

TRANSFIGURATION

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St. Matthews Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

February 15, 2026

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Sunday, February 15, 2026

(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Prelude	<i>"Transfiguration Cantata Prelude"</i>	J. Bender
Words of Welcome & Service Announcements		
*Hymn 315	<i>"How Good, Lord, to Be Here!"</i>	
*Greeting		
*This is the Feast		p. 187
*Prayer of the Day		
Children's Message		
Anthem	<i>"Come to the Mountain"</i>	J. Bender

Word

First Reading		Exodus 24:12-18
Psalm 2 (see page 4)		(sung responsively)
Second Reading		2 Peter 1:16-21
*Gospel Acclamation	<i>"Alleluia"</i>	p. 188
*Gospel Reading		Matthew 17:1-9
Sermon		
*Hymn of the Day 653 WOV		<i>"Jesus on the Mountain Peak"</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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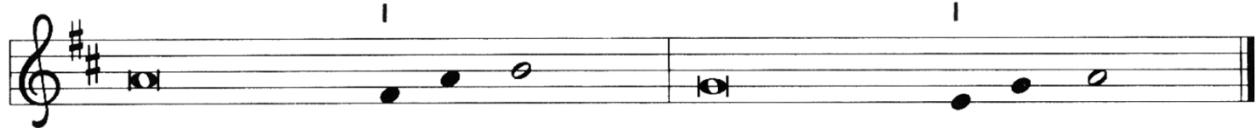
*Offering Prayer		
*Great Thanksgiving		p. 190
*Holy, Holy, Holy		p. 190
*Thanksgiving at the Table VII		p. 67
*Lord's Prayer (<i>Our Father in heaven...</i>)		p. 191
Lamb of God		p. 191
Communion Hymn 593		<i>"Drawn to Light"</i>
*Table Blessing		
*Prayer after Communion		
Sending		
General Announcements		
*Blessing		
*Sending Hymn 318		<i>"Alleluia, Song of Gladness"</i>
*Dismissal		A: Thanks be to God.
Postlude	<i>"How Brightly Shines the Morningstar"</i>	M. Sedio

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Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

Psalm 2

Tone 1



¹Why are the nations ¹ in an uproar?
Why do the peoples mutter ¹ empty threats?

²Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes ¹ plot together,
against the LORD and against the ¹ LORD's anointed?

³"Let us break their ¹ yoke," they say;
"let us cast off their ¹ bonds from us."

⁴God whose throne is in heav- ¹ en is laughing;
the LORD holds them ¹ in derision.

⁵Then in wrath God ¹ speaks to them,
and in rage fills ¹ them with terror.

⁶"As for me, I have anoint- ¹ ed my king
upon Zion, my ¹ holy mountain."

⁷Let me announce the decree ¹ of the LORD,
who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I be- ¹ gotten you.

⁸Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for ¹ your inheritance
and the ends of the earth for ¹ your possession.

⁹You shall crush them with an ¹ iron rod
and shatter them like a ¹ piece of pottery."

¹⁰And now, you ¹ kings, be wise;
be warned, you rulers ¹ of the earth.

¹¹Submit to the ¹ LORD with fear,
and with trembling ¹ bow in worship;

¹²lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden ¹ blaze of wrath.
Happy are all who take ref- ¹ uge in God!

Leading Worship Today

Minister and violinist: Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Assisting Minister: Linda McLellan

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Choral Scholars: Nicole Hamilton, Hannah Swiderski, Nathalie Nasr, Dylan Siebert, Drew Aarssen

Tenor Solo: Dylan Siebert

Communion Server: Lynda Karn

Broadcast: Andrew Weber

Building Monitor: Steve Dickin (519-580-8407)

Worship Notes

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

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.
- **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. The AED and a first aid kit are in the hallway by the office.

Worship Announcements

Worship Music Note: Deacon Scott and the people of Mount Zion commissioned Waterloo composer Joanne Bender to write a cantata to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the installation of their pipe organ in 2009. The text follows today's gospel reading and then invites us into the story, transforming our lives through God's redeeming grace.

General Announcements

Coffee Hour: There is no Coffee Hour this Sunday. See you next week!

Spiritual Retreat Day: Saturday, March 14, 10 am - 4 pm.

Enjoy a day at the Crieff Hills Retreat Centre in Puslinch, and

-unwind

-connect with yourself and God

-learn or revisit spiritual practices like meditation and labyrinth

-pray and sing

-enjoy good food (lunch, snacks and beverages) and fellowship

Limit: 8 people

Cost: \$30 or pay-what-you-can

Deadline to register with Pastor Sebastian: Friday, February 27

Upcoming Events at St. Matthews

Tuesday, February 17: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at 5 pm

Wednesday, February 18: Ash Wednesday Service at 7 pm

Sunday, February 22: Diaconal Sunday with guest preacher Deacon Sherry Coman at 9.30 am

Sunday, February 22: CALL 30: Dismantling the Prison Pipeline at 11:30 am

Wednesday, February 25: St. Matthews Presents: Organ Recital (noon) and Soup (12:30).

