

Celebration of Worship

Transfiguration of the Lord

February 19, 2023

9:30 A.M.

*We are followers of Jesus Christ, living and sharing
the love of God through faith and action, welcoming all.*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Reflection *Be still and know that I am God."* *Psalm 46:10*

Ringling of the Bell

Song *Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place*

Call to Worship

All: God, we come to the mountain top to be covered in Your presence. We are comforted by Your holiness and Your glow; we are comforted by the hope of the mountain top where You are so close, so accessible, where there is no doubt of Your glory. The mountain top reminds us why we worship You. We witness Your bright power and Your plan for the nations of the earth. As we prepare for worship, God, bring us to the mountain top; bring us to the mountain top so that we may be inspired to do Your work in the valley below.

Invocation

All: God of Justice, we gather together in Your name. Our hearts yearn to be touched and moved. Our spirits rise in anticipation of Your convicting word. Open our mouths to declare Your praise. Open our minds to consider Your ways. Open our community to participate in Your kin-dom. Amen.

Hymn *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

Call to Confession

Leader: In the transfiguration story, Jesus' clothes became dazzling white, a sign of resurrection out of the violence the world inflicted upon him. Resurrection reminds us that the sins of the world and of our lives will not have the last word. God's love, compassion and justice will be established on the earth. So let us confess before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

People: Merciful God, even when we see Your justice transfigured before us, we cower in fear of following Your way in our world. We wonder what it might cost us to walk in the way of Jesus. Help us to listen. Empower us to be formed by the life of Jesus Christ. Restore in us the confidence to be disciples of Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Just as a cloud overshadowed the disciples in the transfiguration story and they heard a voice say that Jesus is the beloved of God, so too we are God's beloved people. Be forgiven and restored to our right standing as God's beloved.

Gloria Patri

Installation of a Trustee

A Litany for Blanket Sunday

Leader: A mother covered her children with a blanket to shield them from the cold.

People: **May my gift of a blanket shelter families from the cold and help to keep them warm here in the United States.**

Leader: A volunteer distributed blankets to the homeless living on the streets.

People: **May my gift of a blanket provide shelter to people without homes around the world.**

Leader: After the flood, God sent a rainbow of hope and promises.

People: **May my gift of a blanket give hope and promise to victims of floods, hurricanes and earthquakes.**

Leader: The Good Samaritan took the beaten man to a safe place so he could receive care.

People: **May my gift of a blanket provide warmth to our brothers and sisters who are seeking a safe place to stay.**

Leader: Ruth arrived in Bethlehem, a refugee with nothing.

People: **May my gift of a blanket provide shelter for displaced people around the world.**

Leader: After Jesus had risen, he returned to his followers, instructing them to care for his sheep.

People: **May my gift of a blanket give warmth and shelter, comfort and privacy and healing and hope wherever God's people may need care.**

Leader: In Jesus' name we offer these gifts. Amen.

Children's Time

Passing of the Peace

Hymn *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd*

Scripture Readings

Exodus 24:12-18 Psalm 99 II Peter 1:16-21

Anthem *The Lord Is My Light* Mark Patterson
Chancel Choir

The Lord is my light and the Lord is my salvation: whom shall I fear?
The Lord is my light, yes, the Lord is my light, of whom shall I be afraid?
The Lord is the strength of my life, the one in whom I trust.
In times of fear God shelters me and keeps me safe in his care.
To the Lord I'll sing and praise his name with shouts of great joy!
And I will seek to dwell in the house of the Lord my God all the days of my life.

Scripture Reading *Matthew 17:1-9*

Sermon "A Second Chance" Rev. Phil Davis, Sr.

Affirmation of Faith (in unison) from the Belhar Confession

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain; that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted; that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways; in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind. Amen.

Prayers of the People and Lighting of Prayer Candles

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (Debts/debtors)

Offering Please place your offering in the plates at the exit doors,
mail your gifts to the church, or click the WPC website 'Give' button

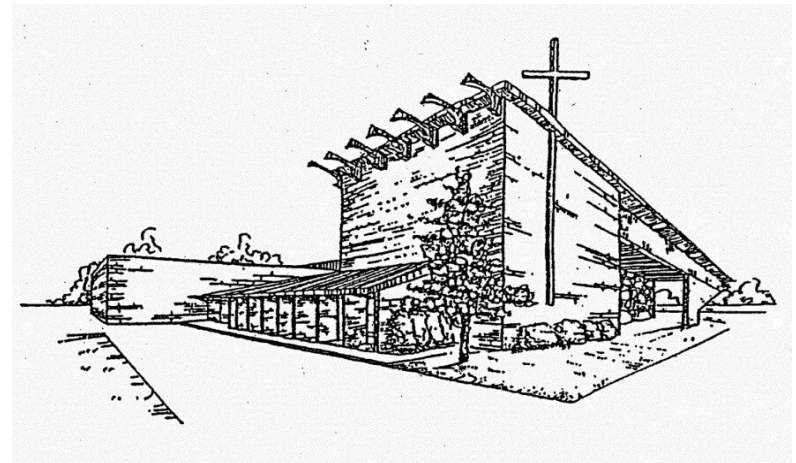
Doxology and Blessing of the Offering

Hymn *Jesus, Light of Joy*

Benediction

Postlude

WEBSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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living and sharing the love of God
through faith and action,
welcoming all.*

Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings; I see glory on each face.
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the Word, shine upon us;
Set us free by the truth You now bring us.
Shine on me; shine on me.

