



## Service for the Lord's Day

Pastor deNay Kirkpatrick

February 11, 2024

Transfiguration of the Lord

*\*Please stand, as you are able*

### Gathering of the People

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Ivy Rainwater

Prelude

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*  
Traditional Welsh melody

arr. Gerald Peterson

**\*Call to Worship** (inspired by Psalm 50: 1 - 6)

Ivy Rainwater

One: God summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**Many: Every time we encounter beauty, God's perfection shines forth, calling to us.**

One: God's revelation is a devouring fire, burning away our doubts.

**Many: The heavens declare God's righteousness, for God is the creator, the redeemer and the judge.**

**\* Hymn 4**

*Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

GROSSER GOTT

**\*Prayer of Invocation (Unison)**

deNay Kirkpatrick

O God, glorious and faithful, to those who seek you with a sincere heart you reveal the beauty of your face. Strengthen us in faith to embrace the mystery of the cross, and open our hearts to its transfiguring power; that, clinging in love to your will for us, we may walk the path of discipleship as followers of your son, Jesus Christ our lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

## **Confessing to God**

### **Call to Confession**

#### **Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

**Almighty God, when we encounter beauty and love and wonder in the world, so often we seek to control it, to contain it. Forgive us for all the ways we seek to pull things under our power, for the ways we fashion the world and put ourselves first. We are selfish, God. We push aside your command to love in order to seek comfort. Heavenly parent, we take this opportunity to acknowledge our lies and our denial, laying bare our hearts and minds before you now.**

### **Silent Reflection**

#### **Assurance of Pardon (John 5: 1 - 18)**

#### **\* Gloria Patri**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.**

## **Proclaiming God's Word**

### **Prayer of Illumination**

Ivy Rainwater

#### **First Reading**

**2 Kings 2: 1 - 12**

1 Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. 2 Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. 3 The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

4 Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. 5 The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

6 Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. 7 Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. 8 Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

9 When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." 10 He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." 11 As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. 12 Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The Word of God for the People of God

**Thanks be to God**

**Anthem**

***You Are Lord***

Pepper Choplin

You are love, You are peace,  
and Your faithfulness and hope never cease.  
To the humble heart You stand as an open door. You are Lord.  
You are joy, You are light and You guide us  
As we walk through the darkest night,  
You are all the human heart is searching for. You are Lord.  
Your children stand before You to bring You gifts of praise,  
But our gifts seem so humble, for You are Lord, You are God!  
You are now, You are then,  
and Your holiness and power never end.  
And we'll live within Your house forevermore.  
You are Lord, You are love, You are peace, You are Lord.

**Gospel**

**Mark 9: 2 - 9**

2 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, 3 and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. 4 And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. 5 Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." 6 He did not know what to say, for they were terrified.

7 Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" 8 Suddenly, when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus.

9 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.

Sermon

deNay Kirkpatrick

\* Hymn 702

*Christ Be Beside Me*

BUNESSAN

## Responding to God's Grace

\*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

(1 Timothy 3:16)

**Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of our religion: Christ Jesus was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the nations, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory.**

Call for the Offering

Offertory

*Brother James' Aire*

arr. Alice Jordan

\*The Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him all creatures here below;  
praise him above ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Silent Prayer

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.**

## Sending of God's People

**\*Hymn 700**

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

I'M GONNA LIVE

**\*Charge and Blessing**

And all God's children say, "Alleluia! Amen!"

**\*Choral Benediction**

*Go in His Name*

Cindy Berry

**\*Postlude**

*Fugue in G minor*

J. S. Bach

*Except where otherwise noted, liturgy provided by The Presbyterian Outlook,  
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## ***Welcome to Cahaba Springs***

*We warmly welcome you* to worship this morning at Cahaba Springs! To learn more about our worship, learning, fellowship, and service opportunities, please pick up a copy of our calendar in the entryway or visit us online at [cspchurch.org](http://cspchurch.org). We encourage you to participate in any opportunity that interests you and hope you will return often.

**Children:** We welcome children of all ages in worship. Childcare is also available during worship, staffed by experienced workers. During the 11:00 am service, children are invited forward for a special message during *A Moment with the Children*, then may continue to worship with their family or go to Junior Church. Worship bags for children are available in the Narthex.

**Communion:** All are welcome at the table as we celebrate the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of each month. If you prefer to remain seated during communion, an elder will be glad to bring the elements to you.

**Offering:** Offerings may be placed in the offering plates that will be passed around during the offertory, or you may give securely online through eOffering - an information sheet on eOffering is on the table in the entryway.

## ***February Happenings at Cahaba Springs***

***PW February Luncheon & Study*** – today immediately following worship. We will study Chapter 6 of *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts* by Olive Mahabir. Please bring sides or dessert; soup will be provided.

