



February 15, 2026

Transfiguration Sunday

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Bob Gross
Music Director: Terry Dietert
Guitar/Visuals: Paul Mayeshiba
Video: Richard Tremarello
Liturgist: Jill Unglaub

Welcome to Christ Church! We are so glad you are here this morning! Whether you are a “first-timer,” a regular, or somewhere in between, it is a joy to have you here with us this day. May you be blessed by God’s Word in worship today! If you are a **first-time visitor**, please fill out a visitor card and put it in the offering plate, and then make your way to the Chapel (in the back) after worship where we have a small gift for you.

**Please stand as you are able*

For your Reflection

"The most glorious reason you exist is for the proclamation of the glory of God to the ends of the world. And that's more than having a nice life."
~David Platt

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude *Immortal, Invisible* - Donter

Call to Worship 2 Corinthians 13:13 & Matthew 5: 14

One: God of love, in the light of sunrise,

Many: we behold your glory.

One: In the light of the stars at night,

Many: we behold your mystery.

One: In the light of each other's eyes,

Many: we behold your presence.

One: In the light of Christ,

Many: we behold your love.

One: Light of God, shine upon us.

Many: Light of Christ, shine within us. Holy Spirit, radiate your goodness through us. Amen.

*Opening Hymn *Open the Eyes of My Heart* **Hymn #656**

*Opening Prayer
God of majesty and might, you have blessed us with revelations of your glory. Give us the gift of faith, that we may hear your voice for ourselves and see Jesus revealed to us that we may stand on our own without fear. Amen.

*Passing the Peace of Christ

*Response *Glory to God* **Hymn #240**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest.
Glory to God, glory to God, Alleluia! Alleluia!**

A Message for The Young and The Young at Heart

First Scripture Reading: Exodus 24:12-18 (NRSVUE)

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the

commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Gift of Music *Sing out the Lord's Goodness* – Sands Soloist, Terryl Dietert

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 17: 1-9 (NRSVUE)

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Sermon "Proclaim Transformation" Pastor Bob

*Hymn *Holy Ground* **Hymn #654**

*Statement of Faith Quinn Caldwell

We believe in creating—something from nothing, a people where there was no people, family from strangers, identity from fragments, tools from weapons, evolution from stagnation, beauty from ashes.

We believe in God.

We believe in embodying—the call of the prophets, the judges’ justice, the wisdom of the ancients, the discovery of the moderns, the love that drives the universe. We believe in emptying—hoarded wealth, stored resentment, undeserved power, privilege unearned. We believe in traveling—out to the wastelands, into halls of power, through the valley of the shadow, alongside the lonely and the strange.

We believe in Jesus.

We believe in strengthening—weakened spirits, fainting hearts, faltering resolve, fractured communities, stifled imaginations, broken bodies.

We believe in the Holy Spirit.

We believe in trying and failing, confessing and being forgiven.

We believe in gathering at tables and pools and diving in.

We believe in studying old books and listening to new stories.

We believe in singing the truth. And we believe that sometimes just being is the glory of God.

Prayers of the People *(see Weekly Newsletter for details)*

For those experiencing trials or ongoing health concerns:

Joan G, Darlene’s mom Jan, John H’s nephew Matt, Nancy S, Joan A’s grandson Blair, Jacob O’s Aunt Joann

Pastoral 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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Invitation to Generosity

Our God has revealed to us a law and a love that leads us into becoming God’s own children. Therefore, let us gratefully give from that which has been given to us, our lives, our talents, and our possessions.

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Offertory

All Hail, King Jesus - Moody

*Doxology **Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures here below
Praise God above, ye heavenly host
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost, Amen**

Prayer of Dedication

**God of mountaintops and valleys, be 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.**

*Closing Hymn *We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding* **Hymn #245**
(to tune #345)

*Benediction

*Benediction Song *Now it's Time to Say Goodbye*
**Now it's time to say goodbye
To go on out from here
To live the visions and the dreams
To scatter hate and fear
So may the Peace be with you now
A peace that's filled with Grace
May it surround all your struggles
And everything you face.
And may you find your own way
To sing out love's own song
With courage, tears and laughter
And then to pass it on.
Yes the time has come to say goodbye
May peace be with you now**

