

Celebration of Worship

Transfiguration Sunday

March 2, 2025

9:30 A.M.

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

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Announcements

Reflecting on 200 Years

Reflection

Jan Richardson

*"The story of the Transfiguration is about
opening our eyes to glory, allowing that glory to alter us,
and becoming willing to walk where it leads us."*

Ringling of the Bell

Gathering Song

How Lovely, Lord

How lovely, Lord, how lovely is your abiding place.
My soul is longing, fainting, to feast upon your grace.
The sparrow finds a shelter, a place to build her nest,
And so your temple calls us within its walls to rest.

Call to Worship

One: God of the mountaintop, you call us to journey with you.

**Many: Shine upon us; grant us sacred illumination; dazzle us
with your beauty and glory.**

One: In the midst of our weary souls and exhausted bodies,

**Many: Transfigure our imaginations and reveal to us what is
possible.**

One: In the face of unceasing violence and endless wars,

**Many: Transfigure our imaginations and reveal to us what is
possible.**

One: In the midst of crushing disasters, natural and humanmade,

**Many: Transfigure our imaginations and reveal to us what is
possible.**

One: Move us from scarcity and cynicism, and transfigure our lowly
visions to reveal the abundant life of your realm.

**Many: Help us to keep watch so that we might leave the
mountaintop, inspired to do your work of transformation
in the valley below. Amen.**

Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise # 263, v. 1,2,4

Call to Confession:

Leader: God alone is righteous; God alone is perfect; God alone is
judge. Yet this holy, righteous God comes to us in love to
save us. Rejoicing in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

**All: God of all glory, beauty and grace, we have tried to hide
from you – to hide our faces, to hide our sin – yet you have
never hidden your love for us. We have tried to search for
you – in temples, in clouds, on mountaintops – yet you
have already revealed yourself to us in the face of Jesus
Christ.**

**Forgive us, and transform us so that our lives may shine
with our glory, beauty and grace; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

One: Our God comes and does not keep silence; God speaks to us
with grace and love, saying, "You are my beloved child." This
is the good news of the gospel:

Many: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

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.

Passing of the Peace

One: With thanksgiving, we rejoice in the reconciliation found in the
forgiveness and love of Jesus Christ. Let us therefore be
reconciled with our neighbors and share signs of Christ's
peace. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

THE WORD

Children's Time Stu's Corner: Light of the World

Prayer of Illumination:

Leader: By your Spirit, O God, enlighten our hearts, open our
minds, fill our vision with your radiance, and give us life, as
we hear your Word today.

All: Amen.

First Reading *II Corinthians 3:12 – 4:2*

Anthem *How Beautiful* Twila Paris
 Chancel Choir

Second Reading *Luke 9:28-36*

Sermon “Dazzling Light” Pastor Susan Frost
 “And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed,
 and his clothes became dazzling white.” *Luke 9:29c*

RESPONDING IN LOVE

Hymn *Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining* Insert

Sharing Joys and Concerns and Lighting of Prayer Candles

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Invitation to the Offering
Leader: We serve the Lord with freedom; we worship God with joy.
In freedom and in joy, let us present the offerings of our lives to
the Lord.

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.

Service of Holy Communion

Words of Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: and also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

Prayer of Preparation

...into the way of righteousness and peace.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

...dedicated to your service

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the
saving death of our risen Lord until he comes in glory.**

Distribution of the Elements of Communion

You will be receiving the elements in your seats today.
When you receive the bread, hold it so we can all partake together at the same time.
Please do the same with the cup after you receive it.
Gluten-free elements are available upon request to the server.

Prayer of Gratitude

**We give you thanks and praise, Lord Jesus Christ, for the gifts
of grace we have received from your hand. Now send us forth
to reflect your light, proclaiming your saving death and
resurrection until you come again in glory. Amen.**

MOVING IN GOD’S WAY

Hymn *Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain* Insert

Charge

Leader: Since we have such hope, live and act with boldness! Love
and serve the Lord in the freedom of the Spirit.

