



GOOD  
SHEPHERD  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*A Service for the Lord's Day  
February 27, 2022 ~ 10:00 am  
Transfiguration Sunday  
Large Print*

10785 Melody Drive, Northglenn, CO 80234 ~ 303-452-5478

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

*As the music begins, we invite you to use this time to make the transition from getting here to being here. Take these few minutes to silently prepare for worship and allow the Spirit to refresh you.*

### Prayer for the Day

*On its outer surface, time is vulnerable to transience. Regardless of its sadness or beauty, each day empties and vanishes. In its deeper heart, time is transfiguration. Time minds possibility and makes sure that nothing is lost or forgotten. That which seems to pass away on the surface of time is in fact transfigured and housed in the tabernacle of memory.*

Gathering Music

Jeremy Kurn

Words of Welcome

Rev. Sheri Fry

Introit

Jeremy Kurn

\*Call to Worship

Sara Love

One: The glory of God transfigures the everyday!

**All: The light of God transfigures faces!**

One: During our time together, may God's presence shine.

**All: During our pain and struggle, may God's presence give us courage and peace. May God's light illumine all our days. Amen**

Parts of the service in **bold** are for everyone to speak in unison.  
Parts with an asterisk \* mean that all are to stand in body or in spirit.

\*Lighting the Christ Candle (unison) Sara Love

**We give thanks for the light of hope – unrelenting and inexplicable.**

**We give thanks for the light of peace – strong and unafraid.**

**We give thanks for the light of joy – persistent and unpredictable.**

**We give thanks for the light of love – hot and holy.**

**Let the light we kindle go before us, strong in hope, wide in good will,  
inviting the day to come. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn #190 *Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory*

\*Prayer of Confession (unison) Rev. Sheri Fry

**God of mercy and hope, we confess that we come with mixed thoughts and uncertain dreams. We could not sense the beauty or meaning of life without your Spirit, yet we have not noticed signs of the eternal in the ordinary moments of our lives. We have not allowed our habits and perceptions to be transfigured by the glory of your grace and presence. Grant us a taste of your love so we may acquire an appetite for justice and a capacity for fulfillment. Amen.**

\*Assurance of God's Love (unison) Rev. Sheri Fry

**Gentle me, Holy one, into an unclenched moment, a deep breath, a letting go of heavy expectancies, of shriveling anxieties, of dead certainties, that softened by the silence, surrounded by the light, and open to the mystery, I may be found by wholeness, upheld by the unfathomable, entranced by the simple, and filled with the joy that is you.**

\*Response of Praise #581 *Glory be to the Father*

**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. Amen.**

## LISTENING FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination (unison) Sara Love

**O Lord, on this Sunday of Transfiguration, we pray that your light would pour over these pages and illumine these old, old words that they would dance with newness in our hearts and minds, that we would be radiant in reflecting your Word in our living and serving one another. Amen**

First Lesson

Psalm 99

Sara Love

Leader: Listen to the voice of the Spirit speaking to the church.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

*About My Lord*

Chuck Stevenson & Jeremy Kurn

H. Dean Eades, additional verse Sara Love

Second Lesson

Luke 9:28-43

Rev. Sheri Fry

Sermon

*Decoding the Cloud*

Moment of Silent Reflection

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Service of Installation

Pastor: There are different gifts.

**People: But it is the same Spirit who gives them.**

Pastor: There are different ways of serving God.

**People: But it is the same Lord who is served.**

Pastor: God works through different people in different ways.

**People: But it is the same God who achieves God's purpose through them all.**

Pastor: Each gift is given by the Spirit.

**People: To use for the common good.**

Pastor: Together we are the body of Christ.

**People: And individually members of the body.**

Pastor: Though we have different gifts, together we are a ministry of reconciliation led by the risen Christ. Within our common ministry, some members are chosen for particular work as teaching elder, ruling elder, or deacon. In ordination, we recognize these special ministries remembering that our Lord Jesus said, "Whoever among you wants to be great must become the servant of all, and if that one wants to be first among you, that person must be the servant of all."

**People: Just as the Son of God came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life to set others free.**

Pastor: The following person has been elected as elder by the voice of the congregation:

*Marsha Morton*



To Elder Morton:

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and head of the church, and through him believe in one God, Creator, Son and Holy Spirit?