Postlude *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* - Beethoven

THIS WEEK at CHRIST CHURCH

Today

Sunday School (1st through 8th grade)
Coffee Hour
Mardi Gras

Wednesday, Feb 18

Ash Wednesday, noon and 7pm

Thursday, Feb 19

Handbells, 9:30am

Counters: Danette Volz, Ranolle Volz

Greeters: Tom & Carol Dohoney

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School | First through eighth grade students are invited to participate in Sunday School on the third Sunday of the month, starting **Feb 15**. We will meet in the corner room on first floor, near the stairway. Sunday School will start at 9:30 and students will be released when church ends, to meet their parents in the Narthex. All are invited to join the fun—the subject for February 15 is Ash Wednesday and Lent. Come one, come all! Questions? Contact *Michael Key*.

TODAY: Mardi Gras Celebration during Coffee Hour

Ash Wednesday | Feb 18 at Noon at Christ Church & 7pm at Prince of Peace Lutheran with a potluck starting at 5:45pm

Noon Lenten Services will be held on **Feb 25, March 4, 11, 18, and 25**. If you wish, bring a bag lunch, and we'll eat together at 11:30am.

Divine Intervention Meal | Please sign up to help with food items and /or serving our February meal on **Thursday, Feb 26**. There are typically 25 guests and volunteers for each meal. The theme for this meal is: Chicken casseroles with rolls, salad, dessert, milk. The donation sheet is on the Lenox Street Bulletin Board. Food items must be dropped off at Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church, 125 W. Saveland Avenue by 6pm. See *Jim or Randene* for more information.

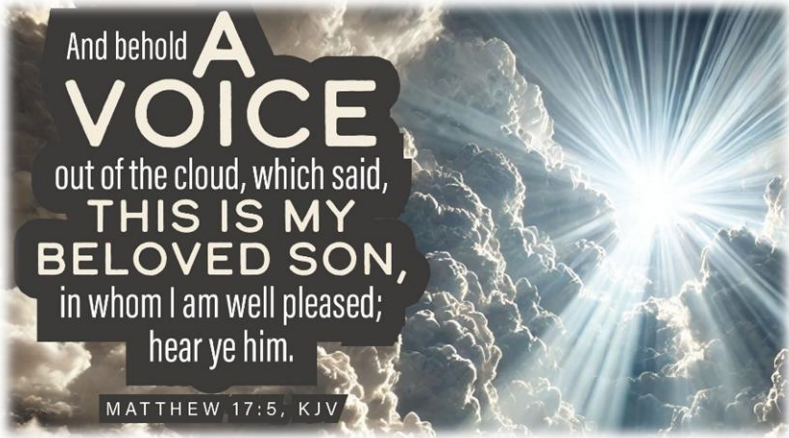
Dear Christ Church friends, **Thank you** for the lovely get well cards, text messages, and phone calls over the past few weeks. You are all wonderful and so very caring. Most of all thanks for your prayers. *Joan*

Christ Church Paper Drive | The Divine Intervention warming room is in need of paper products, specifically paper towels and toilet paper. A collection box for donations is located outside the office near the Lenox Street entrance. We will be collecting these items throughout January and February.

Prayer Requests | All prayer requests are welcomed. As always people can call the office and provide information for a specific request. Pastor Bob is always available for prayer requests in person, by email, or by phone. In addition, a prayer request card will now be available in the church pews (by the church envelopes). Place your prayer request cards in the offering plate. These prayers will be shared in the bulletin and newsletter, for the month they are received. At the end of the month, they will not automatically be reposted, so we ask that you please complete a NEW prayer request card. With any updates, your input is helpful to make sure we are addressing everyone's concerns and suggestions.

Membership Committee and Music & Worship Committee

Rummage Sale | Start sorting and saving your good stuff now! Christ Church will be participating in the Bay View Neighborhood Association Rummage Sale in **May**, date to be announced. Donations may be placed outside the middle choir room door in the basement. Contact *Michael or Janet Key* if you need items picked up or if you need assistance getting things unloaded on Sunday morning. Many hands make light work, so please plan to join this effort to raise money for the General Fund.



Monthly Activity	January	YTD
Contributions & Other Income	\$23,809	\$23,809
Expenses	\$21,008	\$21,008
Budgeted Amount	\$15,142	\$15,142
<i>Last week's offering: \$1,256</i>		

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