Response (sung) *May the God of Hope Go with Us* Insert

Benediction

Leader: May the glory of the Lord shine upon you, the Word of the
Lord live within you, and the Spirit of the Lord give you
peace.

All: Amen.

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. WELCOME to Webster Presbyterian Church! We are pleased that you are worshipping with us, whether in person or by live-streaming. You can live-stream at 9:30 or later at your leisure using:
Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Websterpres/> or
YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzM5thYxua2HQSPF6P71wA>
2. JOIN US this Wednesday at 7 pm as we begin the Lenten season with an Ash Wednesday service and communion in the Sanctuary. The Labyrinth, with Taize music in the background, will be available to walk in the Social Room before and after the service.
3. ADULT ED. - Following the worship service in the Sanctuary
 - Today - The guest speaker for Adult Ed. will be Jaime Lustig, who came out in 2019 as a transgender woman. She is a certified school and district leader in NYS, and is employed by RCSD as Director of External Special Education. Jaime will be sharing her insight and experience on how we can create a safe space free of judgments, where people can honestly communicate with each other, educate one another, and ask any and all questions. Please join us.
 Next week - From the book *Into the Mess*, we will begin our Lenten meetings looking at "My Broken Hosanna, *John 12:12* (p. 171) and "Do You Know?", *John 13:3-15* (p. 174).
4. A VISIT TO PEOPLE'S PANTRY of Rochester is being organized by the Mission Committee for this Wednesday, March 5th, at 10 a.m. If you would like to join us on this tour, please contact Laura Oliver at loliver421@gmail.com to add your name to the list.
5. WPC POTLUCK DINNER AND TALENT SHOW - All are welcome to join us on March 22nd at 4:30 pm. Let your light shine and come perform in the talent show! Sign-ups for both will be in the Narthex until March 9th. If you have any questions, see Laura Oliver or Beth Algase. (email Laura at loliver421@gmail.com).
6. A \$500 DONATION to assist the victims of the California fires is being sent from the church. If you would like to add to that total, please make a donation to WPC and it will be added to this effort.
7. PLEASE USE LIDS on your cups when bringing coffee or cocoa into the Sanctuary to avoid stains on the carpet from spills. Thank you.

Memory Verse

Again Jesus spoke to them saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

.John 8:12

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, March 2 - Communion Sunday

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. SHINE Program for Children in PreK – 5th Grade in Room 3
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. Speaker in the Sanctuary

Monday, March 3

- 6:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 752 in the Memorial Room
- 6:45 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social Room
- 7:00 P.M. Session Meeting in Room 9/10

Tuesday, March 4

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

Wednesday, March 5

- 6:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast/Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant
- 5:30 P.M. Nar-Anon Meeting in Room 9/10
- 6:45 P.M. Boy Scout Patrol Leaders in the Basement Room
- 7:00 P.M. Ash Wednesday Worship Service in the Sanctuary
Scout Troop 425 in the Youth Room

Thursday, March 6

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 9:00 A.M. Glory Bells' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Friday, March 7

- 9:00 A.M. Flying Club in the Social Room
- 10:30 A.M. BFF Book Study on Zoom

Saturday, March 8

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom
ROC Ringers' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Sunday, March 9

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. SHINE Program for Children in PreK – 5th Grade in Room 3
Youth Christian Ed. in the Youth Room
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. Discussion in Room 9/10
Family Bell Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 5:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 617 in Room 9/10

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	<u>March 2nd</u>	<u>March 9th</u>
Old Testament	<i>Exodus 34:29-35</i>	<i>Deuteronomy 26:1-11</i>
Psalms	<i>Psalms 99</i>	<i>Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16</i>
New Testament	<i>II Corinthians 3:12 - 4:2</i>	<i>Romans 10:8b-13</i>
Gospel	<i>Luke 9:28-43a</i>	<i>Luke 4:1-13</i>