

TRANSFIGURATION

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St. Matthews Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

March 2, 2025

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Sunday, March 2, 2025

(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Prelude	<i>"Overture & The Peace from Fireworks Music"</i>	G.F. Handel
Words of Welcome & Service Announcements		
*Thanksgiving for Baptism (see page 4)		
*Hymn 838		<i>"Beautiful Savior"</i>
*Greeting		
*This is the Feast		p. 122
*Prayer of the Day		
Anthem	<i>"God's Glory Bright"</i>	G. Walshaw

Word

First Reading		Exodus 34: 29-35
Psalms 99 (see page 5)		<i>(assembly sings refrain)</i>
Second Reading		2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
*Gospel Acclamation	<i>"Alleluia"</i>	p. 124
*Gospel Reading		Luke 9:28-43a
Music for Reflection	<i>"Vocalise from The Ninth Gate"</i>	W. Kilar
Reflection		
*Hymn of the Day 315		<i>"How Good Lord, To Be Here"</i>
*Nicene Creed		p. 126
*Prayers of Intercession		A: hear our prayer
*Peace		

Meal

*Offering Hymn 834	<i>“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”</i>	
*Offering Prayer		
*Great Thanksgiving		p. 129
*Holy, Holy, Holy		p. 130
*Thanksgiving at the Table I		p. 130
*Lord’s Prayer (<i>Our Father in heaven...</i>)		p. 134
Lamb of God		p. 135
Communion Hymns 815	<i>I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”</i>	
Table Blessing		
Prayer after Communion		

Sending

General Announcements		
*Blessing		
*Hymn 318	<i>“Alleluia, Song of Gladness”</i>	
*Dismissal		
Postlude	<i>“Trumpet Tune on Diademata”</i>	M. Helman

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Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus reflect that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see God’s glory in the word and in the supper and who are being “transformed into the same image” by God’s Spirit.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Water! Water! We praise you, O God,
for water—

....

the rain that nourishes animals and plants,
the water for drinking and bathing.

We praise you, O God, for water.

A: We praise you, O God, for water.

P: We praise you, O God, for our water
stories—

a flood that cleansed the earth,
the sea that drowned the enemy,
a river that healed leprosy.

We praise you, O God, for water.

A: We praise you, O God, for water.

P: We remember the waters of Jesus—
baptized in the Jordan River,
calming the Sea of Galilee,
drinking from Jacob's Well,
healing at the pool of Bethesda,
washing the disciples' feet.

We praise you, O God, for water.

A: We praise you, O God, for water.

P: We praise you, O God, for this font,
for through this water

you have birthed us into the family of
Christ,

bathed us in forgiveness,
and enlivened us in the Spirit.

We praise you, O God, for baptism.

A: We praise you, O God, for baptism.

P: O God, you are the Ocean, sustaining
this earth.

O God, you are the River, saving us from
death.

O God, you are the Fountain, granting us
health and well-being.

We praise you, O God,
today, tomorrow, forever.

Amen, and amen.

A: Amen, and amen.



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Psalm 99

Hal Hopson

Refrain: 
Al - le - lu - ia! Ho - ly is the Lord.

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The Lord reigns; let the people tremble! God is throned on the cherubim; let the earth quake!
The Lord is great in Zion, God is high above the nations. **Refrain**

May they praise your great and holy name! You are the Holy One!
Great judge, you love what is right, and have established justice in Jacob. **Refrain**

Glorify the Lord our God; bow down before the throne;
Bow down and worship God, You are the Holy One. **Refrain**

Moses and Aaron among the priests, Samuel among those who called on God,
All these cried to the Lord; God heard them and answered them. **Refrain**

In the pillar of cloud God spoke; they did God's will and kept the law.
O Lord, you answered them; you punished their sins, but you forgave them. **Refrain**

Glorify the Lord our God; bow down at the holy hill,
Bow down and worship God; the Lord our God is the Holy One. **Refrain**

Leading Worship Today

Minister: Pastor Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Assisting Minister: Scott Kuschnerreit

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Communion Server: Pat Gillick

Choral Scholars: Nicole Hamilton, Hannah Swiderski, Sarah Hu-A-Kam, Ye Yi, Drew Aarssen

Broadcast: Andrew Weber

Building Monitor: Ron Roeder (519-895-6833)

Worship Notes

In our prayers Kevin, Betty, George, Anneke, Judy, Clare, Yvonne, Jeanette, Meaghan, Henry, Maureen and John.

All are welcome at the meal where Jesus is present loving and forgiving us. For the wine, there is a common cup station and a pouring chalice station (please take an empty small glass). There is also a small tray of pre-poured grape juice glasses. Gluten-free wafers are also available; please indicate this request to the Pastor. If you would (also) like to receive a blessing, please approach the Pastor with your arms crossed over your chest. If you'd like to receive Communion in your pew, the pastor will come to you. Please let an usher or the pastor know before worship if possible.

