

Nurture Good News

"For all of you share in God's grace." (Philippians 1:7)



INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN

THE OLD STONE CHURCH OF INDEPENDENCE

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Celebrate the Gifts of Women ~ March 2, 2025



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"I am, the one who is speaking to you." ~ John 4:26

~ *GATHERING TOGETHER* ~

GATHERING MUSIC

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Luke 9; Philippians 1:7*)

While he was saying this, a cloud overshadowed them:

This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to him!

For all of us share in God's grace.

***GATHERING**

CALLED AS PARTNERS

GTG #761

by Jane Parker Huber (NETTLETON)

Verse 1

***LITANY FOR TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

Blessed is the Lord our God,
who revealed the word to Moses.

The Lord our God is holy!

Blessed is the Lord our God,
who has spoken through the prophets.

The Lord our God is holy!

Blessed is the Lord our God,
who came to us in Jesus Christ.

The Lord our God is holy!

The one who spoke and called light out of darkness
now shines in our hearts.

The Lord our God is holy!

The one who comes and does not keep silence
now speaks in our midst.

The Lord our God is holy!

Now we have seen the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ.

The Lord our God is holy!

At the mountain of the Lord,
let us bow down and worship God!

***HYMN**

I HEARD THE VOICES OF JESUS SAY
by Horatius Bonar

GTG #182
KINGSFOLD

POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

CHILDREN OF GOD

LITANY OF SENDING

One: Let us send our kids with God's love.

All: **May God be with you there.**

Kids: May God be with you here.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

[Silent Confession]

***RESPONSE**

LORD, HAVE MERCY
Russian Orthodox Chant

GTG #579
KYRIE ELEISON (Orthodox)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *(based on Philippians 1:6-7)*

The one who call light out of darkness now shines in our hearts
to reveal the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** *(from Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow)*

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

SPREAD THE WORD

OUTREACH TEAM

INVITATION TO LENT

MEETING JESUS AT THE TABLE
SACRED RECIPES



**Mardi Gras at Fairmount Presbyterian Church
Tuesday, March 4th from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.**

2757 Fairmount Blvd
Cleveland Heights, OH 44118

We are invited to join Fairmount Presbyterian for delicious food, live music, a magic show, kids crafts, and time together as we celebrate
Mardi Gras!

Bring your kids, bring your friends, bring your neighbors and co-workers – everyone is welcome! And don't forget to wear a funny hat!

*If you are interested and would like to know more,
contact Rev. Wigger.*

Ash Wednesday

March 5 @ Noon



Independence Presbyterian Church

Opportunities During Lent 2025:

Evening Lenten Bible Study, we will be following the Lenten Study: Meeting Jesus at the Table. The study will meet at **6pm on Thursday evening during Lent** (March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10, 17)

Call for "Sacred Recipes."

During Lent each Sunday we will include a recipe that is meaningful to one of our congregants in the bulletin. We will also give folks the opportunity to say a word or two about what makes the recipe meaningful to them. If you have a recipe you would like to share, please send it to Pastor

David: pastor@ipcusa.org

~ **SHARING IN THE GOSPEL** ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE TRANSFIGURATION LUKE 9:28-36 *Pew Bible p.65(NT)*

GOSPEL LESSON JOHN 4 (*SELECT VERSES*) *Pew Bible p.89(NT)*

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.
For all of us share in God's grace.

SERMON NURTURE TRANSFIGURATION

~ **TENDING THE GOOD NEWS** ~

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life, who inspired the prophets
and apostles, rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters
of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness
among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask
idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long
silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and
joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying "Come, Lord Jesus!"

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

RESPONSE DOXOLOGY GTG #606

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

~ *EUCHARIST* ~

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The 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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

HYMN

BREAD OF LIFE FROM HEAVEN

GTG #497

by Susan R. Briehl

ARGENTINO SANTO

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

...Therefore, with all creation we sing your praise:

**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.**

COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

All are invited to come forward to receive the elements.

If you prefer, you may remain seated and an elder will bring the elements to you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

~ **GOING FORTH TO NURTURE** ~

***HYMN**

SWIFTLY PASS THE CLOUDS OF GLORY

by Thomas H. Troeger

GTG #190

GENEVA

***BENEDICTION** (*from Philippians 1:7, 9, MSG*)

So this is my prayer:

that our love may flourish more and more.

POSTLUDE

NEXT SUNDAY: FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Pieces of today's liturgy are from: *Book of Common Worship* (PCUSA)

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