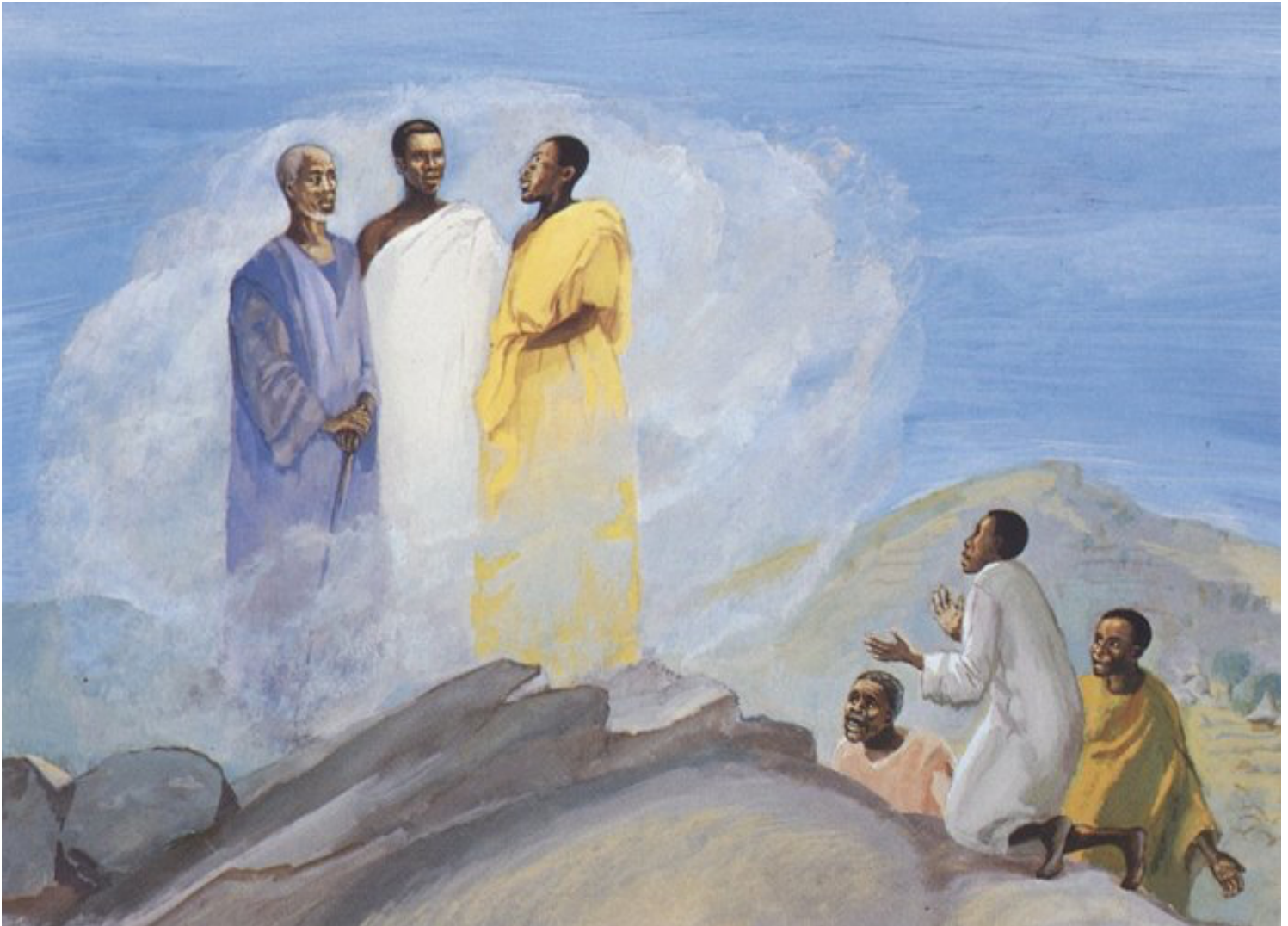


Saint Mark Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 2, 2025
Transfiguration of the Lord
11:00 AM



Gathering in the Presence

PRELUDE

GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our LORD Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Let the people tremble, let the powers shake

People: God is revealed from below in the depths

Pastor: Let the people tremble, let the powers shake

People: Christ strengthens the weak; Christ is revealed in distress

Pastor: God loves justice and works for its accomplishment

All: Let the world tremble, the long arc of truth and justice is God's obsession and Christ's abode. Take hope.