Important Information for today's worship

- **Offering:** Please place your offering in one of the offering plates in the Narthex (entranceway) upon entering. The offering plates will be presented at the High Altar during the service.
- **The Peace:** We support people's choices for passing of the peace.
- **Exiting:** At the end of the service, please remain in place until the end of the postlude.
- **Please join us for Fellowship Time** after worship in the Community Hall. Use any of the staircases (Narthex, west stair tower, parking lot tower) to go down.
- **Downstairs Washrooms** can be accessed via any of the staircases. There is one wheelchair accessible washroom, and the rest are all-gender washrooms. A further all-gender washroom is also available via the west stair tower door (front left of the Sanctuary) on the same level. Turn right at the hallway.

Church Fire Plan For everyone's awareness, a copy of the Church Fire Plan for safe exit from the Sanctuary appears in the back of the worship books. Please take a moment to review for your own safety.

ST. MATTHEWS LUTHERAN CHURCH

SHROVE TUESDAY DINNER

MARCH 4, 2025

Doors open at 4:30 pm

Dinner 5 - 7 pm

A variety of pancakes (flapjacks & potato), sausage and beverages.

HOSTED IN THE COMMUNITY HALL
ENTRY OFF OF BENTON STREET PARKING LOT

54 BENTON STREET
KITCHENER

Revive Lent

EQUIPPING LAY LEADERS TO BE SPIRITUAL LEADERS

TUESDAYS 1.30 PM - 3:00 PM

MARCH 4: DISCOVERING YOUR SPIRITUAL STORY

MAR 18: TELLING YOUR SPIRITUAL STORY

MAR 25: WHAT IS PRAYER AND HOW DO WE PRAY?

APRIL 1: MAKING SPACE, AND PRAYING THE LECTIO
AND VISIO DIVINA

APRIL 8: PRAYING THROUGH THE HURT

APRIL 16: DEATH AND DYING, AND PRAYING WITH
JESUS IN THE GARDEN

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5
WORSHIP 7 PM

Ash Wednesday

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2025 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Your St. Matthews Women of Faith invites all to attend the upcoming 2025 World Day of Prayer, to be held at Calvin Presbyterian Church at 10am on Friday, March 7th. This year's service has been prepared by the WDP Committee from the Cook Islands in the Pacific Ocean, with the theme "I Made You Wonderful".

For almost a century, the World Day of Prayer ecumenical movement has been led by women in 150 countries. Each year we stand in solidarity with each other through our prayers and actions, as a part of our common vision to improve the lives of women and children throughout the world.

This unique and moving service affords the chance to experience worship as practiced in many different societies and cultures. For example, this year we will be utilizing Maori chants, breathing & visualization exercises, and hymns specific to Polynesia, all in the effort to build bridges to each other, and to our Lord.

St. Matthews will be hosting the 2026 edition of the World Day of Prayer, so please consider taking the opportunity to attend this year's service to gain an fuller appreciation of the positive impact of this world-wide event.



St. Matthews Lutheran Church

Lenten Oasis

12:00 Organ Recital
12:30 Soup Lunch
Admission: Pay-what-you-can

March 12:
David Hall

St. Paul's Lutheran, Cambridge

March 19:
Bradley Moggach

St. Peter's Lutheran, Cambridge

March 26:
Angus Sinclair

St. John the Evangelist Anglican, Kitchener

April 2:
Kathleen King Martin
First United, Waterloo

April 9:
Mark Himmelman
Church of the Holy Saviour, Waterloo

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TAKE A *breath*

2025 MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

2 UNITED CHURCHES & 2 LUTHERAN CHURCHES + 1 ANGLICAN PRIEST

First United Waterloo



Worship 7:00 pm

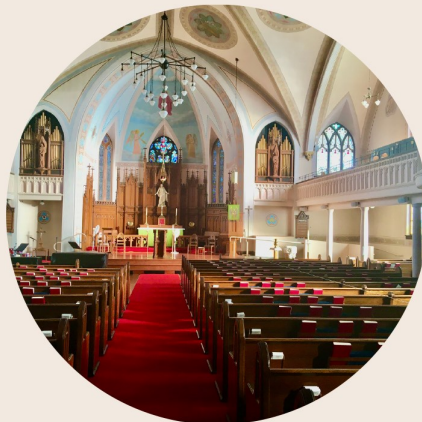
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Presider: Rev. Hoeun Lee

Preacher: Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

FIRST UNITED CHURCH, 16 WILLIAM ST W, WATERLOO

St. Matthews Lutheran



Soup Supper 5:00 pm

Worship 7:00 pm

Holden Evening Prayer

WED
APRIL
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Presiders: Rev. Brenda Torrie

Rev. Carey. Meadows-Helmer

Preacher: Rev. Mario Hryniewicz

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