

Highland Presbyterian Church

February 11th, 2024
Transfiguration Sunday
10:30 a.m.



Highland Presbyterian Church seeks to be a *diverse* and *inclusive* Christian Community as we embody the love and forgiveness of Jesus by serving the Community and the World, drawing people to Christ.



MORE LIGHT
PRESBYTERIANS



Prelude

Ode to Joy

performed by Ethan Lloyd

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Matthew Benz-Whittington

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Pam Clifford

One: We hear the voice from heaven declare;

All: This is my son, the beloved, listen to him

One: We strive to listen to what Christ speaks to us

All: We are here to hear the story again

One: Let us tell each other the stories of Jesus again today as we worship in joy and hope.

All: It is good for us to be here. Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Hymn 12

Call to Confession

Pam Clifford

Prayer of Confession (**Communal**)

Glorious God, you are all wisdom and a lamp to our feet, yet we fail to listen to you and neglect to follow your guidance. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us on, that we may walk in your ways and be happy in your refuge; in Jesus our Christ we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

Children's Choir

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Pam Clifford

God our light, make us attentive to your Word, that seeing your truth we may live faithful lives until that great day dawns and the morning star rises in our hearts. Amen.

Holy Scripture

Mark 9:2—9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling bright, such as no one on earth could brighten them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you,

one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Anthem *Transfiguration* Highland Choir

Sermon Rev. Matthew Benz-Whittington

Statement of Faith (Responsive). Excerpts from A Brief Statement of Faith (PC(USA))

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Offertory *Hymns of Praise* arr. Keveren

*Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* Hymn 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 Thanksgiving (Communal)**

God of mountaintops and valleys, whether our vision of you clouded or brilliantly clear, we faithfully add our gifts to those being given all around us. Bless these offerings that they may be transfigured into your presence in the world. Amen.

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

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 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.

Sending

*Closing Hymn

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

Hymn 193

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Matthew Benz-Whittington

Postlude

Open My Eyes, that I May See

Scott/Thomas

Free Little Neighborhood Item of the Week

Our Free Little Neighborhood Item of the week is canned meat. Next time you're at the grocery store, please pick up canned meat so we can continue to help our neighbors.

Upcoming Events

Happy Highlanders Tuesday, February 20th

Join the Happy Highlanders, our older adult ministry, for our monthly gathering on **Tuesday, February 20th at 11:30 am** in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a lunch and we will plan out our adventures for 2024.

Presbytery Civil Rights Trip February 23-25, 2024

The Racial Justice Task Force of the Presbytery of East Tennessee along with Emmanuel Presbyterian and Westminster Presbyterian are excited to share the plans to go to **Atlanta, GA the weekend of February 23-25, 2024.**

Registration link is live.

Youth Singing in Local Concert Mountain Voices Honor Choir

Two of our church children, Ethan Lloyd and Matia Lee will sing in the Mountain Voices Honor Choir in their concert on **Tuesday, February 27 at East Maryville Baptist Church at 6:30 pm.** If you are able to attend that day, please do so!

Weekly Schedule for February 11th – February 18th

Sunday, February 11 – Sunday Worship **10:30 a.m.**

Session **11:30 a.m.**

Monday –

Tuesday – Quilters **9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall**

Wednesday – Ash Wednesday **9 a.m. – 3 p.m. & 6-7 p.m. OA- 1 p.m. Fellowship Hall**

Thursday – Piano Practice **3:00 – 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary**

Friday – Basket Group **All-Day** in Fellowship Hall

Saturday –

Sunday, February 18 – Sunday Worship **10:30 a.m.**

Worship Committee **11:30 a.m.**

Potluck Lunch **Noon** in the Fellowship Hall

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

193 Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

1 Je - sus, take us to the moun - tain, where, with Pe - ter,
 2 What do you want us to see there, that your close com -
 3 What do you want us to hear there, that your dear dis -
 4 Take us to that oth - er moun - tain where we see you
 5 We who have be - held your glo - ry, ris - en and as -

James, and John, we are daz - zled by your glo - ry,
 pan - ions saw? Your di - vin - i - ty re - vealed there
 ci - ples heard? Once a - gain the voice from heav - en
 glo - ri - fied, where you shout - ed "It is fin - ished!"
 cend - ed Lord, can - not help but tell the sto - ry,

light as blind - ing as the sun. There pre - pare us
 fills us with the self - same awe. Clothed in flesh like
 says of the In - car - nate Word, "Lis - ten, lis - ten,
 where for all the world you died. Hear the stunned cen -
 all that we have seen and heard; say with Pe - ter,

JESUS CHRIST: LIFE

for the night by the vi - sion of that sight.
 ours you go, matched to meet our dead - liest foe.
 ev - ery - one: this is my be - lov - ed Son."
 tur - i - on: "Tru - ly this was God's own Son!"
 James, and John: "You are God's be - lov - ed Son!"