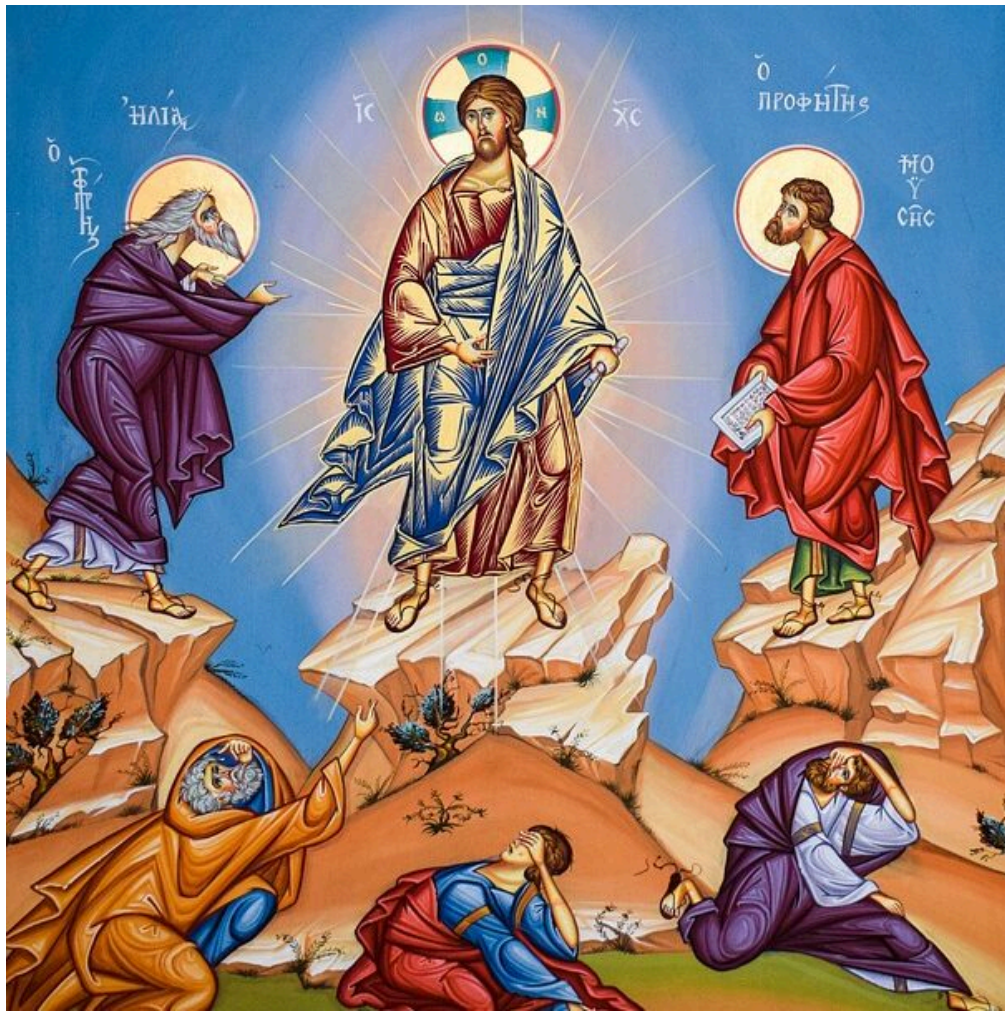


March 2, 2025 ~ 10:30 a.m.
Transfiguration Sunday
Communion



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Prelude and Procession

Nicki Kerns

A Quiet Moment, by David Lasky

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Diane Ford

Preparation for Worship (see image on insert)

We read in Exodus 34 that Moses has gone back up the mountain to receive commandments from God – a second time. This time as he returned to the people at the bottom of the mountain the people were afraid because his face was glowing with a dazzling light. He had to use a veil to cover it! What does this imagery communicate about what it's like to be transformed by communing with God?

Introit

Spirit of the Living God

Trinity Choir

Call to Worship (Responsively)

Mayre Vincent

God of the mountaintop, you call us to journey with you.

**Shine upon us; grant us sacred illumination;
dazzle us with your beauty and glory.**

In the midst of our weary souls and exhausted bodies,

Transfigure our imaginations and reveal to us what is possible.

In the face of unceasing violence and endless wars,

Transfigure our imaginations and reveal to us what is possible.

Move us from scarcity and cynicism and transfigure our lowly visions to reveal the abundant life of your realm.

