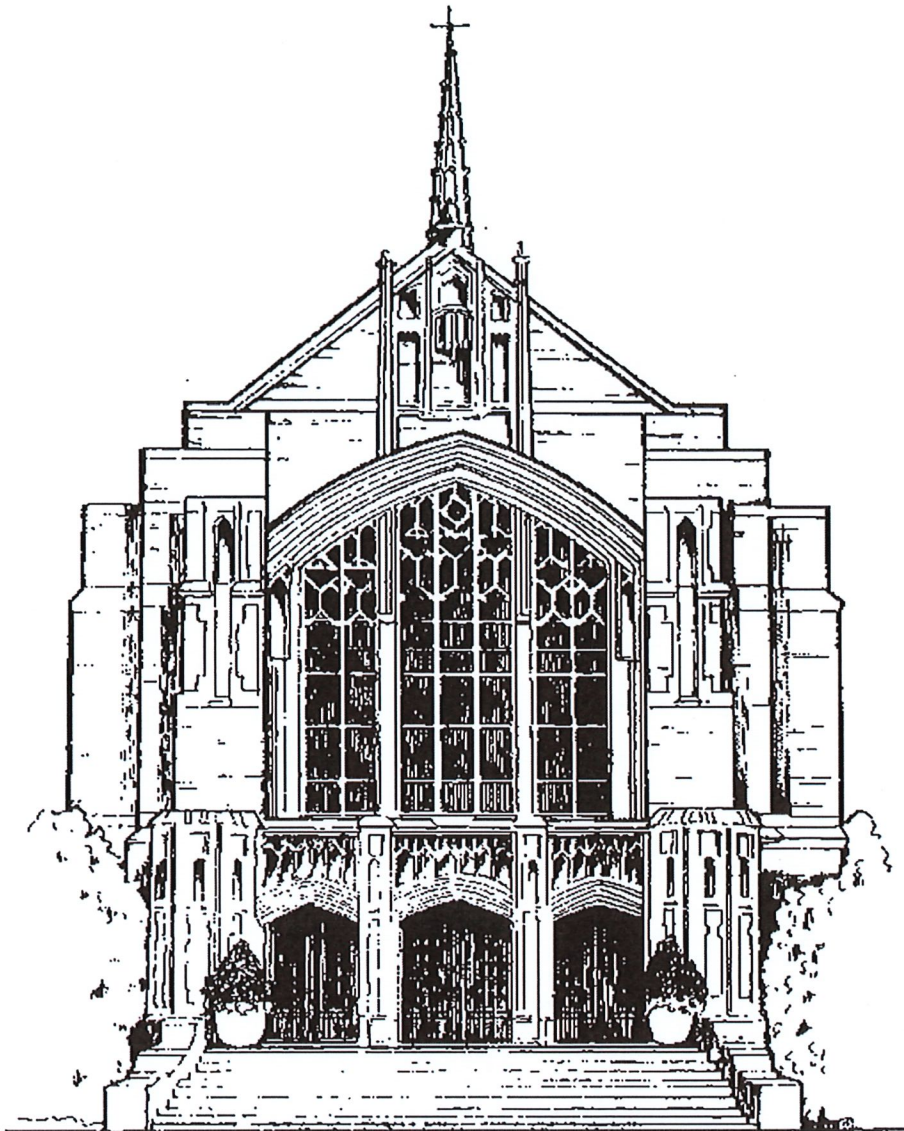




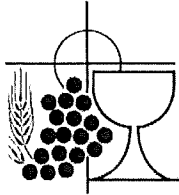
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Transfiguration Sunday  
Communion Sunday  
March 2, 2025



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The First Baptist Church at Worship  
 TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY  
 COMMUNION SUNDAY  
 March 2, 2025 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

Gregory Land, Organist

London Suite ..... Gordon Young  
 (composed London, England 1978)

- I. Praeludium (Westminster Abbey)
- II. Allemande (Picadilly Circus)
- III. Sarabande (Richmond Hill)
- IV. Marche (The Horse Guards)
- V. Pastorale (Kew Gardens)

In Praise to the Lord

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

A three-fold ringing of three signifies the presence of the triune God:  
 Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

