



Pittsburg Presbyterian Church

February 27, 2022 ~ 10:00 am

Transfiguration of the Lord

GATHERING

Prelude

Christ Whose Glories Fill the Skies

Johann G. Werner/Arr. by Cindy Berry

Janis Saket, piano

Lay Leader: Preset your folder at your seat.

Bring in the Light of Christ during the Prelude.

Welcome

Trevor Elliott

Good Morning, we are glad you are here with us today at Pittsburg Presbyterian Church. We are truly blessed to gather together for worship on this Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday.

Mission Statement

Trevor Elliott

Our Mission at Pittsburg Presbyterian Church is to love God, know Christ, care for one another, and to joyfully share the good news of Jesus Christ!

Please remain seated and join together in singing our Missional Song.

Missional Song

Susan Laushman

Love God, care for one another;

Know Christ, care for one another;

Joyfully share the good news of Jesus Christ!

Joyfully share the good news of Jesus Christ!

Please stand for the Opening Sentences.

*Opening Sentences

Trevor Elliott

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Come, let us worship God,

People: singing joyful songs of praise!

Leader: For the glory of the Lord shines upon us,

People: and calls us forth with thanksgiving.

Leader: Let us turn to the mountaintop,

People: and let us give God the glory.

Leader: Our opening hymn today is "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" ...Come, let us worship God.

***Opening Hymn**

Glory To God #377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

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Verse 1

I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain

In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Verse 2

I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father.

Refrain

Verse 3

I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus.

Refrain

Please be seated

Announcements

Trevor Elliott

- *Good morning and thank you for worshiping with us today!*
- *As part of COVID precautions, please be respectful of those that wish to social distance.*
- *Please Check-in on Social Media to share the peace of Christ with your friends and loved ones online!*
- *(Explain & show the Yellow Cards.) Please fill out the front and write any information/prayer concerns, etc. on the back and place it in one of the white boxes at the back of the Sanctuary, as you leave.*
- *"Kids Following Jesus" (KFJ) is available online. Please access the KFJ video through "The Sower", Facebook page, or YouTube channel.*
- *(Show the Announcement flyer): Please refer to the Announcement flyer for important information and take it home with you.*

* **Please mention any last minute announcements.**

Call to Confession

Trevor Elliott

*In trust, let us call upon God's holy name,
confess our sin, and receive forgiveness.*

Prayer of Confession

Trevor Elliott

Leader: Merciful and gracious God,

*All: we bow before your unending compassion, the measure of our falling short.
We have not loved as you command.*

We have not spoken truly.

We have not cared for creation, including ourselves, according to your will.

What we intend, we have not pursued; what we mean to avoid, we embrace.

*Help us to know the mind of Christ, that in all thoughts, words, and deeds,
our lives might come to honor you.*

Leader: Hear now our individual silent confessions:

Wait a minute and say "Amen", then proceed into the Assurance of Pardon.

Assurance of Pardon

Trevor Elliott

Leader: When one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed . . .

*By the authority of the Holy Spirit working among God's holy people,
I declare your sins forgiven.*

Turn now with unveiled faces,

and see to the health of all creation as newborn children of God.

. . . in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

[Janis offers intro to *Gloria*]

Please stand

*Gloria Patri

The Presbyterian Hymnal #577

Richard K. Avery & Donald S. March, 1967

Glory be to the Father,

and the Son,

and the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning,

is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning,

is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

Special Music

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Marcus Mumford
Brock Willard, tenor
Janis Saket, piano

Old Testament Reading Exodus 34:29-35 (NRSV) Trevor Elliott

Reader: A reading from Exodus chapter 34, verses 29 through 35.

Listen to the word of God:

²⁹ *Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him.*

³¹ *But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³² Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai.*

³³ *When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴ but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵ the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.*

This is the word of God.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

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**New Testament Reading      2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 (NRSV)      Mark Denton**

*Reader: A reading from second Corinthians, chapter 3 verses 12 through chapter 4, verse 2.*

*Listen to the word of God:*

<sup>12</sup> *Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, <sup>13</sup> not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. <sup>14</sup> But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; <sup>16</sup> but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup> And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.*

<sup>4</sup> *Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup> We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.*

*This is the word of God.*

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Message

“Let there be Light!”