***HYMN #12**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

INVITATION TO CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Asylum, of Good Witness, you see us as we are and not as we portray. 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 unformed. You know who we are, rather than what we portray to others. Help us to see who we might become for others. Forgive us and transform us, that we might become who you imagine and dream us to become, in your sight, and by your mercy. Amen.

Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Hearing the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Reader: Listen for what the Spirit is saying to the church.

People: Our hearts are open.

FIRST READING

Psalm 99

- ¹ The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
- ² The Lord is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.
- ³ Let them praise your great and awesome name.
Holy is he!
- ⁴ Mighty King,^[a] lover of justice,
you have established equity;
you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob.
- ⁵ Extol the Lord our God;
worship at his footstool.
Holy is he!
- ⁶ 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.
- ⁷ He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;
they kept his decrees
and the statutes that he gave them.
- ⁸ O Lord our God, you answered them;
you were a forgiving God to them
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.
- ⁹ Extol the Lord our God,
and worship at his holy mountain,
for the Lord our God is holy.

Reader: The word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God.

***HYMN #501**

Feed Us, Lord

FEED US

SECOND READING

Luke 9:28-36

SERMON

"Strength"
Rev. Dr. Jay Moses

Responding to the Word

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing
to witness among all peoples
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.**

***HYMN # 735**

I Need Thee Every Hour

NEED

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Here, O Our Lord, We See You
Chancel Choir; see hymn 517 to follow along

Bonar/Atkinson

***DOXOLOGY**

HYMN 609 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise
God, all creatures high and low. Alle-lu-ia, alle-
lu-ia! Praise God, in Je-sus fully known: Cre-
a-tor, Word, and Spir-it one. Alle-lu-ia, alle-
lu-ia! Alle-lu-ia, alle-lu-ia, alle-lu-ia!

Invited to the Table of Remembrance

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The LORD be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the LORD.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: And so we gladly thank you, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise.

HYMN #593

Holy, Holy

SANCTUS (POOLE)

f Ho - ly, ho - ly, Ho - ly,
 ho - ly, God of pow - er, God of might, Hea - ven and
 earth are full of your glo - ry Ho - san - na in the
 high - est! Blessed is the one, blessed is the one, blessed is the
 one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na! Ho -
 san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Pastor: Great is the mystery of faith.

f Christ has died, Christ is
 ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Switch your window to "gallery view" to see everyone)

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE SHARING OF HOLY COMMUNION

***HYMN #765**

May the God of Hope Go with Us

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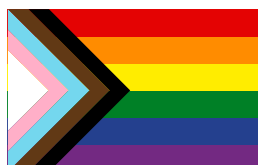
CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE

***Please stand if you are able.**

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Welcome to Saint Mark Presbyterian Church. We are grateful that you are joining us today. We welcome everyone to our community regardless of race, class, marital status, sexual orientation, ability or disability. Saint Mark welcomes children and adults with disabilities and their families. We strive to ensure our programs and facilities are accessible to all and to accommodate any special needs. For those of you attending Saint Mark for the first time, we ask that you introduce yourself to an usher, so that we can greet you and answer any questions you may have.



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Announcements

Upcoming Christian Education Dates -- Mark your calendar!

GET FROM BRIANA

Questions? Contact Briana.

Sunday School Classes

Paul, as has the Bible, has been used to support and oppose many social movements and issues. One that has significantly been raised is his lack of protest against Greco Roman slavery. Using the book of Philemon, we will look through whether Paul was a "Crypto-Abolitionist" of his day or basically a "Slavery Sympathizer", even if accidentally. Class meets in rooms 105/106 at 9:30 AM.

The Children's Sunday School classes will meet at their usual time - 9:30 AM.

Adult Sunday School During Lent

The Bible is many things, a Source of Life, Letter of Love, Frame of Existence, but it is also a tool to accompany us walking through the shadows of the darkness. Join us for a discussion of "Through a Glass Dimly: The Monstrous Stories of God."

