easter eggs. Donations can be dropped off in the bin just outside the library. With any questions regarding the Easter Bash, email Meghan Gross at mgross@wynntonumc.org. Thank you for your generosity!"

Volunteers are needed for our Easter Bash on March 18th from 11 AM-2 PM. If you are interested in serving at that event, please email Meghan Gross at mgross@wynntonumc.org to be filled into a station or sign up on the sheet in your Sunday school envelope. Thank you so much!

UPCOMING ADULT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Join us for group fitness every Monday morning at 9:00 am in the Alpha Building. Please note that we will NOT be having group fitness on Feb. 20th due to the office being closed for President's Day.

Game Day will be on March 2nd starting at 10:30 a.m. Come join in on the fun!

If you are interested in going to the Biblical History Center in LaGrange in March, please sign up by Feb. 28th. To reserve your spot, you can call the office, email Michaela Walley at mwalley@wynntonumc.org or sign up on the form in your Sunday School classroom. For more information, please contact Michaela Walley.

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR!

The oxford dictionary defines vision as, "the state of being able to see, or the ability to think about or plan for the future with imagination and wisdom." Much like imagination, vision can guide and influence our thoughts and actions. Imagine the vision of Christ as experienced by Peter, James, and John when Jesus led them up a mountain and was transfigured before them. This Sunday we recognize Transfiguration Sunday. Pepper Choplin's This is My Beloved Son, is a masterfully crafted telling of the transfiguration of Christ. His dramatic choral writing leads us on a journey up the mountain with Peter, James, and John. This powerful story in song recounts God's boundless love. Sunday, the Chancel Choir will sing Choplin's impressive telling of Christ's transfiguration.

"This Is My Beloved Son" by Pepper Choplin Long, long ago, the prophets spoke to ancient generations. But in these days, God shows His ways and through the Son He's spoken. The Son is in God's likeness, in glory and in brightness, in high authority. You are my Son, beloved one, you are my first begotten. The heav'ns you made, your hand has laid the very earth's foundation. The Son is in God's likeness, in glory and in brightness, in high authority. The Son, your sins has lightened, He sits upon the right hand of pow'r and majesty. The first begotten One, this is my high and holy Son. On earth one day, John, Peter, James followed Him up a mountain. Before their eyes, His face would shine with light as bright as morning. His garment shone and brightened. The disciples were so frightened, their faces on the ground. A bright cloud overwhelmed them, a voice came forth to tell them, "Now listen to this one, for this is my beloved Son!" You are my Son, beloved one, you are my first begotten. The heav'ns you made, your hand has laid the very earth's foundation. The Son is in God's likeness, in glory and in brightness, in high authority. The Son, your sins has lightened, He sits upon the right hand of pow'r and majesty. For this is my beloved Son. This is my Son.

Matthew 17:1-2

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John, the brother of James, and led them up a mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light.

God's Great Peace to You! Diana B.

*No Prayer Breakfast or CORE Groups this Sunday because of Winter Retreat.

*CORE Groups will have an Organized Chaos on Feb. 26th from 5-7pm. More details next week! *Prayer Breakfast & Jesus will resume Fridays, Feb. 24th, 7:00 - 7:30am Chick-fil-A on Whittelsey *Youth Information: Text @basement22 to 81010 *Youth Parents Info: Text @wumcpa to 81010



*Please pray for our youth as we head to Lake Junaluska Feb. 17th-21st.

Children's Programs

The nursery is available from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. as well as Sunday School for grades K-12 from 9:45-10:50 a.m. The nursery for infants through age 3 is on the first floor of the Grimes building. Children's Sunday School for Pre-K-5th Grade is on the first floor of the Grimes building, and youth Sunday School is in the basement under the sanctuary. Children's Church will be offered for children through 5th Grade in the Children's Center in the Grimes building during the worship hour.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children in Pre-K through 4th grade are welcome to join us for Children's Sunday School from 9:45 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. in the Grimes Building on the first floor in the Children's Church room next to the nursery.

BE A WYNNTON WELCOMER

WE NEED YOU! to sign-up as a Sunday morning welcomer. We are looking for volunteers to fill open slots through the end of February. Check your calendars for a few Sundays you are available to help us greet our members and guests on Sunday morning. Sign-up sheets will be available in the main hallway this Sunday.

