

**Edgewood Presbyterian Church
Homewood, Alabama
Transfiguration Sunday
Joint Service with Second Presbyterian Church
February 11, 2024**

**Please text any prayer requests to 205-924-5080 before the Sharing of the Peace.
Please include your name unless you wish the request to be anonymous. **

Prayer of Preparation

God of both cross and blinding light, help me hear your voice above, below, and from
every side. Amen.

Chiming of the Trinity

Waters of Baptism

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;

God's love is strong and it never ends. HYMN 399

Prelude

Holy Ground with Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Geron Davis; arr. Cindy Berry

Welcome

Call to Worship

Richard Galbraith, Liturgist

We gather together to worship God.

We gather because we have seen:

the bush was aflame,
and yet it was not consumed.

There were just five small loaves,
and yet there was bread left over.

We gather because we have heard God's voice in mighty thunder,
and in sighs too deep for words.

God called Jesus "Beloved" on a mountaintop,
and God has called our names.

We have seen. We have heard.
God is here. Let us worship God together!

Prayer of the Day

Hymn 409

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

1 God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.

2 Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.

3 Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here, as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.

4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive:
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!

Invitation to Reconciliation

Prayer of Brokenness

**God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal a truth
that dazzles and astounds, but we turn away,
distracted by our own plans.
We turn from the cross as well,
unsure of what could be there for us.
We confess that we speak when we should listen,
and act when we should wait.
Forgive our aimless wanderings.
Grant us wisdom to live in the light you cast before us
and to follow in the way of your beloved Son,
Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.
Listen now to the troubles of our hearts...**

Declaration of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, and restored to new life!

Gloria #583

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter

Psalm 50: 1-6

- ¹ The mighty one, God the LORD,
speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- ² **Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.**
- ³ Our God comes and does not keep silence, before our God is a devouring fire,
and a mighty tempest all around.
- ⁴ **God calls to the heavens above and to the earth, in order to judge God's people:**
- ⁵ "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"
- ⁶ **The heavens declare God's righteousness, for God – our God – is judge.**

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

Mark 9: 2-9

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

"Bear Hunt"

The Rev. Joe Genau

Hymn 189*O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair*

DEO GRACIAS

1 O wondrous sight, O vision fair
of glory that the church shall share,
which Christ upon the mountain shows,
where brighter than the sun he glows!

2 From age to age the tale declare,
how with the three disciples there,
where Moses and Elijah meet,
the Lord holds converse high and sweet.

4 With shining face and bright array
Christ deigns to manifest today
what glory shall be theirs above
who joy in God with perfect love.

3 The law and prophets
there have place,
two chosen witnesses of grace;
the Father's voice from out the cloud
proclaims his only Son aloud.

5 And faithful hearts are raised on high
by this great vision's mystery,
for which in joyful strains we raise
the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

Reception of New Members**Sharing of the Peace****Announcements for the Community of Faith****Offertory***All Creatures of Our God and King*

Hymn Tune: LASSTUNS ERFREUEN

arr. John Purifoy

Matt Barron - flute

Offering of Tithes and Gifts**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.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

Communion of the People

Music at Communion

O How I Love Jesus!

American Folk Hymn; arr. John E. Boalt

Concerns of the Church & Prayers of the People

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Hymn 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion;
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

2 Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

4 Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Charge from the Steps

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Praising the Almighty

Edward Broughton