

March 2, 2025

Transfiguration Sunday



**The strongest man in the world
is he who stands most alone.**

Henrik Ibsen

audible

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PRELUDE

DONNA DAVIS

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ANN WHEELER

Leader: The Lord is sovereign; let the people tremble in awe.

People: God is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

Leader: The Lord is great in Zion, and is high above all peoples.

**People: Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God, and worship
Yahweh upon the holy mountain.**

***HYMN**

"SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD"

UMH 393

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

UNISON

O Lord God, your chosen dwelling is the heart of the lowly.

**We give thanks that you revealed yourself in the holy child Jesus,
thereby sanctifying all childhood in him.**

**Make us humble in faith and love, that we may know the joy of the
gospel hidden from the wise and prudent and revealed unto babes.**

**This we ask in the name of the One, who, wearing our mortal flesh,
grew in wisdom and in favor with God and all people, Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen. (Congregational Worship, England and Wales, 20th Cent, Alt)**

***RESPONSIVE READING**

PSALM 99

UMH 819-820

***GLORIA PATRI**

UMH 70

HEBREW BIBLE READING

EXODUS 34:29-35

SHARING OUR PRAISES & CONCERNS

(PLEASE USE YOUR PRAYER CARD AND PUT IN THE PRAYER BASKET)

PASTORAL PRAYER

EPISTLE READING

2 CORINTHIANS 3:12-42

*HYMN

“MY HOPE IS BUILT”

UMH 368

*OFFERING/DOXOLOGY & OFFERTORY PRAYER

UMH 95

*GOSPEL READING

ST. LUKE 9:28-43

SERMON “HE STANDS ALONE” PASTOR THOM MALCOLM

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION” UMH 12

*HYMN

“TAKE TIME TO BE HOLY”

UMH 395

*LEADING OF THE LIGHT AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

DONNA DAVIS

**Please stand only if you are able.*

WV Needs Our Help

The WVUMC conference has asked for help with flood and disaster response in WV. We will have a special offering through March 9th. If you wish to contribute to these relief efforts, please indicate on your offering envelope and your check memo line: Flooding and Disaster Response in WV. Thank you.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Sunday School	Each Sunday	10:00am
Exercise Class	Tuesdays & Thursdays	10:00am
Choir Practice	Tuesdays	5:00pm
Women’s Circle	Tuesday, March 4	6:00pm
Ash Wednesday Service	Wednesday, March 5	NOON
Education, Outreach & Missions	Tuesday, March 11	6:00pm

BACKPACK MINISTRY

For March, please donate individual servings of macaroni and cheese. THANK YOU!

COMMUNITY DINNER

Invite your family and friends to our 1st Community Dinner of 2025 planned for Wednesday, March 26 @ 6:00pm. If you wish to bring a delicious dish, please inform Laura Blake or Ann Wheeler. See you at our dinner table!

Prayer List

If you have any additions or modifications to the prayer list, please complete a prayer request card or call the church office. For anyone placed on the prayer list, updates within 3 weeks would be appreciated so our prayer list can be kept current.

Please pray for these individuals with current needs:

<p>Mike Black Bob Chambers Frankie Clark Bill & Jenny Daniels Bill Hively Jeff & Julia Hunt Shirley Kizzee Marcus Kirby</p>	<p>Roz LeMaster Patty Lewis Priscilla McAfee Roy Preston Bo Smith Margaret Smith's (Sister) Gene Ward Michael Watts</p>
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Please pray for these individuals with long-term needs:
**Shirley Bias, Bob Carrico, Jill & Jim Combs, Milton Clay,
Jeff Hunt, Steve Malcolm, Howard Marcum**

Remember those not able to join us for church:
**Betty Craig, Joy Fetty, Patricia Morgan, Mabel Pillion,
Harold Sowards, Gene Ward, Dan & Shirley Webster**

Pastor Thom Malcolm	Cell: 304-654-9440
Stephanie Malcolm, <i>Retired Local Pastor (RLP)</i>	Home: 740-451-0510
Secretary: Donna Rumbaugh	Cell: 304-633-3680
<i>(Office Hours: Wed/Thurs.</i>	<i>2:30 – 4:30pm)</i>
Music Director:	Gary Maynard
Pianist:	Donna Davis
Liturgist:	Ann Wheeler

**Bulletin information needs to be in the church office by
Tuesday, 2:30pm.**

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Congregation,

Your Finance Committee would like to share the **2024 year-end results**. It is because of your generosity that we can continue our church's ministry and look forward to building our future.

We had a surplus this year that enabled us to **increase** our cash reserve by \$12,646; and we were able to pay **100%** of our WV Conference Apportionment while incurring significant facility improvements and repairs of \$13,858. Most importantly, we **expanded** our outreach activity to provide food for those children who may do without during summer break; and we contributed to UMCOR for Flood Relief & Disaster for North Carolina and other southern states, supported a local family who lost a child in a car accident and assisted local families with utility bills and food baskets.

In next week's bulletin, we will be including an insert to share our 2025 financial requirements and will provide you with a monthly update as the year progresses.

We hope that you find this information beneficial.

If you have any questions, please ask either Debbie Maynard, Church Treasurer or Sheree Downey, Finance Committee Chair.

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2024 Year-End Financial Results

Investments	\$192,724
Operating Fund	\$33,958
Total Income (Offerings, Other Income and Interest)	\$116,365
Total Expenses	\$103,719
Net Income	\$12,646
Key Items:	
Paid 100% of WVUMC Apportionment	\$24,383
Paid 100% of District Apportionment	\$658
Significant Unplanned Facility Repairs & Improvement	\$13,858

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\$ 1,308	CAS Structural Engineering (Steeple Stabilization)
\$11,580	Steeple Repair & Stabilization (Down Payment)
\$ 970	Replaced Hot Water Tank

For God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7