

complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which everyone stands convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor and won the victory over sin and death for all.

Pastoral Prayer

DEDICATION AND RESPONSE

Thanking God through the Offering

*Doxology 606 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"
OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Concluding Unison Prayer

We give you thanks, Lord Jesus Christ,
for the gifts of grace we have received from your hand.
Now send us forth to reflect your light,
proclaiming your saving death and resurrection
until you come again in glory. Amen.

*Hymn 694 "Great God of Every Blessing"

Charge and Benediction

Postlude "Oh, That I had a Thousand Voices" H.A. Metzger

*Today's communion liturgy is based upon the writings of
Rev. Thom Shuman.*

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SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 10 A.M.
CHURCH SCHOOL FOLLOWING CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
NURSERY CARE AVAILABLE

*Faithfully Friendly For All – Always
Welcome † Include † Involve*

Transfiguration of the Lord

March 2, 2025

**Please stand as able*

Please silence all cell phones

PREPARATION

Silent Meditation Exodus 34:29-30

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. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him.

Prelude “Hark! I Hear the Harps Eternal” Gilbert Martin, Arr.

Greetings and Announcements

Ring of the Bell

Introit “Immortal, Invisible” Arr. Patti Drennan

***Call to Worship**

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.

In the midst of crushing disasters, natural and humanmade,
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 12** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” (verses 1,2,4)

CONFESSION AND PARDON

***Unison Prayer of Confession:**

Holy Lord, we confess that we do not always seek the light of your way. We are satisfied to dwell in darkness, holding fast to the comforts of material fortune. We ignore the needs of others, and selfishly look the other way when our neighbors are oppressed. In your merciful way, help us to establish your equity in the world. Move us to protect creation and ensure equality, that all of our siblings may have a share of your abundance and the safety of your peace, and that the light of your face may shine upon all creation.

Assurance of Pardon

The Lord our God answers our prayers. The Holy One forgives us of our sin. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God.

***Response of Praise No. 581** “Gloria Patri”

Exchange of Christ’s Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you. P: **And also with you.**

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Children’s Sermon and the Lord’s Prayer

(Children’s Lenten Festival will take place during worship today.)

Anthem “The Only Son From Heaven” Harmonized by J.S. Bach

Scripture Reading Luke 9:28-36

L: This is the Word of the Lord. P: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon Rev. Candace Whitman

***Hymn 452** “Open the Eyes of My Heart”

***Affirmation of Faith, (Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.08)**

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all.

Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women. But his

<u>TODAY</u>	Transfiguration of the Lord Rev. Candace Whitman
9:15 AM	Choir Rehearsal
10:00 AM	Worship followed by Coffee Hour & "Souper Bowl for Caring" in the Parish Hall
10:00 AM	Lenten Festival
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	Ash Wednesday
3:00-5:00 PM	Quogue Chapel Service
<u>SUNDAY</u>	First Sunday in Lent Rev. Candace Whitman
9:15 AM	Choir Rehearsal
10:00 AM	Worship followed by Coffee Hour

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Rev. Candace Whitman, Pastor

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-A.A. Meetings: Sat. 10am (parking area or choir room); Wed. & Sun. 6:30pm Parish Hall; Sun. 12pm classroom

-Bulletin announcements must be received to the office by Wednesday each week to be included in the Sunday bulletin.

-Tidings Articles are due by the 20th each month to be included in the monthly newsletter. All are welcome to participate!

*We welcome you as we would welcome
Christ Himself!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS for March 2, 2025

*Please sign the guest book so that the church can stay connected with you.

*Large print bulletins and hymnals are available in the rear of the sanctuary for easy reading. Please ask an usher for assistance.

*Prayer Concerns

Recent: Family of David LeBleu, on his passing; Bob Kreiger, Tony Thompson's partner; Melanie Shrensel, friend of Tony Thompson; Mariko Pichardo, healing prayers; Lenny Rempe, (longtime member of WPC); Susan Sullivan, friend of John and Mary Hull; Ella Carolan, leukemia (family friend to the Steven's family); Pete Seidler; Leslie Johnson, cancer (Stephanie Miller's mother); Pat Bebon; Libby Hirsch, cancer (Tom Rogers' cousin); Raymond Hann; Ralph Neubauer; Helen Fitzsimons
Long Term: Chelsey Carter Collins, Hamptons Center for Rehab; Phyllis Styrzo, Hamptons Center for Rehab; Kimberly Rogers Murawski; Ralph Downs, Florida; Dana Barrett, friend of Nancy Miller

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Sound/Audio/Visual Operator

Richard Childs, Will McDaris, Bruce Qua, Leigh Wanamaker

Ushers

Kara Bak & Chris Lynch

Flowers

The chancel flowers this morning are given
in recognition of all church Board members and Committee members.

SPRING AHEAD next weekend!

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 9 at 2 am. Be sure to set your clocks forward one hour on Saturday evening.

Christian Sympathy

We extend our deepest Christian sympathy to son Bret LeBleu, daughter Cheri LeBleu, wife Sue Paulson LeBleu and the entire LeBleu family on the passing of long-time member of WPC, David LeBleu on Sunday, February 23, 2025. A service will be held at the Whitefish United Methodist Church in Whitefish, MT on March 12th at 11am. Additional arrangements will be made at a later date.

Condolences may be sent to:

Mr. Bret LeBleu
8 Loveitt St.
South Portland, ME 04106

Ms. Cheri LeBleu
380 Sawtooth Rd.
Whitefish MT, 59937

Ms. Sue Paulson LeBleu
147 Taelor Rd.
Kalispell, MT 59901

LENT BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY

Each year the church marks the 40 days before Easter as the season of Lent, a time of penitence and reflection on the forgiveness we receive through the cross of Christ. Here are some ways to make this season meaningful:

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE – Quogue Chapel, open 3 to 5 pm. Begin a holy Lent with this drop-in service offering contemplative activities and the receiving of ashes.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A LENTEN BIBLE STUDY – Wednesday evenings, March 19, 26, and April 2 and 9. A close look at the theme of forgiveness in both the Old and New Testaments. All are welcome! See flier available in Coffee Hour for details.

LIBRARY BOOK TABLE – borrow books from our library appropriate to this season – for adults and children. Sign out instructions provided.

TODAY! Souper Bowl for Caring: Tackle Hunger

This is also the last day the Youth are accepting food items for the local food pantries on Mill Road and Immaculate Conception. Please bring items to the boxes provided in the Parish Hall. The Youth Group will be selling soup today after worship. All proceeds will go to this cause.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! MAUREEN'S HAVEN: March 17th

We VERY MUCH need volunteers to help with Maureen's Haven for our last hosting date of Monday, March 17th. We need an overnight chaperone AND someone to help with breakfast in the morning at 5AM. Our Maureen's Haven efforts have been very successful have year, thanks to our dedicated volunteers. Travel and illnesses are weeded out our ranks a bit, so we are turning to the congregation to help us finish strong. Call or text Nalda Rothe if you can help: 917-748-0644. Thank you!!

Giving Options

An option for your monthly pledge is Direct Deposit. On the 10th of the month your pledge amount will be automatically transferred from your individual bank account into the church's account. It is convenient and easy. If interested, contact our treasurer, Janet Hann for the necessary form.

Presbyterian Women: March 12th Luncheon

Ladies, please join us for a "bring your own sandwich" lunch on Wednesday, March 12th at 12pm where we will discuss upcoming business and future events. Soup and dessert will be provided.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Received during the season of Lent (March 5 – April 20), our church will be collecting this special offering at our March 9th service, but donations can be made throughout the year. Each gift to OGHS helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. Please join in making a difference in the world!