**Help us to keep watch so that we might leave the mountaintop
inspired to do your work of transformation in the valley below. Amen.**

*Hymn: PH #263 *Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise, vs. 1, 2, 4*

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Call to Confession

Mayre

Humbly and boldly we come to God, lover of our souls, transformer of our lives. We can only bring our real selves in prayer. Let us bow down and listen; let us remember who we are and whom we address. From this dazzling place of prayer, let us confess the sin of the world.

Prayer for Forgiveness and Healing (Unison)

Light of the World, through your son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways. (Take time to offer silent prayers.)

Assurance of Forgiveness (Responsively)

Mayre

In the name of Jesus Christ all people are called to repentance, forgiveness and healing.

**Forgiveness is God's gift to us,
one we can never earn but are welcome to accept.**

When we agree to God's freeing offer,
we are also agreeing to let God's love change us.

We are transformed by this opportunity for newness of life. Amen.

- adapted from Taught by Love by Lavon Bayler

***Gloria**

Gloria Patri et Filio

TAIZÉ

**Gloria, gloria, gloria Patri et Filio,
Gloria, gloria, gloria Spiritui sancto.
(repeat)**

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

"The Peace of Christ be with you." **"And also with you."**

Prayers of the People - God of Life and Hope, Hear our Prayer

Presbytery's Unity Candle: Gonzales Presbyterian Church

Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.

Anthem

Air and Alleluia, by Bach/Fettke

Trinity Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Diane

Saving God, source of our calling, your Word is full of power and glory. Make your face shine upon us, that we may see and hear with clarity your truth in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gospel Reading

Luke 9:28-36

Diane

About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, “Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what he was saying.) While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud.

A voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.” When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

Sermon

Rev. Diane Ford

Call to Offering

Offertory

It Is Well With My Soul, by Nigel Williams

Nicki Kerns

***Doxology** PH #591

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***

***Statement of Faith**

(see insert)

Mayre, Diane

Section 2 of Confession of 1967, “The New Life”

***Communion Hymn**, PH #517

We Come as Guests Invited

Wie Liebrich

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

*The outer ring is wine; the inner rings are grape juice.
Gluten-free bread is made available.*

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

*Blessing and Charge

*Amen

Trinity Choir

*Postlude

Sortie in C, by Martin Ellis

Nicki Kerns

*We invite all to stand in body or in spirit.

PH - Presbyterian Hymnal; GH - Gather Hymnal;

GTG - Glory to God Hymnal

Special Thanks to Our "Sunday Saints"

Pastor, Rev. Diane Ford; Music Director, Nicki Kerns

Lector, Mayre Vincent; Usher, Pete Halper; Coffee, Ed Sams;

Greeters, George Bunch; Flowers, Ellen Bauerle; Audio/Video/Zoom Tech,
Chad Bell

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Announcements

Welcome to Trinity Presbyterian Church

Are you new today? We look forward to getting to know you better. Please fill out a visitor welcome card found in the pew pockets in front of you, and place in the offering plate as they are passed around later. After worship, join us for refreshments in the Magnolia Courtyard. We are glad you are here.

Presbytery's Unity Candle Moves to Gonzales

The Christ Candle continues to be passed from church to church. Today, we remember and pray for the community, ministries, and staff of Gonzales Presbyterian Church led by Rev. Bill Lane.

Ash Wednesday Taize-style Service, March 5, 6 PM in Fellowship Hall

Imagine a meditative, candle-lit space, Pastor Diane leading from the piano, and contemplative sounds of Taizé prayer songs. Imposition of Ashes.

Session Planning Advance, Sat., March 8, 9 AM - 2 PM, at the Manse

Pray for our elders on session as they spend a day looking at the "big picture" and discerning God's call for the future months/years of Trinity!



Sacred Pause

Music & Reflection for the Neighborhood

Thursdays, March 13-April 10

Bring a friend and come to one or all parts:

6:00 PM

Reflection & Taizé Music (Fellowship Hall)

6:30 PM

Potluck Dinner (Fireside Rm.)

7-8:00 PM

Book* Discussion (Fireside Rm.)

Reserve your book by SIGNING UP this week with Pastor Diane (email or speak with her directly.) trinityscpastordiane@gmail.com

**The book: "Were You There?" by Luke A. Powery: A powerful look at African American spirituals and the Passion of Jesus, connecting suffering, justice, and hope. Copies will be purchased by the church.*

Teen Tech Assistant Position

Trinity is seeking teenagers (ages 13-18) to assist with the operation of our computer for filming services, managing audio equipment, and handling handheld microphones, along with a few other minor tasks.