CHORAL INTROIT

Chancel Choir  
 William Henry Caldwell, Director

Bless His Holy Name ..... Andraé Crouch

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.  
 He has done great things, he has done great things, he has done great things,  
 bless his holy name.*

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

\*OPENING HYMN

#345 *When Morning Gilds the Skies*  
 LAUDES DOMINI

Several of the Psalms begin and end with fervent declarations of praise, such as this: "Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! ... Praise the Lord!" (Psalm 113:1, 9b ESV). Likewise, from the opening lines of early morning praise to the final couplet about eternal praise before the throne of God in heaven, this hymn has the constant refrain, "May Jesus Christ be praised."

Listening for the Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 34:29-35

Rev. Kate Bradley

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. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining,

and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face, 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, 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.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON: 2 Corinthians 3:17-4:2

Rev. Bradley

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful, underhanded ways; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

\*GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 9:28-43a

Rev. David Coggins

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Luke.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!**

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking about his exodus, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem. 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. 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. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" 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.

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and put up with you? Bring your son here." While he was being brought forward, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us,  
for the Word of God within us.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

\*FELLOWSHIP HYMN

#223 *Crown Him With Many Crowns*  
DIADEMATA

One of the most effective and simple costume changes is to put on a hat. When you walk off stage and return wearing a top hat, you are suddenly a different person. A “man of many hats” is someone who can be a different person in different contexts or crowds. This hymn declares that we are to crown our Lord with many crowns, but this does not mean that Jesus is a “man of many hats.” Christ was not simply a prophet, He was not simply the carpenter’s son, and He was not simply human, nor simply divine. Rather, this call to “crown him with many crowns” is a simple and yet profound declaration that Christ is many things, and everything. He is Lord of all, to be crowned for many things that all add up to Him being Savior of the world. Each crown represents a different aspect of who Christ is – Lord of life, Lord of love, Lord of years, Lord of heaven, the Lamb upon the throne. Christ is King, Servant, Lamb, Shepherd, and we celebrate this all-encompassing, paradoxical nature of our Savior by crowning Him the Lord of all.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

(Children are invited to come forward for the Children’s Message during the last stanza of the fellowship hymn. All kids 3 years and older are invited to go downstairs (Room 4) after the Children’s Message for a “One Room Sunday School” class. Parents are asked to pick up their children after service.)

CALL TO PRAYER

*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*  
LEMMEL

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face,  
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
in the light of His glory and grace.**



Turn your eyes up-on Je - sus,



look full in His won-der-ful face, and the things of



earth will grow strange-ly dim in the light of His glo-ry and grace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Coggins

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir  
William Henry Caldwell, Director

Holy Is the Lord ..... Franz Schubert

*Holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord.  
Holy is the Father. Holy is the Son.  
Holy is the Spirit. Blessed. Three in One, Amen.*

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

*“Astounded by the Greatness of God”*

## Holy Communion

INVITATION TO THE TABLE  
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Alspaugh

SHARING OF THE BREAD (SEE PGS. 9-11)

*Taste and See*  
James E. Moore

*Chancel Choir and Congregation:*

**Taste and see, taste and see, the goodness of the Lord.  
O taste and see, taste and see, the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.**

SHARING OF THE CUP (SEE PGS. 9-11)

*Taste and See*  
James E. Moore

*Chancel Choir and Congregation:*

**Taste and see, taste and see, the goodness of the Lord.  
O taste and see, taste and see, the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.**

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING &  
THE LORD’S PRAYER (Debts & Debtors)

**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.**

## The Response of God’s People

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#156 *Shine, Jesus, Shine*  
SHINE

*Shine, Jesus, Shine* has been a song of hope at noteworthy events such as the 1996 Dunblane memorial service for 16 students and teacher who were tragically killed, and the Tasmania massacre memorial service for the 40 people killed by a lone gunman, also in 1996. Other large gatherings that used the song include the Billy Graham crusades to the largest ever open-air mass in 1995 in Manila.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

CHORAL BENEDICTION

*3 Fold Amen*  
Danish

*Amen*

POSTLUDE

Gregory Land

London Suite ..... Gordon Young  
VI. Toccata (Hampton Court)

(\* You're invited to rise in body or in spirit!

