



Sunday, March 2 , 2025

**Transfiguration Sunday/Communion**

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
*of* **BELLA VISTA**

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# LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS

## MINISTER

Rev. Dr. Judi McMillan

## LITURGIST

Gail Cowdin

## MUSIC DIRECTOR

Bud Clark

## ORGANIST/PIANIST

Gail Knudsen

## Chancel Choir

Sandy Bachelder, Betty Bennett, Arlene Biebesheimer, Jerry Biebesheimer, Marcia Beard,  
Bud Clark, Christy Clark, Dick Francis, Gail Knudsen, Sharry McGuire,  
Peggy McMenus, Jean Nichols, Mary Nimis-Tysk, David Riter, Gary Harris,  
Eddie Harris, Martha Stout, Karen Watson

## Bell Choir

Arlene Beibesheimer, Gail Cowdin, Rosie Floyd, Gail Knudsen, Florence Riter,  
Michelle Schall, Cathie Whittenberger, Sharon Warner, Karen Watson, Fran Zimmerman

## COMMUNION SERVERS

Betty Bennett, Vicki Erickson, Nancy Ortman, Eddie Lou Taylor, Frank Taylor

## WELCOME DESK

Delores Jennings

## HEAD USHER

Buddy Needham

## USHERS/GREETERS

Dan Dovell, Dan Johnson, Buddy Needham, Nancy Ortman, Frank Taylor

## COFFEE HOSTS

Shepherd Group 1  
Ron & Kay Burroughs

## AUDIO/VISUAL

Tom Hackleman,  
Steve Little, Jim Watson

# A SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

*An asterisk (\*) indicates that those who are able may stand;  
Bold type — please respond in unison.*

## WE GATHER AND PREPARE OUR HEARTS

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

### WELCOME

### PRELUDE

*“Prelude on Converse”*

F. Ritter

### CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 99)

God reigns, let the people tremble! God reigns, let the earth shake!

**For the Lord our God is exalted over all people!**

God reigns, let the people tremble! God reigns, let the earth shake!

**For the Lord our God loves justice and works for righteousness!**

So come and proclaim at the holy mountain of the Lord:

**God reigns, let the people tremble! God reigns, let the earth shake!**

### \*HYMN #837

*“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

On Transfiguration, on the holy mountain of God, we see Jesus as he truly is. But in confession we let Jesus see us as we truly are. We name our sins, our faults, and the things we’ve gotten wrong, and we do so in faith that Jesus wants to see us as we are. So let’s tell the truth together.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you see us as we are and know our inmost thoughts. You know the ways we've fallen short. You know the work we've left undone, the mercy we've left ungiven, the love we've left unshared, the peace we've left unmade. You know the arrogance, pride and violence that we've chosen instead of your path of forgiveness and reconciliation. You know who we are. Help us to see who we might be. Forgive us, and transform us, that we might become who you imagine us to become, in your sight, and by your mercy. Amen.

*(Moment of silence for personal confession)*

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, the Lord sees you and knows you. The Lord sees you and loves you. The Lord sees you and calls you. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

## THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

*(Please take this opportunity to "pass the peace" to those around you.)*

## \*GLORIA PATRI #581

## WE ENCOUNTER THE WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, in your light may we see light, in your truth may we see truth and in your Holy Word may we be called into holy work.

## FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

*Exodus 34:29-35*

<sup>29</sup> Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup> When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup> But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. <sup>32</sup> Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai.

<sup>33</sup> When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; <sup>34</sup> but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup> the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

## RESPONSIVE READING

*Psalm 99*

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

<sup>2</sup> **The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.**

<sup>3</sup> Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

<sup>4</sup> **Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

<sup>5</sup> Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

<sup>6</sup> **Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who  
called on his name. They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.**

<sup>7</sup> He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;  
he kept his decrees and the statutes that he gave them.

<sup>8</sup> **O Lord our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them  
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.**

<sup>9</sup> Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain,  
for the LORD our God is holy.

**ANTHEM**

*“Abide With Me”*

Lloyd Larson

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

*Luke 9:28-36*

<sup>28</sup> Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. <sup>30</sup> Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup> They appeared in glory and were speaking about his exodus, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep, but as they awoke they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup> Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah,” not realizing what he was saying. <sup>34</sup> While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” <sup>36</sup> When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

**SERMON**

*“Transfigured with Jesus – to be elevated ”*

Rev. Dr. Judi McMillan

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD**

**\*HYMN #829**

*“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life,  
who inspired the prophets and apostles,  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls children of God everywhere to all ministries of the  
church.

In a broken and fearful world  
the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and  
joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Please fill out a prayer card or speak directly into the microphone*

## 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.

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

The Lord our God is exalted over all people. All that we have, and all that we are, belong to God. Let us therefore give back to God what God has given to us, using our gifts of tithes and offerings.

**OFFERTORY**                      *"Prayer on the Mountain"*                      Gerald Peterson

**\*DOXOLOGY #606**                      *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

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.

