

# BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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**Sunday, February 14, 2021**

**Transfiguration Sunday**  
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**Prelude** *Our Father in Heaven* Georg Bohm

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship** Jean Palmer

As we gather, we remember how God can transform lives.

We can move from bitterness to compassion,  
From anguish to empowerment,  
From resentment to forgiveness,  
And from anger to peace.

Let us open ourselves to all the ways we can be transfigured.

**Hymn 483** *Praise Ye the Lord*

**Epistle Lesson** *2 Corinthians 4:3, 4 and 6* Jackie Piper

If our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

**Gospel Lesson** *Mark 9:2-9* Scott Piper

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified.

Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"

Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do."

### **Sermon**

*"Being Transformed"* Rev. Carol Howard Merritt

### **Prayers of the People**

#### **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 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.

(Many people say the Lord's Prayer with "trespasses" or "sins" instead of "debts." Please feel free to pray in any form that makes you feel the most comfortable.)

### **Charge and Blessing**

### **Postlude**

*Toccata in e*

J. Pachelbel

## **Announcements**

Beginning in January of 2021, we will no longer be including Announcements along with the Order of Worship on our website each week. All announcements will be included in our weekly E-NEWS that goes directly to your email inbox every Thursday. The benefit of the E-NEWS is that there are 'live' links that bring you directly to websites/documents that are referenced in our announcements.

To sign up for our E-NEWS, please go to the BPC website at **bedfordpreschurch.org** and select either '**Contact**' at the top or **E-NEWS** just below it.

**The Reverend Carol Howard Merritt, Pastor**  
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