

**March 6, 2011 | Transfiguration Sunday**

***The Readings from Scripture***

***The First Reading***

**Exodus 24:12–18**

*At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The "glory of the Lord" settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.*

A reading from the book of Exodus:

<sup>12</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." <sup>13</sup>So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." <sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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 people of Israel. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The Word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## **The Second Reading**

**2 Peter 1:16–21**

*At the transfiguration, God's voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God's voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.*

A reading from Peter:

<sup>16</sup>For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." <sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup>So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup>First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup>because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The Word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel**

**Matthew 17:1–9**

*Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to his disciples in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.*

*The Holy Gospel according to St. \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ chapter*

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>3</sup>Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup>And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. <sup>9</sup>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."

**The Gospel of Our Lord.**

## ***Prayers of Intercession***

As God's beloved children, let us pray that the light of Christ shine on the nations, the church, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

Grant to those who worship on this holy day a glimpse of your glory, that we might see your presence in all the gifts of daily life. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Reveal yourself to us in the splendor of mountains and clouds, sunshine and rain, that our praise may lead us to care tenderly for your creation. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Give to the leaders of nations a vision of the world at peace, that they work together for the good of all the people of the earth. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Draw near to all those living with fear or anxiety, grief or illness (*especially*), that your morning star may dawn in their hearts. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Feed this assembly with your word and holy meal, that we may be transfigured to be the body of Christ for the world. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For what else do the people of God pray?

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Unite our prayers with those of all your saints until, with them, we behold your majesty and praise your unending glory. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and hopes, God of mercy and justice, for we pray in the name of Christ, the light of the world.  
**Amen.**

## ***Easter Flower Tulip Order***

We will be taking orders for tulips to be placed in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. If you wish to sponsor a plant they are \$7.50 per pot. The last day to place your order will be April 3<sup>rd</sup> as we need to turn these orders into the Greenhouse by Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Please complete this form and turn it into the church office along with your check.** Checks should be made out to **St. Paul's**.

***Plants may be picked up after the 10:30 service on Easter Sunday.***



\_\_\_\_\_ Tulips # of plants (\$7.50 each pot)  
Colors will vary.

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

to beautify God's house **or**

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will be picking up my plant (s) following the 10:30 AM service on Easter Sunday.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am donating the plant (s) to the church

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## **EASTER SCHEDULE**

### **Mid Week Soup Supper & Lenten Services:**

March 16	Soup @ 6:45 PM	Service @ 7:30 PM
March 23	Soup @ 6:45 PM	Service @ 7:30 PM
March 30	Soup @ 6:45 PM	Service @ 7:30 PM
April 6	Soup @ 6:45 PM	Service @ 7:30 PM
April 13	Soup @ 6:45 PM	Service @ 7:30 PM

### **Palm Sunday**

April 17 - Holy Communion 8 AM | 9:15 AM | 10:30 AM  
Sunday School at 9:15 AM

### **Maundy Thursday**

April 21 - Holy Communion Service | 7:30 PM

### **Good Friday Service**

April 22 - 7:30 PM

### **Easter Sunday**

April 24 - 6:30 AM Sunrise | 8 AM Holy Communion  
10:30 AM Holy Communion | 9:15 AM Sunday School Only  
*note: no 9:15 service on Easter*

## **St. Paul's Prayer List ☞ Weekly update to the March Vision**

Sharon Moyer - *Wife of Scott Moyer*  
Amanda Martin - *Infant-Hershey Med. Ctr.*  
Rodman Leister  
Carl Thomas - *Brother of Henry Thomas*  
Regina Stifter - *Friend of Janet Hill*

Jean Cupach - *Sister of Alice Oliver*  
The Goodwin Family  
Judy Shupe - *Friend of Edith Stevens*  
Lewis Fluck - *Father of Anne Gable*  
Jeanette Terpoilli

**For the complete prayer list** - please look in the current edition of the Vision Newsletter. The Sunday bulletins only list updates to the complete list in the Vision.

**The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God** and to beautify Gods house presented by Pastor and Marcia Vanderslice.

**Capital Improvement Fund** ~ We have currently received a total of \$62,338. in our Capital Improvement fund toward our goal of \$225,000. Pledges amount to \$64,914.

