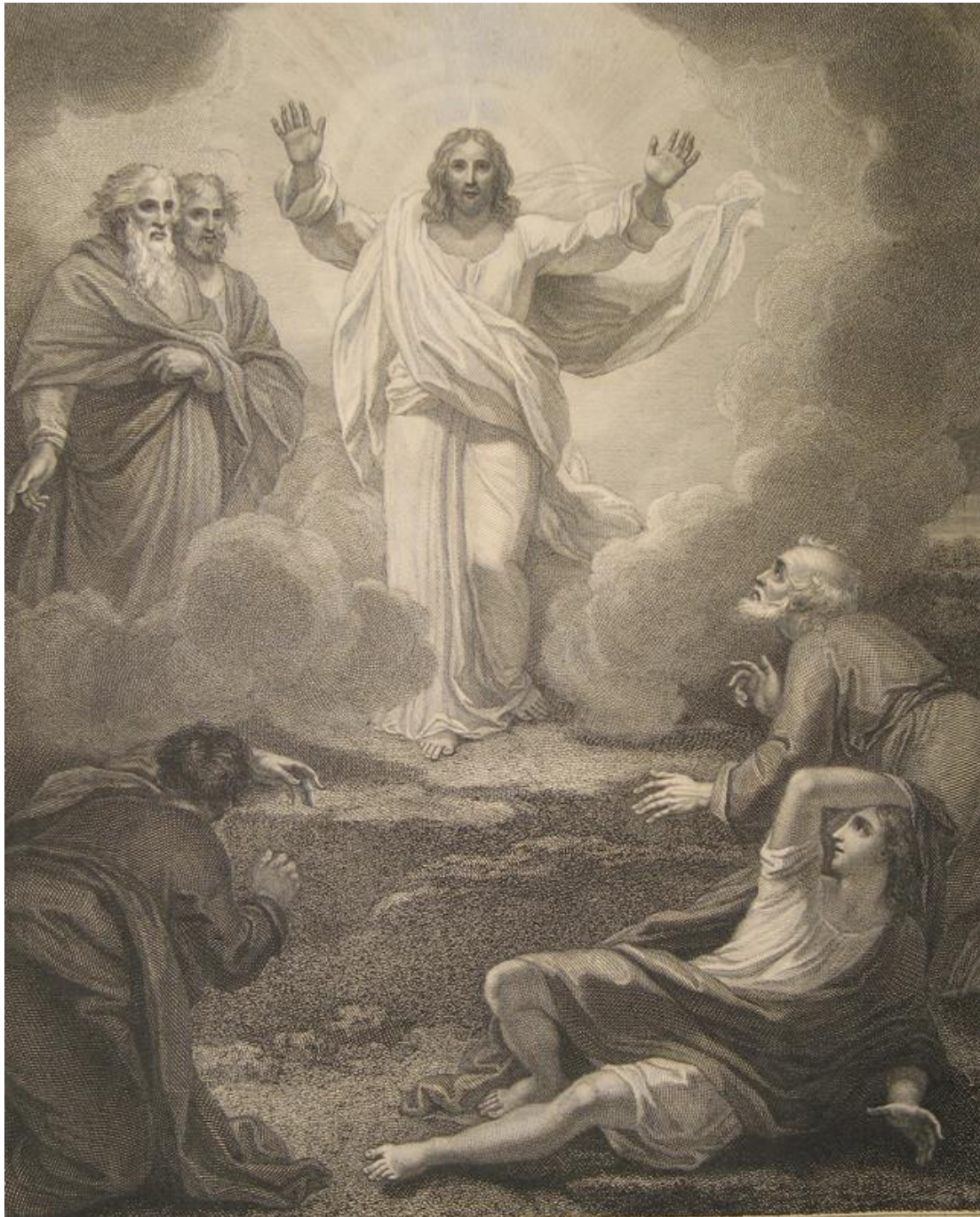


*First Presbyterian Church of Monroe
Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday
February 27, 2022*



GATHERING

WELCOME

Yoshie Pomerville

PRELUDE

OPENING SENTENCES *(based on Luke 9:28-36)*

Yoshie Pomerville

"Listen to him!" Our God cries from the mountaintop.

It is good for us to be here. We bow before our God in worship.

May God's Word sink into our ears.

May our hearts be transfigured, our minds filled with understanding.

***HYMN**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

GTG 12

CALL TO CONFESSION

Debra Davies

God calls us to faithfulness. Yet, we so often fall short.

