



**February 11, 2024 | FIRST TRADITION 11:00 AM | Transfiguration Sunday**

[GATHERING](#)

**PRELUDE**

James Stanley

*Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies* | James Mansfield

**CALL TO WORSHIP †**

Rev. Brittany Richardson Watson

The Lord is Sovereign; let the people tremble in awe.  
God is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.  
The Lord is great in Zion, and is high above all peoples.  
Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God,  
and worship Yahweh upon the holy mountain.

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN 173 †**

*Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* | United Methodist Hymnal

**PRAYER OF THE DAY †**

Holy God, upon the mountain you revealed our Messiah, who by his death and resurrection would fulfill both the law and the prophets. By his transfiguration enlighten our path that we may dare to suffer with him in the service of humanity and so share in the everlasting glory of him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever. Amen.

**PASSING OF THE PEACE †**

The peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

## **GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Natasha Murray

## **LITANY OF TRANSFIGURATION**

Eric Zenor

Response: Let me see only Jesus.

Loving Father, thank you for allowing me to witness the vision of your Son transfigured on Mount Tabor. May I become what I behold so that my life will radiate the glory and grace that remain your priceless gifts to me in Jesus. Amen.

## **HYMN OF ILLUMINATION 623 †**

*Here, O My Lord, I See Thee* | United Methodist Hymnal

### [PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD](#)

## **GOSPEL LESSON †**

Eric Zenor

Mark 9: 2-9 | **Pew Bible, New Testament Page 42**

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

## **SONG**

Jesus loves me, this I know for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me – the Bible tells me so.

## **SERMON**

Rev. Natasha Murray

### [RESPONSE TO THE WORD](#)

## **OFFERTORY**

*Shout for Joy* | Allen Pote

Chancel Choir  
Josh Watson, trumpet

## **DOXOLOGY 94 †**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* | United Methodist Hymnal

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING †**

### [SENDING FORTH IN THE NAME OF THE LORD](#)

## **INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP †**

## **CLOSING HYMN 258 †**

*O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair* | United Methodist Hymnal

*During the singing of the hymn, individuals desiring to join the church are asked to come to the chancel so the pastors may offer membership vows and welcome you to the congregation.*

## **RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS †**

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

## **BENEDICTION †**

## **CHORAL RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION †**

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You* | Peter Lutkin

## **POSTLUDE**

*An Irish Blessing* | James Mansfield

James Stanley

## ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

**Clergy:** Rev. Natasha Murray, Rev. Brittany Richardson Watson

**Music & Worship Arts:** James Stanley, Shannon Webb, Josh Watson, Chancel Choir

**Liturgist:** Eric Zenor

**Audio/Visual:** Christopher Cone, Lesley Andrews

**Acolytes:** William Block, Bridget Yoder

**Altar Guild:** Karen Nelson, Kathy Blackmon

**Altar Flowers:** To the Glory of God and in honor of Fran Nelson, given by Alvah Nelson.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

### Requesting Prayer:

Paul Floyd, Tommy Deaton, Melba Yancy, Chad Wycoff, Linda Baker, Sharon Ursery, Nick Thompson, Scott Coffee, Susan Weir, Dee Ann Holt, Linda Deloney, Hatley Rodgers, Savannah Smith, Leone Fenton, Coralie Hawkins, Les Haynie, Steve Cross, Gary Villines, Betty Harris, Shawn McMurray, Julie Diamant, Bob Nelson, Anna Grace Clark Watt, , Heather Rose, Heather Hill, Bill Lewis, Ann Marie Trammell, Rosie Howard, Jeff Crowe, Mark Roberts

### Sympathy

To Joel Enoch, family, & friends, on the death of his father, Rex Enoch, on February 8<sup>th</sup> .

To Rev. Brittany Richardson Watson, Clark, Joseph, Leo, and George on the death of Brittany's father, William Richardson.

To Stark Ligon III and Margaret Goodloe on the birth of their son, Rhett Stark Ligon, born on February 1, 2024. Stark Ligon is the proud grandfather.

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

### **Sunday, February 11, 2024**

- 7:30 am Quapaw Quarter Breakfast
- 8:30am Reproductive Rights Advocacy  
First Cup Café
- 9:00 am First Word (Cokesbury)
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am First Tradition (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 pm UWF Luncheon
- 5:30 pm Canvas Community Worship

### **Monday, February 12, 2024**

- 9:00 am Flower Girls
- 1:00 pm Community Café
- 3:15 pm Washington Basketball Practice
- 6:30 pm Adult Intro Taiko Drumming

### **Tuesday, February 13, 2024**

- 7:00 am Tues Morning Bible Study
- 9:00 am Staff Meeting
- 10:00 am Worship Planning
- 1:00 pm Community Café
- 3:00 pm First Arts @ FUMC
- 5:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting
- 5:00 pm FANN
- 6:00 pm Taiko Drumming

### **Wednesday, February 14, 2024**

- 7:30 am Ash and Dash on Center St.
- 9:30 am CDC Chapel
- 1:00 pm Community Café
- 5:00 pm Wed. Nights on Center St.
- 6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, February 15, 2024**

- 3:15 pm Washington Basketball Practice

**FEB**  
**14**  
at 5pm

# Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper



Join us for  
pancakes in the  
gym! Followed by a  
6 pm Worship  
Service in the  
Sanctuary.



## Ash Wednesday

FEBRUARY 14

ASH & DASH - CENTER STREET- 7:30 TO 9:00 AM  
PANCAKE SUPPER IN THE GYM - 5:00 TO 6:00 PM  
ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY - 6:00 PM

# YOUNG(ISH) ADULT BRUNCH

Sunday, February 18

12noon

Sterling Market

East Village

Childcare available.  
Please register.



## MOMENT IN MINISTRY



**WELCOME TO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN DOWNTOWN LITTLE ROCK.** We have embraced our role in urban ministry. Our members and friends come because they are attracted to our vitality, warmth, friendliness, and energy. They stay because we travel with them on their journey.

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & HYMNALS.** An usher will be happy to help you find the large print bulletins and United Methodist Hymnals on the center table in the Narthex, as you enter the church. Please return the hymnal to the table at the conclusion of the service.

**AUDIO AND VIDEO OF TODAY'S SERVICE IS AVAILABLE.** CD's and DVD's of today's service are available by calling the church office at 501.372.2256 or by emailing Lesley Andrews at [landrews@fumclr.org](mailto:landrews@fumclr.org).

**ATTENTION PARENTS.** We understand worshipping with children can be an adventure, but it is an essential part of their growth in Christ. If your child is staying in worship, please see an usher if you would like a worship bag. However, if you desire a nursery, one is available on the second floor outside the Sanctuary. If you need assistance, please see an usher or a member of the Hospitality Team.