

TRANSFIGURATION

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St. Matthews Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

February 11, 2024

Transfiguration of Our Lord
Sunday, February 11, 2024
(indicates the assembly stands)*

Gathering

Prelude	<i>“Pizzicato Bells”</i>	S. Lloyd
Words of Welcome & Service Announcements		
*Hymn 671		<i>“Shine, Jesus, Shine”</i>
*Greeting		
*This is the Feast		p. 169
*Prayer of the Day		
Children’s Message		
Anthem	<i>“Sanctus from Mass in G”</i>	F. Schubert

Word

First Reading		2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalm 50:1-6 (see pg. 4)		<i>(sung responsively by full verse)</i>
Second Reading		2 Corinthians 4:3-6
*Gospel Acclamation		p. 102
*Gospel Reading		Mark 9:2-9
Sermon		
*Hymn of the Day (see pg. 5)		<i>“Give Thanks for Life”</i>
*Nicene Creed		p. 104
*Prayers of Intercession		A: receive our prayer.

*Peace

Meal

*Offering Hymn 314		<i>“Arise, Your Light Has Come!”</i>
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*Offering Prayer		
*Great Thanksgiving		p. 107
*Holy, Holy, Holy		p. 108
*Thanksgiving at the Table		
*Lord's Prayer (<i>Our Father, who art in heaven...</i>)		p. 112
Lamb of God		
Communion Hymns 482, 318		
*Table Blessing		
*Prayer after Communion		
Sending		
General Announcements		
Choral Blessing	<i>"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"</i>	P. Stopford
*Blessing		
*Hymn 315	<i>"How Good, Lord, to Be Here!"</i>	
*Dismissal		A: Thanks be to God.
Postlude	<i>"Finale Jubilante"</i>	H. Willan

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The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's Beloved. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.

Psalm 50:1-6

Psalm Refrain



Leading Worship Today

Guest Preacher: Bishop Michael Pryse

Minister: Rev. Carey Meadows-Helmer

Assisting Minister: Scott Kuschnerait

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Choral Scholars: Nicole Hamilton, Hannah Swiderski, Laura Moolenbeek, Nathalie Nasr, Dylan Siebert, John Waterfield

Choristers: Julia Crnko, Lana Moses, Bev Roeder, John McLellan, Jim Sattler

Celebration Bells: Julia Crnko, Gwenanne Jorgenson, Linda McLellan, Lana Moses, Christine Klaver-Schmidt, Chloe Schmidt, Sam Schmidt, Simon Thompson

Torches: Sue Laking, Scott Kuschnerait

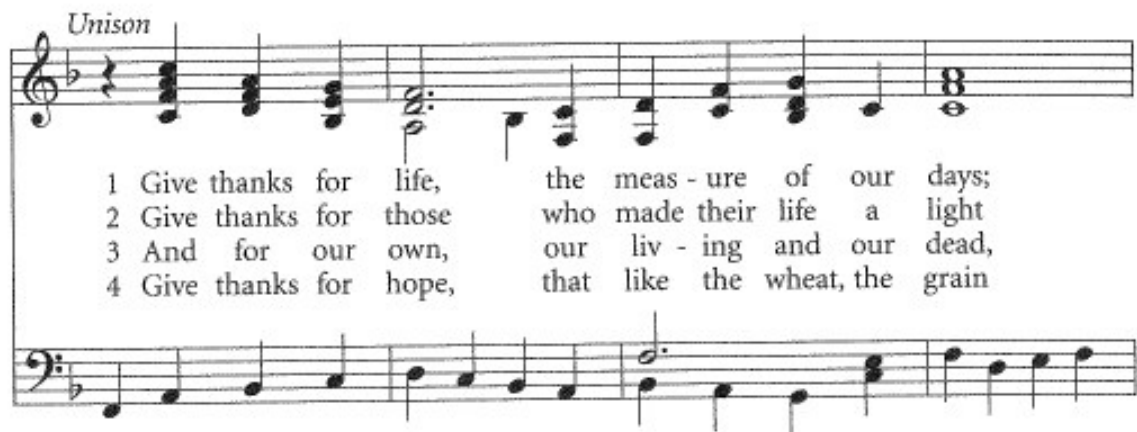
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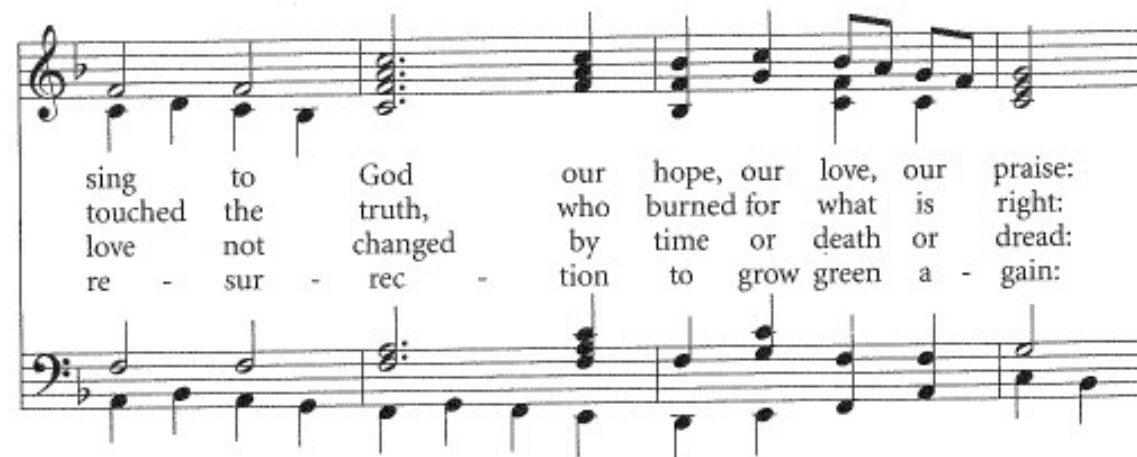
Unison