<b>Elevator Fund</b> –	Gifts Previously Committed	\$50,000.00
	Gifts Received as of 2.28.11	7,665.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>57,665.00</b>

**Victory House** ~ Join us next time, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 as we volunteer at the Victory House. For more information please contact Laura Foreman at 267-923-8895.

**Lunch Bunch** ~ Are you ready for Spring? Join the Lunch Bunch on **Wednesday, March 9, 11:30 am**, in Church Fellowship Hall. We will be entertained by "Hobo Queen," Betty Roberto. She will share her stories and adventures of the Railroad Hoboes. Hobo King, Karl Teller, will be joining her. Let's fill the room and give them a warm welcome. Bring a friend. The more the merrier. Just a reminder, soup and dessert will be provided. Just bring your sandwich and your mug. If you are a Redner's shopper, use your save-a-tape card and bring your entire register tape to lunch bunch.

**Peter Becker Community 2011 Flower Show!** ~ Please join Peter Becker community for their 2011 flower show on March 17-19<sup>th</sup> 2011. Their theme this year is "Gulliver's Travels".

**Capping of Wood Trim** ~ The outside wood trim and crown molding on the church is complete and the damaged cupola has been removed from Fellowship Hall's roof.

**Elevator Project Update** ~ Elevator shaft block walls for first level completed. Work has begun on the second and third floor levels of the shaft walls.

**Sponsors needed for the Bulletin and Sanctuary Light** - A donation of \$20 for either sponsorship helps to defray this weekly expense. This is a great way to remember someone special and to help St. Paul's. Please sign up with what you would like written in the bulletin on the board in the fish tank hallway.

**Ash Wednesday** - will be observed with an evening service of Holy Communion this Wednesday at 7:30PM. The service will also include an opportunity for individual blessings through the laying on of hands for healing and imposition of ashes. Ashes made from Palm Sunday palm branches are used as a sign of our dying and rising with Christ and in remembrance of our baptism.

~ **This Week at St. Paul's** ~

<b>Sunday</b>	Early Service with Holy Communion	8:00 AM
	Contemporary Service with Holy Communion	9:15 AM
	Sunday Church School	9:15 AM
	Junior Youth Club ages 7-11	11:00 AM
	Late Service with Holy Communion	10:30 AM
	Confirmation Ministry	4:30 PM
	Generations Choir	6:30 PM
	Bell Choir	7:30 PM
	Narcotics Anonymous - <i>Fellowship Hall</i>	8:00 PM
<b>Monday</b>	Cub Scouts	6:30 PM
	Property Committee	7:00 PM
	Praise Team Rehearsal	7:30 PM
<b>Wednesday</b>	Lunch Bunch	11:30 AM
	Ash Wednesday	7:30 PM
	Alcoholics Anonymous	8:00 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	Bible Study – <i>off site at home of Bonnie Bonser</i>	7:00 PM
<b>Friday</b>	Girl Scouts	6:30 PM
<b>Sunday</b>	Early Service with Holy Communion	8:00 AM
	Contemporary Service with Holy Communion	9:15 AM
	Sunday Church School	9:15 AM
	Late Service with Holy Communion	10:30 AM
	Victory House	4:00 PM
	Generations Choir	6:30 PM
	Bell Choir	7:30 PM
	Narcotics Anonymous - <i>Fellowship Hall</i>	8:00 PM

~ **Today's Worship Assistants** ~

Altar Guild	8:00 AM	Nicole Walter	10:30 AM	Stephanie Smith
Assistant	8:00 AM	Lewis Hill	10:30 AM	Joanne Hersh
Ushers	9:15 AM	Sue Jarret & John Ferrero		
	10:30 AM	Jeff & Tyler Bird		
Monday		Sandy Bergey, Eleanor King, Diane Leister		

**Upcoming Women's Event** - Ladies reserve the date of Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> on your calendar. You are invited to a spring program in the Fellowship Hall from 9-12:15. Look for a poster and sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the fish tank hallway. We will be going to the Gilbertsville Tea Room at 1:00 PM with the first 30 ladies who sign up. Program is free. Tea room cost is \$24.00/person. Contact Bonnie Bonser with any questions. 215-679-5553 ext. 125