



St Peter and St Paul United Church of Christ

Transfiguration Sunday

February 11, 2024

\*Please stand if you are able and comfortable

**Congregation reads text in bold print**

Bringing Christ's light into Worship

*Kyra Anderson, Acolyte*

Welcome

*Rev Paul Burden, Senior Pastor*

Prelude

*Garrett Woods, Music Director*

\*Call to Worship

*David Warner, Liturgist*

From the rising of the sun to its setting

**God speaks to us and summons us.**

God gathers us in covenant,

**God's glory shines forth.**

Let us worship God!

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\*Hymn

*"God Is Here!"*

No 280

\*Invocation

**Mighty God, you call to us. You call to the heavens and to the earth in covenant. And so we call to you: be present as we worship. Gather us, that we may hear your voice and respond to your ways of righteousness. We pray in the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

\* Call to Confession

God invites us to come to worship as our whole selves. God offers us a new beginning day by day and week by week. Trusting in God, we pray for transformation and new life.

\*Prayer of Confession

**Mighty God, you call to us and summon us to live in covenant and walk in righteousness, yet we forsake your covenant and walk in ways of injustice, ignorance, or disdain. Your beauty shines forth in creation, yet we abuse and tarnish what you have created. May we be willing to do the hard thing: may we see what is happening. May we see what we do. Renew us. Let us receive a double portion of your renewing spirit. Amen.**

\*Words of Assurance

God's glory shines forth, and God judges with grace and with mercy. God gives us renewed life and our spirits rise.

**Alleluia! Amen!**

\*Gloria Patri (Glory be to the Father)

No 35

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Prayer Through Song

*"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"*

No 306

**Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord; incline thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

Anthem

*"For All the Saints"* arr. by Lloyd Larson

Choir

**The Gospel - John 14:1-14**

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever

has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

*Message*

*“Love Forms a Room”*

*Rev. Dr. David Long-Higgins*

\*Affirmation of Faith – United Church of Christ Statement of Faith – Adapted by Robert Moss

**We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, who is made known to us in Jesus our brother, and to whose deeds we testify:**

**God calls the worlds into being, creates humankind in the divine image, and sets before us the ways of life and death.**

**God seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.**

**God judges all humanity and all nations by that will of righteousness declared through prophets and apostles.**

**In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord, God has come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the whole creation to its Creator.**

**God bestows upon us the Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.**

**God calls us into the church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be servants in the service of the whole human family, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ’s baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.**

**God promises to all who trust in the gospel forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, the presence of the Holy Spirit in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in that kingdom which has no end.**



Current Office Hours: T, W, Th, & Fri. 10:00am – 2:00pm + 513-661-3745

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## *Altar Flowers*

From Wendy Bauer in memory of Guy Bauer



Join us today,  
immediately following service,  
for our Annual Meeting in Fellowship Hall.



**Biographical Information for Rev. Dr. David Long-Higgins,  
Conference Minister  
Heartland Conference, United Church of Christ**

The Rev. Dr. Dave Long-Higgins serves as the Conference Minister for the Heartland Conference of the United Church of Christ serving the 322 UCC congregations in Ohio, Northern Kentucky and West Virginia. In that role, Dave has been called to strengthen the covenantal collaboration between congregations, associations, institutions of higher education, health and human service ministries, ecumenical and interfaith engagements, as well as partnerships local and global. Dave's passion is to see individuals and churches grow in their sense of the alive presence of God and all that this calls forth to be signs of Christ-love in the world, so that all may flourish.

It is out of this commitment toward the full flourishing of every human being and the whole creation, that Pastor Dave comes to the work of weaving personal commitments with public engagements. Toward that end he believes God calls followers of Jesus Christ to a movement toward the margins so that those normally overlooked or discounted can find themselves welcomed, placed at the center, and given space to thrive.

Dave has served in a wide variety of capacities throughout the United Church of Christ including service on the Wider Church Ministries Board, the Common Global Ministries Board of the United Church of Christ and Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, and on the former UCC Executive Council. He serves as a member of the Council of Conference Ministers of the United Church of Christ, the Board of Directors of United Church Homes, the Board of Trustees of United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, and as Chair of the Governing Board of the Ohio Council of Churches.