*Please drop off your offering and yellow card in the basket as you leave.*

*Thank you for supporting the ministry of the church!*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome to our worship service!** If you are visiting, we would love to get to know you. Please fill out a yellow card with your contact information and a pastor will be happy to get in touch with you. Anyone is welcome to use these cards to communicate with our office and share prayer requests or other information, too. We have baskets for our offering and communication cards at our entrances/exits.

We continue to **livestream and video record** our Sunday worship service through our YouTube channel. This can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/> and look for First Baptist Church Dayton Ohio, or check our website (<http://www.fbccdayton.org/>).

### Prayer for the Armed Forces

*Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace, strengthen them in their trials and temptations, give them courage to face the perils which beset them, and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### Prayers of the People

*(If you have someone you'd like to add or remove, please let us know.)*

Laura Bayless	Barbara Jett	Roger Stephens
Clara Black	Mike Kalbfleisch	Kaye Suryk
Jessica Blair	Landis Family	Thomson Family
Gail Bowman	Carole Lasley	Anne Veghte
Don Brown	Gene Lee	Harold West
Linda Ginter-Brown	Vincent Liss	Cynthia Whittaker
Gerald Busch	Tom McKenzie	Dorothy Williams
Mark Craig	Lisa McMullen	Sharon Wingham
Pamela Cress	Menzel Family	<b><i>Military Duty:</i></b>
Donovan-Schlaile Family	Merkle Family	Sebastian Ewald
Kerby Downs	Mary Ann Paloncy	Sunny Ewald
Lavanda Ferguson	Susan Parent	Brittany Kalbfleisch
Bill Harrell	Petry Family	Kyle Kline
Debbie Harshman	Judy See	Andy Wilson

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

### March Church Meetings

#### Board Meetings

Wednesday, March 12 @ 6:30pm

#### Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 19 @ 6:30pm

## Week of March 2 – 9

Sun. 2	10:00a	.....	Worship Service with Communion
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School for All Ages
Tue. 4	4:00p	.....	IFGD Meeting (FBC)
	7:00p	.....	DP Rehearsal
Wed. 5	Noon	.....	Worship Service with Eucharist (CEC)
	4-6p	.....	Ashes to Go (CEC)
	7:00p	.....	Dayton Opera Chorus Rehearsal (FBC)
Thu. 6	7:00p	.....	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Sat. 8</b>	.....		<b>Turn clocks forward 1 hour Saturday night</b>
Sun. 9	10:00a	.....	Worship Service
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School for All Ages

## Daylight Saving Time Begins Next Weekend Spring Forward!

Turn clocks forward 1 hour Saturday night, March 8.

### Ash Wednesday March 5, 2025



We are once again joining with the folks of Christ Episcopal this upcoming Lenten season as we seek to “observe a holy Lent,” beginning with Ash Wednesday. There are a couple of options, including:

Traditional Worship Service with Eucharist: Noon at Christ Episcopal Church

Ashes-to-Go: 4-6pm at Christ Episcopal Church

### In March: The America for Christ Offering 2025 GRACE UPON GRACE: Grace in Turbulent Times

*“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other,  
just as in Christ God forgave you.” (Ephesians 4:32 NIV)*

The AFC Offering is a vital resource that empowers us to support life-changing ministry programs. Your contributions support creating new, innovative ministries; developing church leaders; aiding children who are impoverished; supporting the work of chaplains and spiritual caregivers; promoting discipleship; preserving critical American Baptist spaces; and making higher education more affordable through scholarships. Each gift represents an act of compassion and solidarity, bringing us closer to God’s vision of a world shaped by love, compassion, peace, and justice. Please give generously this month. Special offering envelopes are available in the pew racks.

### Baptist Youth Fellowship Bowling Sunday, March 16 @ Noon - 3:30pm Poelking Lanes - 1403 Wilmington Ave.



Our Baptist Youth Fellowship (BYF) is planning an outing to Poelking Lanes on Wilmington Ave., meeting up with friends from Christ Episcopal Church. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall after worship and then carpool to the bowling alley. Bowling & shoe rental costs will be covered, and we’ll order pizza & sodas there for lunch. Friends are always welcome; just be sure they have turned in a completed and signed BYF Medical-Transportation form (copies available outside the church office). If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Jason ([jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org](mailto:jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org) / 937-631-3579).