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be, by the Holy spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confession of our Church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

Will you be governed by our Church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination and love?

Will you be a faithful elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nature, and service?

Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the Church, and in your ministry, will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

**\*To the Congregation (*Please stand*)**

Elder: Do we the members of the church accept Marsha, who has been ordained and installed as an elder, chosen by God through the voice of the congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

People: **We do.**

Elder: Do we agree to encourage her, to respect her decisions, and to follow as she guides us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is the head of the church?

People: **We do.**

*[Ordained Teaching and Ruling Elders are invited to come forward and participate in the laying on of hands during the prayer.]*

**Pastor:** Almighty God, in every age you have chosen servants to speak your word and lead your loyal people. We thank you for these women and men whom you have called to serve you. Set them apart, these servants, for the work to which you have called them. Give them wisdom, faith, and courage for the leadership tasks for which you have inspired them. May they lead this congregation to faithful service. May they be filled with the Holy spirit and be faithful disciples as long as they live through Jesus Christ. Amen.

**People:** God of Grace, who called us to a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation, give us courage and discipline to follow where your servants rightly lead us; that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world, through Jesus Christ the Lord of all. Amen.

**Pastor:** Marsha, you are now an installed elder in the church of Jesus Christ, and for this congregation whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through him. Amen.

Call to Prayer

Jeremy Kurn

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Sheri Fry

**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.

\*Hymn #193

*Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain*

Offering of our Gifts and Ourselves

Offertory

Jeremy Kurn

\*Doxology Hymn #607

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

\*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

God, you have so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us. Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills and our works, a continual thank offering to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Closing Hymn #192 Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining

### SENDING IN GOD'S LOVE

Charge & Benediction Rev. Sheri Fry

Benediction Response Surely the Presence

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. I can feel His mighty power and His grace. I can hear the brush of angels' wings. I see glory on each face. Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Postlude Jeremy Kurn

*Please remain seated for a brief congregational meeting to elect Pat McCune to the Financial Records Review Committee, Class of 2024.*

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## *Your Church at Work*

**FOOD  
BANK**

Tuesday through Thursday 10:00 am - 11:45 am  
Third Saturday of the month 9 am - 12 pm.  
Need donations of toilet paper and bar soap.



## *Thank You!*

GSPC frequently receives "thank you letters" from the missions that we contribute to. We want you to know that in the past several months we have heard from the ZMP, the Guatemala Mission Partnership, Highlands Camp, and the Presbyterian Giving Agency. All of these missions greatly appreciated our support!

## *Birthdays This Week*

Marion Hubner - March 2nd ~ Patrick Kelly - March 6th

## *Opportunities This Week*

- Monday** - Men's Shed 10 am - noon
- Tuesday** - ESL Class 6 - 7:30 pm
- Wednesday** - Dinner & Spiritual Practices 5:50 pm/Ash Wednesday Service 7 pm
- Thursday** - ESL Class 6 - 7:30 pm

## *Joys and Concerns*



Please pray for those dealing with health issues: for Donna; Fran; Allen; Marion H.; Jane; Haylee; Jason; Tammy Vaugh; and Maxine; for all those grieving the loss of loved ones: for the Seibel family; Jean Cook's family; Burton Kugler's family; and for communities affected by COVID-19 or by human rights violations here in the United States and throughout the world; and for our church, that it may thrive as it brings the good news to our area.

## SERMON MUSINGS

Luke 9:28-43



The challenges that the disciples encounter in this passage from Luke are like some of my own challenges. Like Peter, John, and James at prayer with Jesus on the mountain, I sometimes struggle to stay awake when it's easier to be lulled into sleep and to miss the thin places, the meetings of heaven and earth, that open up in the midst of daily life. And when those thin places come... when a burst of inspiration opens a new world, say, or, after hours or months, something finally comes together and finds me transformed... well, it can be tempting to want to set up shop there, to preserve the moment, as Peter longed to do. I recognize his impulse in myself, his desire to want to linger in the wonder. And why shouldn't he? Yet the persistent invitation of Jesus is to take what we have seen, what we have found, down into the trenches of everyday life.