Dave is a graduate of Heidelberg University with a Bachelor of Arts in psychology and music (violin performance). His Master of Divinity was earned at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities in New Brighton, Minnesota. He was honored with the conferral of the Doctor of Humane Letters by Heidelberg University. He is also a graduate of the Wellstreams Spiritual Direction Program of the Spirituality Network of Columbus (Ohio). Prior to beginning his role with the Conference, Dave was a parish pastor for over 30 years. Together with his wife, Beth, who is also an ordained UCC clergy person Dave has served two congregations, Bethany UCC, in Louisville, Kentucky, and David's United Church of Christ in Canal Winchester, Ohio.

Dave and Beth have two adult children, Andrew and Hannah. When not on the ministry trail Dave enjoys playing violin and guitar, bicycling, travel, writing prayer poems, watching movies, and photography.



# Announcements



Congregation and Steering Committees Discussions

Who Are We? Who is God Calling Us To Become?

Please sign up for ONE of the dates on the sign-up sheet outside the Pastor's Office.

Discussions will be held on...

February 18<sup>th</sup> – Sign up deadline **today**

March 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sign up deadline February 25th

March 10<sup>th</sup> – Sign up deadline March 3rd

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SAVE THE DATE

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

March 23

2:00-3:30

Small individually wrapped candy and monetary donations would be greatly appreciated.

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**JOIN US FOR...**  
**FELLOWSHIP TAILGATE**

**TONIGHT 5:00 PM**

**BRING YOUR FAVORITE SNACK  
DISH AND GET READY FOR SOME  
FELLOWSHIP, FUN & FOOTBALL**



# SHROVE TUESDAY

## PANCAKE SUPPER

JOIN US...  
February 13, 2024  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Fellowship Hall



*Last day to sign up  
outside the Pastor's Office*



THE START OF  
*Lent*  
ASH WEDNESDAY

WORSHIP  
SERVICE

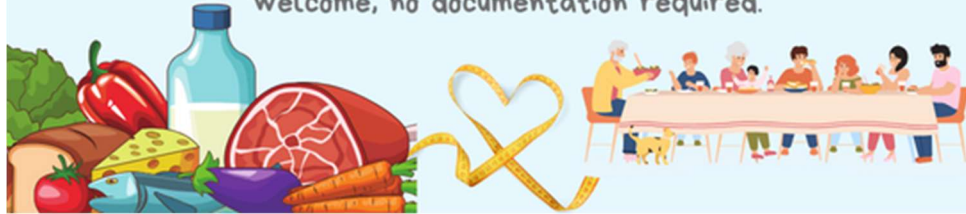
7:00pm  
February 14th



## MONTHLY COMMUNITY MEAL

February 17th 2024  
10:30am - 12:00pm  
(3rd Saturday every month)

Join us for a free meal, food bag to take home as well the opportunity to go through all clothing and houseware donations that you may need. All are welcome, no documentation required.



# Lenten Suppers & Bible Study

## The Last Days of Jesus

by Matthew Williams

Every Wednesday  
February 21st - March 27th  
Potluck - 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
Bible Study - 6:00 pm - 7:00pm

Please sign up outside the Pastor's Office



# FEBRUARY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Church & Ministry - 10 am F.H. Food Pick-up - 12-2 pm.	7 Choir 7 - 8:30 pm - Sanctuary Ladies Bible Study - 4-6 pm F.H.	8	9	10
11 Annual Meeting - 11:00 am F.H. Fellowship Tailgate - 5:00 pm F.H.	12	13 Property - 7pm - Par.	14 Choir 7 - 8:30 pm - Sanctuary Ladies Bible Study - 4-6 pm F.H. Ash Wednesday Service - 7:00 pm	15	16	17 Community Meal 10:30 - 12 - F.H.
18 Steering Committee / Congregation Discussion - 11:00 am F.H.	19	20	21 Choir 7 - 8:30 pm - Sanctuary Ladies Bible Study - 4-6 pm F.H. Lenten Suppers / Study-5:00-7:00 F.H.	22	23	24
25	26	27 Council - 7 pm - Rm. 107	28 Choir 7 - 8:30 pm - Sanctuary Ladies Bible Study - 4-6 pm F.H. Lenten Suppers / Study-5:00-7:00 F.H. Book Club 5:30 - 7PM F.H.	29		