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

### *All-Church Retreat Follow-Up: Expanding Our Learning Community*

March 2 @ 11:30am-12:15pm

1<sup>st</sup> Floor – Chapel

Led by Rev. Jason Alspaugh

Pastor Jason and the Board of Christian Education have been pondering how best to move forward with the conversations that were held at the retreat we hosted back in November. To recap:

We shared in times of reflection and conversation about *What Has Been, What Is, and What Might Be* in terms of our individual and collective experiences of learning/discipleship.

We spent about half of the time in small groups, taking time to create timelines of own discipleship journeys, noting formative moments (*What Has Been*); and then we considered the image of a table and who our current learning partners are around our “tables” (*What Is*). We allowed for some sharing both in our small groups and with everyone gathered.

And after a break, we considered what it is that we feel we need to learn and what voices/learning partners might be missing from our tables, who would be helpful and even necessary for us to learn those things (*What Might Be*).

Some of the things we shared as *To Be Learned...* included: The Bible, Evangelism/Witnessing, Building Community, Being Church throughout the week, Spiritual Practices/Disciplines, Faith & LGBTQ+, Accessibility, and Being a Sanctuary Church. And in thinking about how we might learn of such things in *today's* context, we thought some of the voice/learning partners that are missing/needed are: people with disabilities, other churches and organizations, folks who are unhoused/homeless, college/young adults, families, people with whom we disagree, voices from other faiths, kids/youth, caregivers, and those experiencing loss/grief.

As I stated before, this retreat was not a “one-off” kind of conversation, but one of many I hope for us to have, as we seek to expand our learning community, nurturing a life of faith that is engaged in learning here with one another on Sundays and with others beyond our church throughout the week.

In this upcoming Sunday School-hour session, we will talk about how we might build community by spending time together...outside of Sunday mornings...in the community...for the purposes of service and/or learning. I hope you'll join us! --Pastor Jason

### *Faith & Film in Lent*

March 9 – April 6 @ 11:30am-12:15pm

1<sup>st</sup> Floor - Chapel

Led by Rev. Jason Alspaugh

Our *Faith & Film* class returns this year during the Season of Lent. Together we will discuss a variety of films and consider how elements in them echo and intersect with our faith and the Gospel. We encourage folks to view the films ahead of time, but will also be sharing clips during the class to help facilitate discussion. If you'd like to organize a “watch party” with others, or need help accessing a film, Pastor Jason can assist ([jalspaugh@fbccdayton.org](mailto:jalspaugh@fbccdayton.org)).

#### Schedule of Movies:

March	9	<i>The Wild Robot</i> (2024)
	16	<i>Conclave</i> (2024)
	23	<i>Leave the World Behind</i> (2023)
	30	<i>The Six Triple Eight</i> (2024)
April	6	<i>Flow</i> (2024)

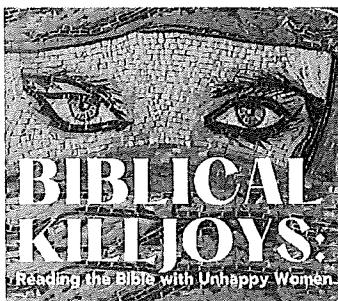


## 2025 Lenten Study Opportunity

Wednesdays @ 6pm – March 19-April 9

Christ Episcopal Church (20 W First St)

Gathering in the Parish Hall



We once again have an opportunity to join with our folks at Christ Episcopal for a midweek time of fellowship and Bible study during the upcoming Season of Lent. In this year's Lenten series, we will explore five "feminist killjoys" of the Hebrew Bible—i.e., biblical women whose disruptive unhappiness threatens the simple black-and-white morality of the stories around them. Although their tales are ancient, these five "antiheroes" can still teach us how to wrestle faithfully with God's word. This class will be taught by Dr. Esther Brownsmith, an assistant professor of Hebrew Bible at the University of Dayton and a Christ Episcopal Church parishioner.