WYNNTON ARTS ACADEMY NEEDS

Our church was able to serve 23 students through the Adopt-A-Family project. Thank you all so much for your generosity. This year there were individuals who "adopted" students in addition to the Sunday School classes!

In January and February, WAA is asking for donations of **gloves and socks**. The cold weather is here and many students are in need of these items. Please drop your donations in the bin in the Fellowship Hall to be delivered.

Our Known Prayer Concerns:

Sue Rogers Lexy McRae Lynn Christenson Dorothy Robinson Aubrey Walker Jennefer Spell Daro Miller Jim Accordino David Woolbright Benjamin Feagle Pam Feagle Frank Feagle Julee Robinson McGehee Barbara McKenzie Betty Garrett Richard Holmes Doris Rowe Freddie Richardson Tom Stafford Shelley Montgomery Jeanine Cotton Tina Martinez Joe Batastini Lucy Hart Devon Garrison Sarah Jessie Avant David Pringle Robert Garrard Vicky Lamb Joan Colquitt

Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:

Family of Denise Hill Family of Tom Moore Family of Diane Ryals

FLOWER DELIVERY

Lynda Massey

WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD

<u>February 19</u>: Team 6 – Jeff Branham, Chuck McDaniel, Michael Brabner



We had a great packing party last October! Thanks to all who participated in collecting and/or packing.

NOW we are ready to try again to do more so children everywhere can learn about Jesus. We have information in each Sunday School class and at the Welcome Center. We will continue to highlight items to bring in each month, but if you find a deal on something, buy some and let us know.

<u>February items</u>: mittens, hats (ball caps and winter hats), children's socks Thanks, Michaela and Pam

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Reading Through Psalms Week 6

'If you say, "The Lord is my refuge," and you make the Most High your dwelling, no harm will overtake you no disaster will come near your tent.' One of our most human qualities is the desire for safety. We like to feel safe and secure, and we don't want to be in danger or distress. We like to feel safe. These verses from Psalms this week are all about the mighty protection of the Lord. Protection better than any trained army in the world is being offered to us, and we do not have to pay any price for it. We are given refuge because of the love God has for us. The only thing we need to do for it is to lean back into God. We need to love and believe in Him. He will be with us always, the rest of our days. God is always watching out for us. The Lord is our refuge. -Will

February 19: Psalm 90, 91, 92

February 20: Psalm 93, 94, 95

February 21: Psalm 96, 97

February 22: Psalm 98, 99, 100, 101

February 23: Psalm 102, 103

February 24: Psalm 104

February 25: Psalm 105

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

19 Pam Woodard

22 Donna Carrion, Debby Hubbard, Paul Therrien

Frances Hargrove

25 Charlotte Chism

OUR ATTENDANCE

2-12-23	
8:30 a.m	39
11:00 a.m. Service	127
Sunday School	95

OUR STEWARDSHIP

2-12-23	
General Fund	11,533.00
UMCOR	300.00
Endowment	20.00
Missions	50.00
Loose Offering	35.00
Sunday School	35.84
•	

SUNDAY'S SERMON

A Mountaintop Experience Mark 9:2-9

Rev. Will Walley

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, February 19

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for Adults & Children
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary

Streams Live on Facebook

Monday, February 20

5:30 p.m.

OFFICE CLOSED - PRESIDENTS' DAY Bible Study - Home of Beth Hendrickson

Tuesday, February 21

10:00 a.m. Quilting Group - Alpha Building

Wednesday, February 22

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Alpha Building 12-1 p.m. Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)

12-1:30 p.m. Question time for Jason about Remaining

UMC or Disaffiliation - Sanctuary

6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service - Sanctuary

Thursday, February 23

7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Alpha Building

9:45 a.m. Backpacks of Grace

Friday, February 24

7:00 -7:30 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast - Chick-fil-A -

Whittlesey Rd.

6:30 p.m. Emmaus Gathering - Fellowship Hall

PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies Feb. 17-19 Rev. Will Walley 601-337-9691

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Please help us update our information (or pick up a card in the church) by using this QR code. Contact Will Walley at the church for more information or questions.