Mark Denton

Prayer Hymn

*Glory to God #69*

*I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

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Verse 1

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord.  
Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

Prayer of Intercession

Trevor Elliott

**You may say your own words OR the following:**

*Leader: Almighty, all-merciful God, lover of justice and giver of peace,  
Hear our prayer:*

*. . . To you, O Lord, we pray.*

*All: Answer us with mercy.*

*Leader: For your people Israel, for the church of Jesus Christ,  
and for all who seek your face.*

*. . . To you, O Lord, we pray.*

*All: Answer us with mercy.*

*Leader: For leaders and elders that they will abide by your commandments.*

*. . . To you, O Lord, we pray.*

*All: Answer us with mercy.*

*Leader: For the earth that you have made, trembling for redemption and re-creation.*

*. . . To you, O Lord, we pray.*

*All: Answer us with mercy.*

*Leader: For those who are tormented by the demons of illness, addiction, and grief.*

*. . . To you, O Lord, we pray.*

*All: Answer us with mercy.*

*Leader: Let our lives and our world be transfigured by your glory*

*and transformed by your love;  
in the name of Jesus Christ, your chosen one, our Lord.  
Please join together as Jesus taught us to pray . . .*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**People:** 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 and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

### **Invitation to Offering**

**Trevor Elliott**

*As we prepare for our offering today, there are various ways that you may give. You may place your offering and Yellow Card in the white box, at the back, as you leave or contact the office for other options.*

*We serve the Lord with freedom; we worship God with joy.  
In freedom and in joy, let us present the offerings of our lives to the Lord.*

### **Prayer for Offering**

**Trevor Elliott**

*Let us pray:  
Holy are you, O Lord! We praise your great and awesome name.  
Use us, and these our gifts, in your service,  
to establish justice, righteousness, and equity,  
all for the good of your people  
and the glory of your eternal realm. Amen.*

Please stand

### **\*The Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### **\*Affirmation of Faith**

**Trevor Elliott**

Source: Iona Abbey Worship  
Book, p.75/adapted  
<https://pilgrimwr.unitingchurch.org.au/?p=543>

**Leader:** *Believer, what do you believe?*

**People:** We believe in God  
whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives,  
whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth,  
whose love was crucified by the evil that awaits to enslave us all  
and whose love, defeating deathless, holds a promise of freedom.  
Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful  
and full of doubt, in God we trust;

and in the name of Jesus Christ,  
we commit ourselves, in the service of others,  
to seek justice and to live in peace,  
to care for the Earth and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness,  
to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the spirit of love,  
and in the company of the faithful, wherever found. Amen.

**\*Closing Hymn**

**Trevor Elliott**

*Our closing hymn today is "Let All Things Now Living.*

**\*Closing Hymn**

*Glory To God #37*

***Let All Things Now Living***

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**Verse 1**

Let all things now living  
a song of thanksgiving  
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;  
who fashioned and made us,  
protected and stayed us,  
by guiding us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us;  
pure light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:  
till shadows have vanished,  
all fearfulness banished,  
as forward we travel from light into light.

**Verse 2**

By law God enforces,  
the stars in their courses,  
the sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
the hills and the mountains,  
the rivers and fountains,  
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We too should be voicing  
our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration, a song let us raise,  
till all things now living  
unite in thanksgiving:  
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

**\*Blessing & Charge**

**Mark Denton**

**You may prepare your own OR the following:**

*May the glory of the Lord shine upon you,  
the Word of the Lord live within you,*

*and the Spirit of the Lord give you peace.*

Lay Leader: After the blessing, begin to take the light of Christ into the world:

1. Light the candle lighter with one of the candles on the communion table.
2. Extinguish both candles on the communion table.
3. Stand with the light, facing the congregation.
4. Walk out with the light through the East aisle, in front of Pastor, to the back of the sanctuary.
5. Extinguish the light and stow the candle lighter.

### **Postlude**

*O God Our Help in Ages Past*

William Croft/Arr. Cindy Berry

Janis Saket, piano