A simple soup supper is also provided at these gatherings, and last year we helped to provide the soups, bread and salads for one of the gatherings. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact Pastor Jason ([jalspaugh@fbccdayton.org](mailto:jalspaugh@fbccdayton.org)).

Below is the study schedule. The soup supper is served at 6pm, and the program starts at 6:15pm.

**Wednesday, March 19, 6:15pm — Tamar the Brazen**  
**Wednesday, March 26, 6:15pm — Miriam the Proud**  
**Wednesday, April 2, 6:15pm — Michal the Offended**  
**Wednesday, April 9, 6:15pm — Jezebel the Harlot**

### Baptism: A Call to Discipleship

The Season of Lent (which begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5) is traditionally a time of preparation for those seeking to be baptized, and Pastor Jason will be offering a Baptism Class for any youth who would like a space in which to explore their questions and reflect on their own sense of call to discipleship. We will create a schedule that works best for all those interested in participating. At the conclusion of the class, those who so choose will be baptized on Easter Sunday, April 20. Please contact Pastor Jason if your youth would like to be a part of this class, and we'll create a schedule that works for everyone ([jalspaugh@fbccdayton.org](mailto:jalspaugh@fbccdayton.org) / 937-631-3579). Adults are, of course, also welcome to respond to this invitation by speaking to any of our pastors.

### Church Women United News

*Emma Murray Prayer Breakfast*

Saturday, March 15 at 9:30 a.m. at Corinthian Baptist Church  
(700 S. James McGee Blvd, Dayton)

Cost: \$10.00 - Turn in your reservations to Linda Ginter Brown no later than March 5.

COMMUNION HYMN

PG. 1 OF 3

680 TASTE AND SEE

*O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in Him.*

*Psalm 34:8*

Refrain

Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the

Lord. O taste and see, taste and

see the good - ness of the Lord, of the

*To verses* *Last time*

Lord. Lord.

This system contains two staves. The top staff is a vocal line in G major, 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat. It features a melodic line with a fermata over the final note. The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment in G major, 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat, featuring a simple harmonic accompaniment.

Verses

1. I will bless the Lord at all times. To-  
 2. Glo - ri - fy the Lord with me.  
 3. Wor - ship the Lord, all you pro-ple.

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Praise shall al - ways be on my lips; my  
 geth - er let us all praise God's name. I  
 You'll want for noth - ing if you ask. y

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called the Lord who an - swered me; from  
Taste and see that the Lord is good; in

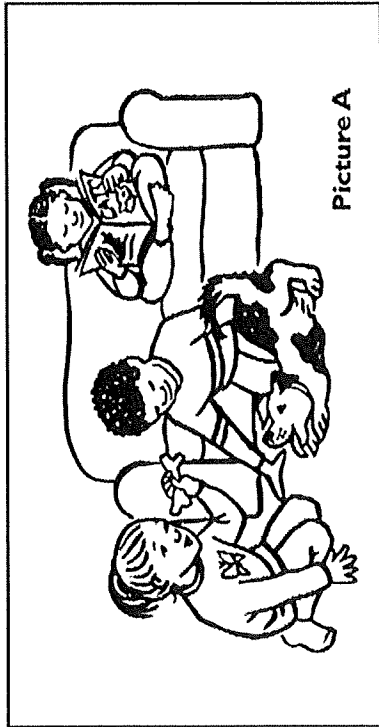
God has been so good to me. **D.C.**  
all my trou-bles I was set free.  
God we need put all our trust. **D.C.**

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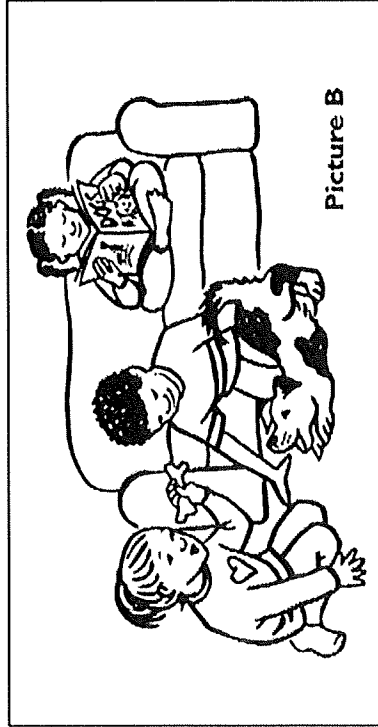
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## Some fun transfigurations

