

# Amity Presbyterian Church



*“The Transfiguration”* by Kelly Latimore, for St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Salisbury, NC

## **Transfiguration Sunday** **February 11, 2024**

*Glorifying Christ - Always Loving, Serving, & Growing*

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Welcome to worship! We’re glad you’re here. At Amity, we truly believe that each person is a loved child of God, so we seek to welcome everyone as fully as God does. We celebrate the presence of children of all ages in worship, along with their noise and wiggles. Please make yourself at home.

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Pastor: Rev. Megan Argabrite  
Worship Leader: Jill Efirid

Director of Music: Isaiah Cornelius  
Accompanist: Nia Williams

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# We Gather Around the Word

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*The congregation speaks the words in **bold***)

God touches the world, and the world changes.

**God touches us, and we are transformed.**

In the brightest of day, in the deepest of night;

**On the mountain, in the valley, everywhere;**

We invite God to open our eyes to the transformation of our lives.

**And through the change, we worship God. Alleluia!**

\*SONG OF PRAISE                      *O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair*                      Hymn #189

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Singing together:*

*Music: #695*

**Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.**

**Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.**

**You are the Potter; I am the clay.**

**Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.**

*Together we make our confession:*

**Loving God,**

**we confess that we often wish to spend all our time**

**with you on the mountain top,**

**where we are sure of your presence,**

**where we feel connected to you.**

**We confess that when we come down from the mountain,**

**we often fail to go back into the world to be your hands and feet.**

**We struggle to see you in the faces of our neighbor**

**and we are overwhelmed by the brokenness we see in the world.**

**Forgive us, God, when our vision is limited**

**and our actions do not live out our discipleship.**

**As we offer you the truth of our lives,**

**we trust that you are willing and able to change our hearts.**

*Silent prayer*

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: ...Hear and believe the good news of the gospel!

**Many: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia, amen!**

## We Proclaim the Word

### THE GOSPEL IN OTHER WORDS

*Children of all ages are invited to come to the front.*

EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Page 674 in Pew Bible

GOSPEL READING

Mark 9:2-9

Page 1571 in Pew Bible

MESSAGE

Pastor Megan

SUNG RESPONSE

*Glory to God*

Hymn #583



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!  
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## We Respond to the Word

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 GIVE

# We Follow the Word Into the World

\*SONG OF PRAISE

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Hymn #366

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Amen*

Hymn #561

A musical score for the benediction response. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 6/8. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics 'A - men, a - men, a - men.' are written below the treble staff, with hyphens under the words to indicate the syllable placement. The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some rests and a final cadence.

\*POSTLUDE

\*You're invited to stand, if able

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**The Session** meets this afternoon at 4:30 in the Watson Room.

**PW Morning Circle** will meet Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. in the Library.

**Ash Wednesday Prayer and Ashes, Feb. 14** Begin the season of Lent with holy intention. On Ash Wednesday, the sanctuary will be open to you and the community from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. There will be meaningful prayer stations throughout the room and Pastor Megan will be there to impose ashes and pray with you. Stop by whenever you can during those hours and allow some time to meet God in this sacred space.

**What is Lent & Ash Wednesday?** For centuries, Christians have been setting aside forty days before the celebration of Easter as a sacred time of preparation and reflection. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of that season and is an invitation to name our mortality and notice our deep need for God.