Hours: 2 hours per week, Sunday mornings from 10 AM to noon

Compensation: \$16.50 per hour or the option to earn volunteer service hours for school requirements.

Requirements: Some familiarity with computers, audiovisual, and electronic equipment is preferred; training on our equipment will be provided.

Additional: Applicants must provide a student work permit. No religious affiliation is required to apply or hold this position.

How to Apply: Interested students should contact the Church office for an application. They may visit the office in person during office hours Tuesday – Thursday from 10 AM to 2 PM, or email trinitysc@sbcglobal.net.

Contributing Towards the Deacon Fund

The Board of Deacons relies on the generosity of members and friends of the congregation to provide financial support for their endeavors. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. Please use the envelopes in the pews to designate your contribution to the work of the Deacons.

Sweet Pea, March 15 and 29

Interested in learning to quilt or looking to get back into it? Grab a sewing machine and join Sweet Peas! Their next meeting is in the Youth Room on March 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Third Thursdays Reminder: These social gatherings designed for outreach will resume in the month of May.

Since 1938 Trinity has carried on a ministry of worship and service in the Santa Cruz community and has extended itself into the world through participation in regional, national, and international mission programs.

Trinity Presbyterian Church Supports/Sponsors

Boy Scout Troop #618 ❖ Association of Faith Communities (AFC)
CASA ❖ Caring 4 Kids (Survivor Healing Center) ❖ Friends Outside
Habitat for Humanity ❖ Housing Matters ❖ Immanuel House (Synod of the Pacific)
Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. General Mission ❖ Rebele Family Shelter
Santa Cruz al Salvador ❖ Santa Cruz Pride Parade ❖ Shower the People
Sweet Pea Project ❖ Urban Works ❖ Wings ❖ Welcoming Network

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

Church Office Hours: Tuesday -Thursday 10:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.

Choir Practice: Sunday, 9:00a.m.

Trinity Church Officers

Session

Ellen Bauerle, Clerk of Session

Admin/Finance, Chad Bell (2nd Term ('27)

Mission liaison, Mayre Vincent ('27)

Nominating, Ed Sams ('25)

Outreach liaison, Chuck Cobery ('27)

Personnel, Debbie Bates ('26)

Worship/Christian Education, Ellen Bauerle, Michael Christie ('26)

Deacons

Class of 2025

Elizabeth Bunch

Vickie Rutan

Class of 2026

Nancy Cobery

Kim Johnston, Moderator

Class of 2027

Barbara Christie

Pete Halper (2nd Term)

Marta Narus

Lorraine Vilardo (2nd term)

Trinity Staff

Pastor: **Rev. Diane Ford**

Music Director: **Nicki Kerns**

Office Manager: **Cailan Darling**

Custodian: **Hortencia Martinez**

Statement of Faith: Section 2 of Confession of 1967, "The New Life"

[Left] The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become a personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

[Right] The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

[Left] The new life does not release people from conflict with unbelief, pride, lust, and fear. They still have to struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems. Nevertheless, as they mature in love and faithfulness in their life with Christ, they live in freedom and good cheer, bearing witness on good days and evil days, confident that the new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others.

[Right] The new life finds its direction in the life of Jesus, his deeds and words, his struggles against temptation, his compassion, his anger, and his willingness to suffer death. The teaching of apostles and prophets guides men and women in living this life, and the Christian community nurtures and equips them for their ministries.

[Left] The members of the church are emissaries of peace and seek the good of all in cooperation with powers and authorities in politics, culture, and economics. But they have to fight against pretensions and injustices when these same powers endanger human welfare. Their strength is in their confidence that God's purpose rather than human schemes will finally prevail.

[All] Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is the sign that God will consummate the work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ.

Please continue to remember these people and situations in your prayers.

- Our Nation: protection for our fragile democratic institutions.
- Bob Scott: recovering at home from a recent hospitalization.
- Ryan Althaus: renewed strength and continued recovery efforts from serious health issues.
- Gerry Mandel: courage and patience as she undergoes treatments for multiple myeloma.
- Juanita Stock: acceptance of a family decision for her relocation to Virginia.
- Tina, an acquaintance of Dan Rutan: confronting health problems.
- Friends of Sandy Thormann: both dealing with recovery from broken hips.
- Linda Weaver: wisdom and discernment for an upcoming decision.
- Marta Narus' friend: recovery from a dog bite.



AI-generated image of Moses on Mt. Horeb, where he was in close communion with God (Exodus 34). The people who saw him afterward were stunned by the radiance coming from his face. In Luke 9 we look at a similar spiritual encounter the disciples had with Jesus, Moses and the prophet Elijah.