Let us approach our God of grace, with sincere confession and contrite hearts.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Debra Davies

Creator of all, you speak, but we fail to listen. You guide, but we fail to follow.

You move, but we remain stuck and stagnant in the same patterns of destruction and sin.

Free us from our failures, Holy God. Save us from ourselves so we can hear and heed your call. Amen.

Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(Psalm 32:1)*

Debra Davies

Happy are those whose transgressions are forgiven,

whose sins are covered. Friends, be happy, be free, for our sins, in Jesus Christ,

have been forgiven. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE

"Change My Heart, O God"

GTG 695

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Yoshie Pomerville

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

A STORY FOR ALL AGES

(a time for children young in years or young at heart)

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Yoshie Pomerville

Lord, help us not only to hear your Word read and proclaimed today but listen to it that we may understand. May your Word challenge and change us on this Transfiguration Sunday. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

First Reading

Exodus 34:29-35

Yoshie Pomerville

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Luke 9:28-36

Debra Davies

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Debra Davies

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—*(from a Brief Statement of Faith)*

Debra Davies

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say:

**This is the good news
which we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved,
if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins
according to the scriptures, that he was buried,
that he was raised on the third day, and that he
appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to
the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the
living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last,
the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

1 Cor. 15:1–6; Mark 16:1–9;

Matt. 16:16; Rev. 22:13; John 20:28

*HYMN

“Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain”

GTG 193

OFFERING

Yoshie Pomerville

God calls us to lives of grateful generosity. Let us praise the Giver of all good gifts through our offering today.

*DOXOLOGY

GTG 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Yoshie Pomerville

God of grace, you provide for us in amazing ways. Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude and bless them to further Christ's ministry and mission among the poor, the despairing, and the destitute. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Debra Davies

O God, do not keep silent, do not hide yourself from us. Turn your face towards us in this time of prayer that we might hear you well and discern your will for our lives. Your glory is revealed, dearest God, through this mountaintop moment of worship. We bask in the glow of your presence through Word and worship, through prayers, hymns and liturgy. You remind us of your promises here, promises of a world redeemed and restored, promises of hope for justice and peace for all. We soak up your light. We radiate your love. Like Moses, we come down from our mountaintop time spent in your presence shining like stars in the night sky, ready to reflect your beauty to the world. God of our salvation, you cry out to us from today's Scripture. You command us to listen to your son, your chosen. Jesus has a good word for us today and every day. Yet too often we fail to listen or interpret his words into what we want to hear, not what we should. Enlarge our capacity to understand, Holy God. Let Jesus' words sink into our ears and direct our lives. Transfigure us today, so we can faithfully carry out Christ's ministry. Wellspring of Life, the sabers of war are rattling; militarism and violence are preferred means to our own greedy ends. Protect the innocent, Holy God, caught between warring powers. Shelter the poor and the suffering. Stymie the powerful and privileged. Heal the wounds within us that breed conflict and neglect the necessary work of peace. United as the Body of Christ we lift these prayers to you, Savior God. Hear us now, as we pray the prayer Christ taught us by saying together...

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

GTG

611

SENDING

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Debra Davies

Open your ears to God's Chosen Son. Open your minds to understanding. Open your hearts to transfiguration. And may the grace of our God the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with you now and always. Amen.

POSTLUDE

**All who wish to do so may stand.*

Words/images are signposts that point us to God; yet these words/images are not God. Realizing words have power, every effort is made to use inclusive, expansive language for God. You are invited to substitute word/images that are most comfortable for you during this time of worship.

A special welcome to our guests. Your presence among us is a gift to our beloved community. We trust God will draw you back to God's home—here at First Presbyterian Church of Monroe. Would you give us the privilege of connecting with you by signing a pew card and placing it in the offering plate?

About our Guest Speaker this Sunday!

Debra Davies, M.Div., is a graduate of San Francisco Theological Seminary (1998). She is a Ruling Elder of 40 years, having served four different congregations in that role as well as Clerk of Session in two congregations. She has long been involved in ecumenical activities, visited churches on three continents, and values the diversity of people of faith across Christian and non-Christian denominations and traditions.



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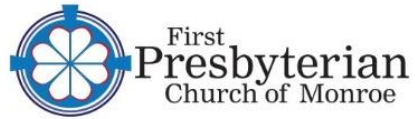
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