***Ash Wednesday Service*** – Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

***Stated Session Meeting*** – Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> immediately following worship.

***XYZ February Luncheon*** – Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM. We will meet at *Walk On* in Trussville located on Highway 11.

***Communion of Empty Hands*** – Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> benefiting TEAM. Please bring nonperishable food items and share with those who are less fortunate.

***CSPC Book Club*** – Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM. This month's discussion will be on *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride led by Karen O'Brien.

# PRAYER CONCERNS

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## *for our church family...*

Agnes Dauphinee	Nellie Songer	Margaret Linville	Wayne Hughins
Melissa Scholl	Ed Swartz, Jr.	Edward Giddens	Serena Jenkins
Betty Quattlebaum	Chuck Smith	Dave & Cecile Floyd	Corbett Millar
Arnold & Laura Reichert	Christy & Randy Little		

## *for our extended family...*

Lisa Kraye Smith	Gene McKean	Grayson Pope	Sonia Burrage
Louis Scholl	Philippe Lathrop	Andrew Kestle	Leslie Speakman
Joy Martin	Don McCants	Eleanor Garner	Jeff Strickland
Matthias	Candice White	Gene Eades	Bobby Hoglund
Shelley Easterling	Barry Parvin	Joe Pat Bludsworth	Bennett Fuller
Mason Ford	Pat & Vicky McCann	Perry Johnson	Laura Stalls
Laura Rainey	C. J. Fonte	David Narkates	Andy Lewis
Tommy Robbins	Kevin Little	Amy Baughman	Dave McGlasson
Mike & Nancy Hartman	Billy Porter	Chris Hershey	Dana Lardent Stewart
Karen Cox			

***If you need someone to drive you to doctor appointments or other necessary places, please call the church office. We have a list of people that will be glad to assist you.***



## ***Classes for 2024***

***Reel to Real*** – Sundays at 9:30 AM in *Harmony Hall* led by Steve Goodwin. This is a discussion class based on movies and how they relate to us biblically.

***Fun with the Lectionary*** - a new Sunday School class for youth and adults meeting at 9:30 AM in the Pastor's Conference Room. The class will be led by Pastor deNay and will study the lectionary readings for the week. We will be following the three-year **Revised Common Lectionary** for Sundays and festivals which was produced by the ecumenical Consultation on Common Texts in 1992 and was included in the Presbyterian *Book of Common Worship* (Westminster John Knox Press, 1993/2018). This lectionary provides scripture readings for proclamation in public worship, following the Sundays, festivals, and seasons of the Christian year (or liturgical calendar). The three-year lectionary cycle (Years A, B, and C) focuses on different sections of scripture each year, notably the Gospel of Matthew in Year A, Mark in Year B, and Luke in Year C (the fourth gospel, John, is prominently featured at certain times in each year). We are currently in Year B. For more information, contact Pastor deNay.

***Growing in Grace & Gratitude*** -- Sundays at 9:30 AM. *The children grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the (grace) of God was upon them.* – Luke 2:40. Children nurtured in the love and grace of God learn the story of who and whose they are by watching, listening, tasting, smelling, playing, and exploring holy things in the context of a faith community. We welcome the children as God's beloved who will seek to follow Christ. We are in need of teachers, so if you would like to serve, please see Karen Brown or Linda Inzer.

***Thursdays Together*** – Thursdays at 10:00 AM in the Conference Room led by George Fritsma. We are studying *It Was on Fire When I Lay Down on It* by Robert Fulghum. Quoting a man rescued from a burning bed, the title is a clue to the merriment in some of the essays collected here, inviting readers to laugh as they empathize with those who put themselves in absurd situations. These stories remind us that there is a clownish facet in everyone's character, one of the traits that make us human.

## ***Other Weekly Events***

***Chancel Choir*** – Thursdays at 6:30 PM.

***Chordmakers*** – Fridays at 5:30 PM in Harmony Hall. Please join us for good food, fun, fellowship, and of course music

***Birmingham Youth Group*** – Sundays, meeting at 4:20 PM at CSPC and traveling to various Presbyterian Churches. This is a gathering of youth from several Presbyterian Churches as a way to connect, socialize and learn. Transportation and dinner are provided. Contact Karen Brown for additional information.

## ***Mission Projects***

**TEAM** is in need of clothing for school-aged children. Any clothing donations can be placed in their secure drop box located at 570 Simmons Dr, Trussville which is just past Pediatrics East and the Trussville Post Office.

## **Church Wish List**

We have put together a CSPC “Wish List” of office & cleaning supplies that are needed. These items can be ordered from Amazon by clicking on the QR code located below. Since the church may not be open when items are delivered, please have all orders shipped to your address. Thank you for your generosity!



Immediate needs:

Stamps

Paper products for Harmony Hall

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A church where all people  
are welcomed and cared for,  
empowered to grow spiritually,  
and equipped to serve God  
and each other in meaningful ways