1 Give thanks for life, the meas - ure of our days;
 2 Give thanks for those who made their life a light
 3 And for our own, our liv - ing and our dead,
 4 Give thanks for hope, that like the wheat, the grain



mor - tal we pass through beau - ty that de - cays, yet
 caught from the Christ - flame, burst - ing through the night, who
 thanks for the love by which our life is fed, a
 ly - ing in dark - ness, does its life re - tain in



sing to God our hope, our love, our praise:
 touched the truth, who burned for what is right:
 love not changed by time or death or dread:
 re - sur - rec - tion to grow green a - gain:



hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

Worship Notes

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.



120th anniversary Service

This morning we celebrate a milestone of the founding of our congregation in 1904 with special guest, Synod Bishop Michael Pryse. This will likely be the last time he will visit us as Bishop, as he is stepping down this June.

Rhythm Instruments: The children are invited up to play rhythm instruments during the gathering hymn and This is the Feast. Grown ups are welcome to play as well.

Sunday School: The children will go down to Scout Hall after the anthem this morning for a lesson. The teachers are Sue and Pr. Sebastian. When the lesson is finished all will come back to the new lower level.

In our prayers Clare, Yvonne, Jeanette, Meaghan, Henry, Marie, Grace, Maureen and John.

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.

New Painting in the Sanctuary



On our Anniversary Sunday, Feb. 11th, we will take note of a new painting hung in the back left of the Sanctuary. The painting is "The Joy of Finding the Lost Angel", painted in watercolour in 2019 by Jim Heldmann. Many thanks to Jim for this beautiful addition to our sacred space!

Here is its description: "In 2015, changes were made to the sanctuary of St. Matthews Lutheran Church, Kitchener. A large plaque commemorating the first minister of the congregation, Dr. Emil Hoffmann, was removed from the [front right] wall. Once removed, a small painting of an angel was discovered under it. The angel was part of the 1925 decoration of the church...The original painting was once again covered over."

More about Jim: Artistic endeavours have always been a part of Jim's life. For many years he was a graphic designer for an



Picture of Sanctuary from 1925 with the angel at the bottom right.

insurance company. ... Jim spent several years taking evening graphic design courses at the Ontario College of Art in Toronto. Jim's artistic talent has benefited the community in which he lives with brochures, posters and creative presentations for businesses, churches, the Kitchener-Waterloo Little Theatre and Wilfrid Laurier University. Jim had a solo exhibition of his oil paintings at Mutual Life (now Sun Life Financial). He also enjoys painting with acrylics and watercolours. He has taken classes and workshops in watercolours at the Waterloo Community Arts Centre, the Blue Mountain School of Landscape Painting Kitchener-Waterloo Society of Artists and the K-W Art Gallery.



Close-up; picture of damaged, uncovered angel after plaque removed, 2015

Who's inside the organ case?



120th Anniversary Concert

featuring

St. Matthews Sanctuary Choir

Scott Knarr, organ

Sebastian Meadows-Helmer, violin

John Waterfield, piano

Sunday, February 11, 2024 at 3 pm

Suggested Donation: \$30

What is going on inside the organ case? We are preparing for a concert to celebrate 120 years of ministry and also to raise funds to upgrade our organ.

What's wrong with the organ? After many decades of service the 1944 cables and switching system are showing their age. Even the first generation of solid state console electronics from the 1990s is now unreliable and organ stops can change sounds without warning.

This Spring we will embark on a complete overhaul of the organ console and wiring which connects the console to the pipes. Join us on February 11 for an afternoon of beautiful music featuring our choir and organ, as well as violin and more!

ST. MATTHEWS LUTHERAN CHURCH

SHROVE TUESDAY DINNER

FEBRUARY 13, 2024

Doors open at 4:30 pm. Dinner 5 - 7 pm.



Pancakes, sausage, fruit and beverages.

HOSTED IN THE NEW LOWER LEVEL.
ENTRY OFF OF BENTON STREET PARKING LOT.

54 BENTON STREET, KITCHENER

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 Lower Level Hall. Use any of the staircases (Narthex, west stair tower, parking lot tower) to go down.
- **Lower Level Sanctuary 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.



Lent

Feb. 14 - March 17

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St. Peter's Breakfast Group is inviting St. Matthews to their monthly Breakfast group held at Kypreos restaurant on Lancaster St. The guest speakers provide interesting topics on various items. It's a great opportunity to connect with our brothers and sisters within our Grand River Ministry. If you are interested please use the link provided below to sign up. Kim Schaner - President - St. Matthews Board of Directors.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-peters-breakfast-club-tickets-802073713067?aff=oddtcreator>

Tuesday, February 20, 2024: Everyone is invited to participate in this group on Tuesday, February 20 at 9:00 a.m. at Kypreos Restaurant, 305 Lancaster St. W. Kitchener. Attendees will order from the menu and pay for their own meals. Our speaker will be Dr. Paul Georgopoulos of the Country Hills Chiropractic Centre in Kitchener. He will be accompanied by a massage therapist. Their presentation will focus on stress relief.



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