It's not a new message; I bet that the greater percentage of the sermons preached on this text will offer a variation on the theme of navigating the transition from the mountaintop to the flatlands. And yet we need to keep practicing that transition, to keep rehearsing the journey that moves us from being recipients of wonder to becoming people who, transformed and—shall we say it transfigured by what we have received, can then offer these wonders to a broken world.

When the disciples come down from the mountain, they still have plenty of struggles ahead. They've hardly gotten their feet back on flat land when, Luke tells us, they encounter, and fail to heal, a boy in the grip of what Luke describes as an unclean spirit.

This is a great passage to lead us toward Lent, a season that is all about discerning what it is that we cling to, and what we need to practice letting go of in order for Christ to become clearer in us.

*In the meantime, where does the story of Peter, John and James connect with your own?*

**Have a good end-of-Epiphany in these most holy days of blessed light!**

Pastor Sheri



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY WITH THE NORTHGLENN WINTER HOUSING PROGRAM - Meals for Shelter Guests

*The Good Shepherd community has three opportunities to help our siblings in Christ who shelter at the Northglenn Winter Shelter.*

**1. Items needed for adult men and women (25 guests are housed). If you are interested in contributing any of these items, please bring them to the church and place them in basket in the narthex or in the basket on the fellowship hall table near the kitchen.**

- Toiletries (travel size): shampoo, conditioner, body wash, hand lotion, toothpaste, toothbrush, floss, combs, deodorant, emery boards, nail clippers, razors, Q-tips
- Sleep masks, ear plugs or ear buds to listen to music
- Warm gear: scarves, beanies, gloves, hand warmers
- Socks, underwear, and thermals
- Paper products: paper plates, plastic utensils, water cups, coffee cups, napkins, brown bag lunch sacks, aluminum foil, Ziplock bags
- Food that DOES NOT need refrigeration or cooking: coffee, sugar packets, creamer, bagels, muffins, fruit cups, individually wrapped healthy snack items (these can go in breakfast bags)

**2. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Opportunity is to join Pastor Sheri in providing breakfast bags to go on Tuesday, March 1.**

*We need breakfast to-go bags for 15 people filled with things like:*

- granola bars or protein breakfast bars
- oatmeal cups
- mini muffins - store-bought or homemade.
- fruit cups or fruit leather
- squeezable applesauce or yogurt.
- packaged baked goods, cinnamon rolls, donuts, etc.
- drinks - juice box, chocolate milk, etc.

*Please bring to the church and place in marked baskets.*

**3. On Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, help prepare and serve dinner to 12-15 guests from 6:30pm-8:00pm.** Please let Pastor Sheri know if you are interested in serving with her. We will plan the menu and the serving plan together.



## Bread, Broth & Books ~ Spiritual Practices to Nurture Your Soul

*A Lenten Study – Materials will be provided each Wednesday night*

Wednesday Nights ~ March 2 to April 6 ~ 5:30-6:45 pm

Hope you can join Wednesday nights for a soup & bread dinner as we discuss & experience a variety of Spiritual Practices to draw closer to God.

Practice is an essential reset button that we must push many times to create new responses. It's a bit strange that we have come to understand the importance of practice in sports, in most therapies, in any successful business, and in any creative endeavor; but for some reason most of us do not see the need for it in the world of religion, where it is just as important as the other areas in our lives.

*I invite you to join me on Wednesday nights during Lent for a light meal, good conversation, some spiritual practices and then off to choir rehearsal or home...*

~Pastor Sheri



ASH WEDNESDAY CANDLELIGHT SERVICE AT  
GOOD SHEPHERD 7:00 pm MARCH 2nd  
IN THE SANCTUARY

GOOD SHEPHERD OFFERS **FREE** BASIC SPANISH LESSONS FOR  
FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS

*Become a basic phrases “bilingual” volunteer at the Food Bank*

*Sundays: March 6, 13 & 20 at 11:30 a.m.*

We hope you will join us in learning some basic Spanish phrases and skills to communicate with many of our Food Bank clients and community members. Pastor Sheri's son Patrick Fry is a high school Spanish teacher and will teach the class on Sunday's at 11:30 in Fellowship Hall for three weeks. Please contact the church office at 303-452-5478 or [gspcoffice10785@gmail.com](mailto:gspcoffice10785@gmail.com) to register.