Wednesday, February 25: Lenten Midweek service at St. Luke's Kitchener (Pastor Sebastian preaching) at 7 pm

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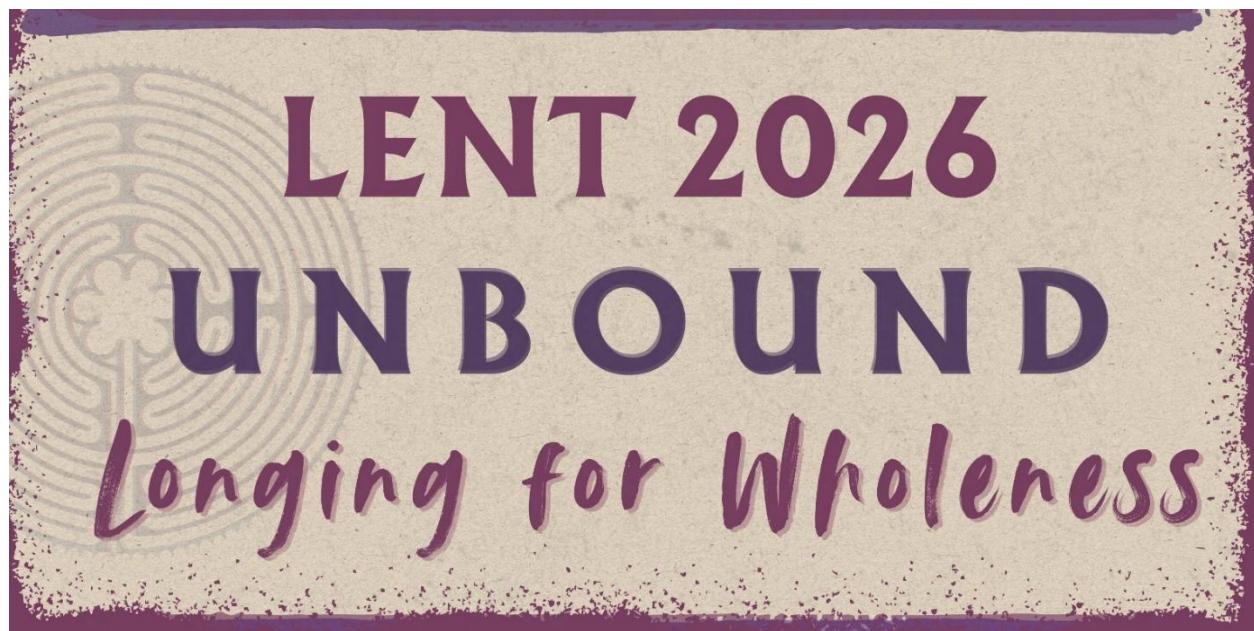
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Scroll down to “Upcoming Events” at
www.stmatthewscentre.ca.

The St. Matthews Centre also has a Facebook page, which you can “follow” to get updates.





ST. MATTHEWS
presents

Organ Recitals and Soup

begins on

Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 12 noon

Music at 12; Soup at 12:30pm

recitals every other Wednesday

Freewill Offering

February 25

Sebastian Meadows-Helmer, baroque violin

Pauline Finch, baroque flute

Scott Knarr, harpsichord & organ

March 11

Corey Linforth, vocalist

Peter Nikiforuk, organ & piano

March 25

Bruce Gremo, flute

Corinne Dutton, organ

April 8

Sherry Coman, spoken word

Scott Knarr, organ

April 22

Sebastian Meadows-Helmer, Lana Moses, violins

Scott Knarr, organ

SHROVE TUESDAY DINNER

FEBRUARY 17, 2026

Dinner 5 pm - 7 pm

PANCAKES, SAUSAGE, FRUIT, BEVERAGES



COMMUNITY HALL

ENTRY OFF OF BENTON STREET PARKING LOT



Limited
Spaces

Free event open to
youth and adults.
Freewill Donation

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2026

SOUP LUNCH 11:30AM TO 12:15PM

CALL 30 12:15PM TO 2PM

St. Matthews Lutheran Church,
54 Benton St, Kitchener, ON

Feather & Cross invites you to join facilitators Fiona and Lana on a scenario-based journey exploring the causes and impacts of the overincarceration of Indigenous women.

RSVP a attendance or questions via email to admin@featherandcross.org



2026 MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS



St. Luke's Lutheran

Worship 7:00 pm

Holden Evening Prayer

Presider: Rev. H. Toeller

Preacher: Rev. S. Meadows-Helmer

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, 317 FRANKLIN ST. N, KITCHENER

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St. Matthews Lutheran

Worship 7:00 pm

Holden Prayers Around the Cross:

For the Healing of the Nations

Presider: Rev. C. Meadows-Helmer

Preacher: Rev. Mario Hryniwicz

ST. MATTHEWS CHURCH, 54 BENTON ST. KITCHENER

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St. Peter's Lutheran

Worship 7:00 pm

Compline

Presider: Rev. M. Ehlebracht

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ST. PETER'S CHURCH, 49 QUEEN ST N. KITCHENER



St. Peter's Church
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Holy Week 2026

PALM SUNDAY

March 29 at 9:30 am

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 2 at 7:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY

April 3 at 9:30 am

EASTER SUNDAY

April 5 at 9:30 am

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Longing for Wholeness



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