Whether it is what lies below, what walks at night or follows silently behind, we will seek to find strength and meaning in our perception of our fear and its realization in our lives. We will meet Sundays at 9:30 AM from March 9th through April 6th in room 105/106.

The Seven Signs of Epiphany: Discerning Scripture with Pastor Jay

Epiphany is a time where we remember the "revealing" of Jesus' unique status within Scripture and tradition. It is similar to the "Ah ha" moment that we feel when we see

a deeper meaning to the most mundane events; an in-breaking of insight into the world. The Gospel of John has been called "the Signs Gospel" by scholars, as the earliest version of its collection seems to be constructed around seven specific "signs"/miracles of Jesus. During the weeks leading up to Lent, join Pastor Jay and others as we seek to find within these signs, insight into our own lives and future.

Join in person and Zoom.

- Special "Fat Tuesday" Meeting March 4th// Raising of Lazarus (John 11:1-44)

Use the link below to access Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84919365321?pwd=FB9VOa3wkGGrU7yxiq3XW1oU2bdxkl.1>

Ash Wednesday Service - March 5th at 7:30 PM and Lent Study

We will begin our time of mindfulness and journeying through the time of Lent with a simple Ash Wednesday service March 5th at 7:30 PM both in person and on Zoom. On the following Wednesdays of Lent, we will have an opportunity for the Lenten discipline of community via Zoom at 7:30 PM entitled, "**Resilience and Renewal: Stories and Practices for Lent.**" Come and join Pastor Jay, Pastor Sam, Briana and others as we seek to deepen our appreciation and deepening of what God calls us to, and Christ beckons us to be in our day.

Coffee Hour Hosts Wanted!

Please sign up to help host Coffee Hour at 10:30 on Sunday mornings. Walla Dempsey has been doing extraordinary service for weeks and months, setting up and cleaning up from Coffee Hour every Sunday (except when traveling) so that we can have our caffeine and sugar fix! Not only does Walla need a well-deserved rest, but she will also be travelling quite a bit these coming months. Someone from the Connections Team will make sure you know the ropes and will help when needed. Sign up for both Set Up and Clean Up or share the fun with a friend.

Regular Fellowship time is important for the congregation - please help with this important task by using this link: **Coffee Hour**

Book Lovers! Updates to upcoming schedule!

The book discussions for March and April have been switched. Here is the revised schedule for the next two months:

- March 19th will now be *James: A Novel*, by Percival Everett. A brilliant, action-packed reimagining of *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, both harrowing and ferociously funny, told from the enslaved Jim's point of view, where we see Jim's agency, intelligence and compassion shown in a radically new light.
- April 16th will now be *When Women Were Dragons: A Novel*, by Kelly Barnhill. A fiery feminist fantasy tale set in 1950s America where thousands of women have spontaneously transformed into dragons, exploding notions of a woman's place in the world and expanding minds about accepting others for who they really are.

New Online Payment System

If you prefer to give online and haven't yet made the switch to Nucleus, please do so today! Nucleus is now accessible directly from the new Saint Mark website, or use the link or QR code below.

Transitioning to the new system is relatively straightforward. It involves setting up a Nucleus login; saving bank account or credit card information; and specifying the donation amount, destination fund, payment method and optionally setting up recurring giving, e.g., weekly or monthly. For those who have set up recurring giving in the current Presbyterian Foundation system, it will be important to terminate the recurring gift. If you have questions or need technical assistance with the transition, please contact John Johnson, [**jcj5712@gmail.com**](mailto:jcj5712@gmail.com).

[Nucleus Launcher](#)
[launcher.nucleus.church](#)



Upcoming IMT Concerts at Saint Mark

Monday, March 3rd at 7:30 PM. Lundi Gras Celebration with Little Red & the Renegades. Their genre-blending approach with distinctive accordion, piano, and steel pan work, a dynamic rhythm section and engaging live performances makes "Little Red and the Renegades" unique in the DC music scene and beyond. Identify as a Saint Mark member to get a special ticket price.

Please include the following persons in your prayers this week:

- ~ Mary Casper and her family on the death of Mary's mother, June Bechthold
- ~ John Hagner
- ~ Les Henig
- ~ Betty and Jerry Lowrie
- ~ Mary Jo and Ray Mountain
- ~ Ingrid Persaud

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