Refrain:

Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness.
Search me; try me; consume all my darkness.
Shine on me; shine on me.

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,
So our faces display Your likeness;
Ever-changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.
Shine on me; shine on me.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd. You, Lord, are both prince and slave;
You, peacemaker and sword-bringer of the way You took and gave;
You, the everlasting instant; You, whom we both scorn and crave.

Clothed in light upon the mountain, stripped of might upon the cross,
Shining in eternal glory, beggared by a soldier's toss,
You, the everlasting instant; You, who are both gift and cost.

You, who walk each day beside us, sit in power at God's side.
You, who preach a way that's narrow, have a love that reaches wide.
You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our pilgrim guide.

Worthy is our earthly Jesus! Worthy is our cosmic Christ!
Worthy Your defeat and victory; worthy still Your peace and strife.
You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our death and life.

Jesus, Light of Joy

Jesus, light of joy, surround us; let Your splendid glory shine:
Source of every earthly blessing, heaven's everlasting sign.
Alleluia, alleluia, we adore You, light divine.

Now the shadows fall around us; now the evening has begun:
Still Your gracious light is with us, brighter than the morning sun.
Alleluia, alleluia, God of glory, Three in One.

With the saints we lift our voices, God of power, God of might.
All creation shines with glory, singing praises day and night:
Alleluia, alleluia, holy, holy, holy light.

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LECTIONARY PASSAGES

| | <u>Today, February 19th</u> | <u>Next Sunday, February 26th</u> |
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| Old Testament | <i>Exodus 24:12-18</i> | <i>Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7</i> |
| Psalm | <i>Psalm 2</i> | <i>Psalm 32</i> |
| New Testament | <i>II Peter 1:16-21</i> | <i>Romans 5:12-19</i> |
| Gospel | <i>Matthew 17:1-9</i> | <i>Matthew 4:1-11</i> |

MEMORY VERSE

We love because He first loved us.
I John 4:19

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, February 19

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. Shine Program for Children in PreK through 5th Grade
- 10:30 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. Poetry and Prayer in Room 9/10
- 3:00 P.M. Worship at Cherry Ridge
- 4:00 P.M. Youth Games in the Social Room

Monday, February 20 - March Pathway Deadline

- 4:00 P.M. Spiritual Nurture Committee on Zoom

Tuesday, February 21

- 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 5:00 P.M. TOPS Meeting in Room 9/10
- 6:30 P.M. Deacons' Meeting in Room 9/10

Wednesday, February 22

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys' Restaurant
- 6:30 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room
- 7:00 P.M. Ash Wednesday Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Thursday, February 23

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells Rehearsal
- 7:00 P.M. Pastor Nominating Committee in Room 1

Friday, February 24

- 9:00 A.M. Flying Club in the Social Room
- 10:30 A.M. Book Club on Zoom
- 3:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 752 in the Social Room

Saturday, February 25

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom
- 11:00 A.M. Jane Parker Memorial Service in the Sanctuary
- 2:00 P.M. ROC Ringers Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Sunday, February 26

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. Shine Program for Children in PreK through 5th Grade
- 10:30 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. Poetry and Prayer in Room 9/10
- 4:00 P.M. Youth Fellowship in the Youth Room

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. WELCOME to Webster Presbyterian Church! We are pleased that you are worshipping with us, whether in person or by live-streaming. Sunday services continue to be live-streamed. You can watch them live at 9:30 or later at your leisure using:
Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Websterpres/> or
YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzM5thYxua2HQSPF6P71wA>
THIS SERVICE IS LIVESTREAMED on YouTube and Facebook. Participation in and/or observation of the service implies acknowledgement that your image may be seen on the stream at the time of the service and in the future, as the services are saved for future viewing.
2. ADULT ED. - Following worship at 10:45 in the Sanctuary
Today - Poetry and Prayer – Gospel Lessons from the Transfiguration through Easter – Part 2 with Rev. Bob Heppenstall.
Next Sunday - Week 1 of a DVD Lenten Series with Adam Hamilton – “Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today” in Room 9/10 and on Zoom
3. BLANKET SUNDAY: Our annual special offering concludes today. Our donations provide blankets (\$10 each) and other necessities such as food, seeds and tools to poor people in many countries and are distributed by Church World Service. Checks made out to WPC with “Blankets” in the memo line will be forwarded to CWS. Envelopes are in the chair racks.
4. A BOOK COLLECTION is being held the next few weeks for State Road students. New or gently used secular books, primarily for Grade levels K-3, but also chapter books for 4th & 5th graders, would be much appreciated. Storybooks, readers, beginning chapter books, and high interest books will be donated to children to help them find a love of reading.
5. A FLOWER CHART to donate Sunday morning flowers to the church in celebration or honor of someone is located in the hallway across from the church office. If you would like to donate flowers, please see the instructions next to the chart. If delivery is a problem, you can contact Gayl Galen or Georgia Hubbard and they will be glad to help.
6. WEBSTER HOPE has requested the following items for their many clients with ongoing need: ketchup, canned pineapple, mayo, coffee, cooking oil, dish soap, laundry detergent, warm socks, gloves and hats. Please help as you are able by placing items in the box in the Narthex. Many Ukrainian families are moving into our area so there is a special request for gently used pots and pans with lids.