

Grace Presbyterian Church

February 11, 2024

9:30 am

VISION STATEMENT

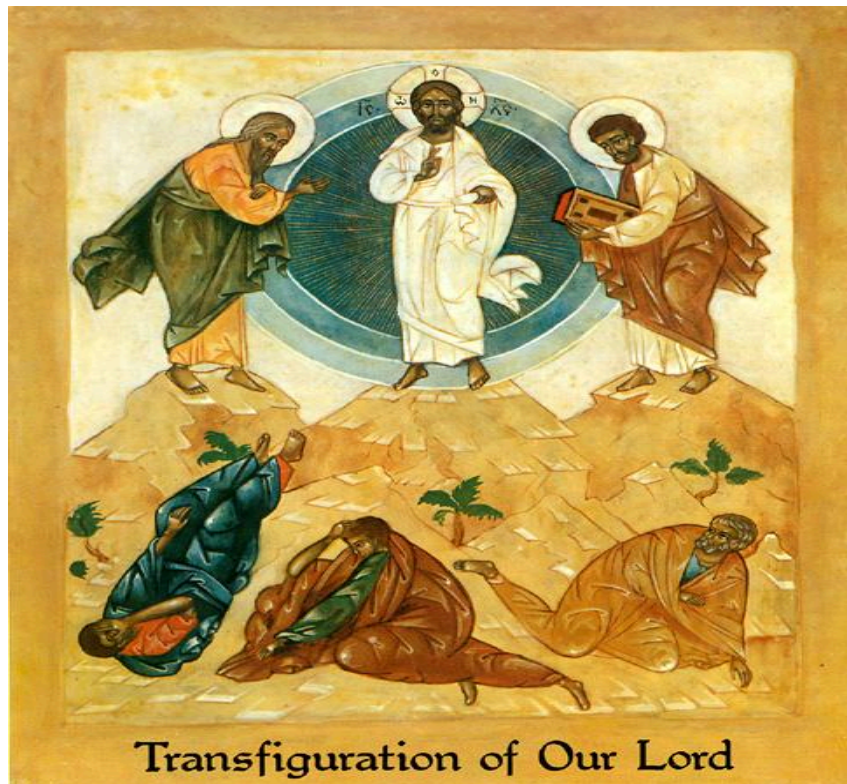
We are an open and affirming congregation.

**We genuinely welcome people of all ages,
race, ethnicities, genders, sexual orientations,
beliefs,**

**and those who are cognitively
and or physically challenged.**

Our vision is to be a community of love and purpose,

**each one engaged in ministry,
seeking to know Christ, growing in discipleship,
and embodying God's love for the world.**



Prayer Candles

Before Worship, you may offer a prayer and light a candle at the communion table.

We Gather

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 50)

Come, listen to the One

who speaks and summons the earth,
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Come, see the One

who shines forth in the perfection of beauty.

Come, bring thanksgiving,

sacrifice that honors the One
who shows the salvation of God.

~ written by James E. Janecek, and posted on the Worship Ways website.

*Opening Hymn #403 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

Call to confession

Let us pray with humility and honesty...

Prayer of Confession and words of Assurance

Holy God, merciful and powerful,

We are sinners...

we are not only sinners

We are weak...

we are not only weak

We fall short ...

we are not always failures
We have destroyed...
also we have loved

(Silence is kept for personal confession.)

You, God, do not limit us
to the stories by which the world knows us
**You see much more in us
than the labels we give ourselves**
Give us courage to defy all expectations –
especially our own –
**and in your love
become all of who we are.**

~ written by Cheryl Lawrie and posted on <http://holdthisspace.org.au/>

Hymn #155 "Raise a Song of Gladness" (3X, stay seated)

We Reflect

Prayer of Illumination

**Speak to us through your Word today,
that we may hear you calling us
out of the wilderness places in our lives
and into new places you have promised to show us.
In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

~ written by Amy Loving, and posted on The Worship Closet.

First reading from 2 Kings 2:6-14

A time for Children and the Young in heart

Reading from Mark 9:2-9

SERMON

*Hymn #190 "Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory"

We Respond

MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission is **to Know, Love, and Serve God**

Offertory Invitation

Musical Meditation

Prayer of Dedication

(Many thanks to all who contribute to the mission and ministry of our church in offering plates during worship and by electronic giving throughout the month).

Prayers of God's People (sharing of Joys and Concerns)

Lord, in your mercy/with thanksgiving, **Hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

We Are Sent

*Hymn #12 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

*Charge and Benediction

May we come down from the mountain
with mountain-like faith.

To walk on God's paths as bright, shining lights.

To live in God's ways with faith, hope, and love.
To go into the world transformed and renewed!

~ from the Abingdon Worship Annual.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Peace be with you!

And also with you.

(We invite you to offer a sign of peace to those around you and as you gather for fellowship. We remind you to ask what folks feel comfortable with...a verbal greeting, a handshake or fist bump, etc. Do not assume.)

POSTLUDE

***Indicates, please stand in body or spirit.**

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