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Living Christ, we offer these humble gifts as tokens of our thanks, and as signs of our hope in the world you are creating. In your hands and with our hands may these gifts be transformed: into bread for the hungry, comfort for the weak, shelter for the lost and peace for the world. Amen.



# THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE AND PRAYER

BREAKING OF BREAD AND COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## WE GO FORTH TO MINISTER

INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*HYMN #39

*"Great is Thy Faithfulness"*

\*RESPONSIVE BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you;

May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

Turn toward your neighbors in peace;  
and offer thanksgiving and mercy.

Amen.

\*GOING FORTH

*"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 God will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love and show you believe.

Reach out to others So all the world can see.

God will be there, Watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

POSTLUDE

*"Behold the King Rides Forth"*

David Paxton



# Weekly Vista

## WELCOME!

*We hope you will find your time of worship with us to be very meaningful. We are an open faith community.*

Please visit [www.pcbv.org](http://www.pcbv.org), or call the Church Office at 855-2390 if you would like to learn more about us and inquire about membership.

## OFFICE HOURS

MON- THURS:  
9 am to 3 pm  
FRIDAY: CLOSED

For pastoral emergencies, please call or text Pastor Judi at 479-403-9082.

Pastor's day off is Friday, she will return calls later. To schedule an in-person appointment, please email her at [jmcmillan@pcbv.org](mailto:jmcmillan@pcbv.org) stating your need.

Deacons on Call  
for March:  
Mary Hackleman  
Susan Foster

02/23/2025 Attendance:  
Members/Friends: 98 Guests: 10  
Online: 13



**You are invited  
to refreshments  
and a time of**

Sugar-free cookies will no longer be supplied, unless the Shepherd group for that week chooses to do so.

**Reminder, there is a sign  
up sheet for the first soup  
Supper on March 11th, in  
Connector Hallway.  
Please sign up so we know  
how many to prepare for.  
Thank you.**

Please consider signing up to be an Usher or Greeter for a month this year. It's a great way to meet people and say "Hi" to those you don't always get to say "Hi" to. Sign up sheet is in Connector Hallway.

## BIRTHDAYS

**March 2 Barb Tropansky**

**March 7 Joe Tropansky**

**March 7 Kathleen Litton**

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, March 2

9am Christian Ed Class  
10am Worship (Communion)  
11am-12pm Fellowship Time (F/H)

### Monday, March 3

1-2pm—Operations (A)

### Tuesday, March 4

10:30am-1pm—Writing Group (A)  
5:30pm-6:30pm Men's AA (A)

### Wednesday, March 5

9:30am Deacons (A)  
12-1pm—Ash Wednesday Service  
3-4pm—Congregational Life (C)  
5:00pm Bell Choir  
6:00pm Chancel Choir

### Thursday, March 6

12-5:30pm Presbytery (Russellville)

### Friday, March 7

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  
1-3pm—Knitting for Peace

### Saturday, March 8

8am-12pm—Art Club (F/H)  
9am—Stated Session (A)

### Sunday, March 9

9am Christian Ed Class  
10am Worship

March 15th is Roadside Clean-up, please sign up in Connector Hallway if you would like to participate.

Ash Wednesday is March 5th and marks the beginning of Lent.  
There will be service at Noon on Wednesday

Lenten Souper Suppers will start on  
Tuesday, March 11th.



CULTIVATING  
& LETTING GO

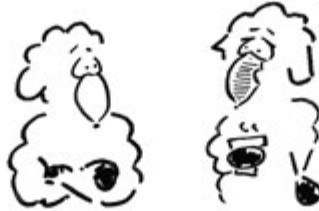
Please sign up for a Lent Devotional  
Guide in Connector Hallway and we will  
have them available on Ash Wednesday to  
pick up.

WHY ARE THEY AFRAID  
OF A LITTLE FOG?



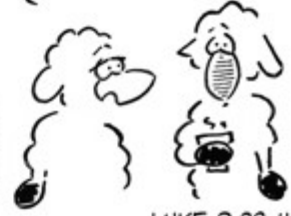
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IN EXODUS, THE CLOUD  
ON THE MOUNTAIN SIGNALS AN  
ENCOUNTER WITH GOD.\*  
THAT'S ALWAYS FRIGHTENING.



\*EXODUS 19

JESUS IS TALKING WITH TWO  
DEAD GUYS AND HIS HEAD  
HAS BECOME A LIGHT SOURCE.  
HOW MUCH WEIRDER  
CAN IT GET?



LUKE 9:28-43

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## Andante Music Club of Bella Vista PRESENTS

### Focusing on God's Love with **HYMNS**

Directed by Martha Sheets

#### Vocal Trio

Joretta Evans  
Hillary Sperry  
Teldt Boyd



#### ECHO

Ecumenical  
Church  
Orchestra  
Directed by  
Lots Carlson

#### Featuring

Garth Smith on piano  
Arlene Biebeshter, voice  
Joretta Evans, mezzo soprano

**Public is invited to Free Music Program**  
**Tuesday, March 4, 2:00 p.m.**  
**Highland Christian Church**  
**1500 Forest Hills Blvd. Bella Vista, AR**

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