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Picture A



Picture B



Thank you, God, for sending Jesus to teach us about your love. Amen

## this week

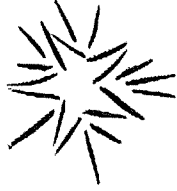
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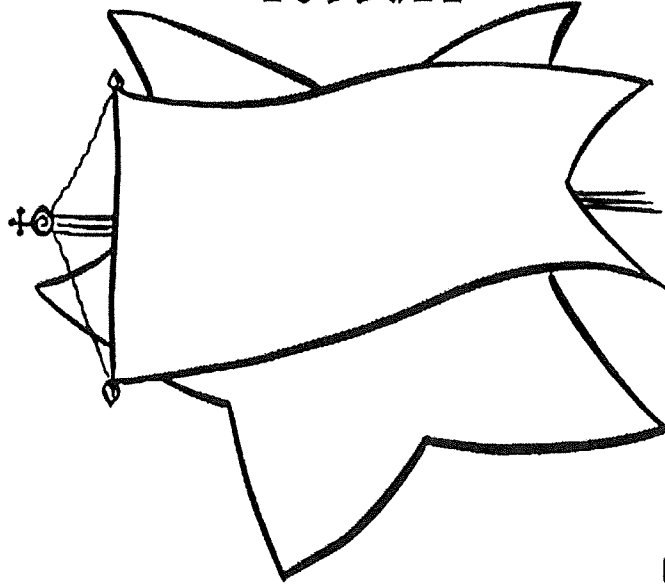
# Kids Celebrate

The Transfiguration of Our Lord



## gather

Welcome to worship. Today is Transfiguration Sunday. Transfiguration means a change in the way something or someone looks. What changes do you see in your worship space?



Banners can change the way our worship space looks. Decorate this banner.



What did you learn about Jesus today in worship?

# hear & celebrate

## The Transfiguration of Jesus

Luke 9:28-36

Jesus went up a mountain to pray. He took Peter, James, and John with him. While Jesus was praying, his face changed. His clothes became dazzling white. Elijah and Moses, two people who lived long before Jesus, stood with him and talked to him. The disciples were amazed. Then a cloud appeared and covered all of them. A voice from the cloud said:

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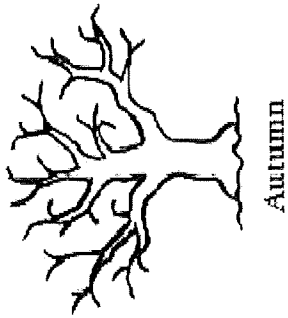
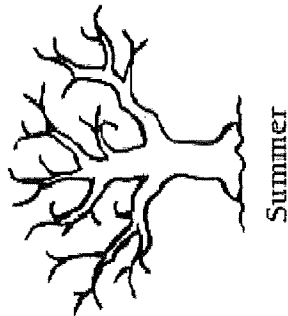
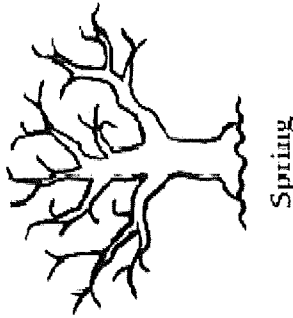
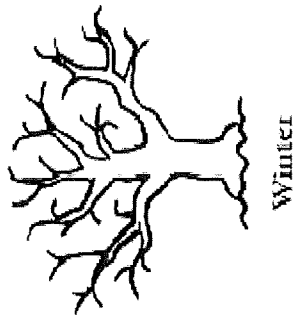
To finish the story, change the pictures into letters.

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Whose voice did the disciples hear? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Jesus' transfiguration was a sign that he was God's Son.

## Change at church

An apple tree changes with the seasons. Draw how an apple tree looks each season. (Hint: blossoms in spring, leaves in summer, and apples in autumn.)



The church year has seasons, too. A big change comes next week. It is the beginning of the church season called Lent. The cloth on the altar may change color. What color do you think it will be? Come to worship next Sunday to find out.