

**Wednesday, February 22nd
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.**

**6:00 p.m. Soup & Salad Supper
6:45 p.m. Family-Friendly Worship
 around Tables**

***Worship Service Includes Communion &
Imposition
of Ash Crosses
To Worshippers Foreheads or Hands***

*Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of
Lent—40 days of reflection and preparation for Easter.*

The ashes symbolize the dust from which God created



Rockledge Presbyterian Church



Connecting in Christ to God, one another & the world. I John 4: 7 - 8

February 19, 2023

Transfiguration of the Lord

8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

**Please rise in body and/or in spirit*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for enriching our worship with your presence today. Listening devices are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Our Lay Leader this Sunday is Karen Jolly. (11:00 service)

PRELUDE

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

William Rowan

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**

The Lord said to Moses: Come up to the mountain, and the glory of the Lord shone all around.

Let us worship the Lord our God.

Jesus led his disciples up a high mountain, and he was transfigured, shining like the sun.

Let us worship God by praising God's great and awesome name!

***OPENING HYMN # 12**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsively)**

Glorious God, it is good to be here with you – in the comfort of this sanctuary, among friends, assured of your grace and love for us. How tempted we are to abide in what feels safe and familiar! How hesitant we are to venture forth into the unknown. As Christ turned his eyes from the mountaintop to the valley, turn our eyes toward places we shudder to go – places where people struggle with brokenness and pain, dark places where we might bear your love and light. Inspire us and give us courage, so that we might represent your kingdom well. Until the new day dawns and the morning star rises in our hearts, sustain us by your presence and your power.

Hear our confession as we pray silently.

(The prayer continues with silent, personal confession...)

Amen

***DECLARATION OF PARDON (responsively)**

Happy are those who put their trust in God and who delight to do God's will. God will make our footing sure and our hearts alive!

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE # 582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* GLORY TO GOD
*Glory to God whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,
whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. A-men.
World without end, without end. A-men.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. A-men.*

WE ATTEND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Come, Holy Spirit, open our ears to the truth of your word, that the testimony of Christ may be strengthened among us and we are encouraged to bear your good news to the world. AMEN.

READING OF GOD'S WORD

Reading from the Old Testament

Exodus 24:12-18

(O.T. p.70)

Anthem

Here Am I, Send Me

John Purifoy

Reading from the New Testament

Matthew 17:1-9

(N.T. p.18-19)

The reading of scripture concludes with the response:

The word of the LORD. Thanks be to God!

YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00 service)

Children in K - 6th Grade may depart for WOW (Wonder of Worship) in Room 5.

SERMON

God's Dwelling Place

Rev. Sandy Lacey

*AFFIRMING OUR FAITH (in unison)

The Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our Baptism.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN # 193

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

UNSER HERRSCHER

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Nancy Foresteire

DEMONSTRATING OUR COMMITMENT TO GOD'S MISSION IN THE WORLD

Offertory

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

arr. Robert McBride

*Doxology # 609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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.

WE DEPART TO BEAR CHRIST'S LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING HYMN # 749

Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Irish Blessing

arr. Robert McBride

May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face, and the rains fall soft upon your fields.

And until we meet again,

May God hold, may God hold you, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

*POSTLUDE

Postlude on KINGSFOLD

arr. Robert McBride

(Portions of today's liturgy are taken or adapted from *Call To Worship, Vol. 47.1, 41.1*, and *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*.)

WELCOME TO THIS WORSHIP CELEBRATION at Rockledge Presbyterian Church! We are delighted you are worshipping with us. We offer two worship services, 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Our ushers are taking attendance so that we have a record. Mask wearing is left to your discretion. RPC recommends those who are unvaccinated and health compromised to wear one.

IF YOU ARE SEEKING A CHURCH HOME, we cordially invite you to consider becoming part of our family of faith. Since 1877, the members of the Rockledge Presbyterian Church have been dedicated to the ministry of Jesus Christ and God's mission in the world. Please watch for opportunities for *Get to Know You* coffees and *New Member* classes. You may speak to the pastor of your interest.

EDUCATION FOR EVERYONE! Sunday school classes meet at 9:30 a.m. Bible study is available via Zoom on Wednesday evenings at 6:30. Prayer service is available via Zoom on Tuesday evenings at 6:30.

FELLOWSHIP opportunities are offered on an intermittent basis.

ELDERS

Becky Graziano *Linda Britton*
Kristi Porter *Steve Kopp**
Terrie Kroger *Cheryl Carson*
Hilah Mercer *Faye Bennett*

**Clerk of Session*

DEACONS

Sue Lawrence *Mike Lacey*
Rosemary Messmore *Pratt Moseley*
Susan Melcher *Jane Holmes**
Thom Kermes *Beverly Myrick**
Nancy Foresteire

**Co-Moderators*

Reverend Sandy Lacey - Pastor

Liz Turner – Office Manager
B. J. Smith – Financial Secretary
Julian Spratt – Treasurer
Jim Bishop – Choir Director
Robert McBride –Pianist/Organist
Karen Rhein – Rockledge Presbyterian School Director
Dr. Alan Foster – Presbyterian Men Moderator
Sydney McMaster – Nursery Attendant
Susan Rachor - Bookkeeper

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (D) (Em) (D) (D)
 B \flat F B \flat F B \flat F Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
 2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
 F B \flat E \flat B \flat Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
 C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
 Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

193 Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

1 Je - sus, take us to the moun - tain, where, with Pe - ter,
 2 What do you want us to see there, that your close com -
 3 What do you want us to hear there, that your dear dis -
 4 Take us to that oth - er moun - tain where we see you
 5 We who have be - held your glo - ry, ris - en and as -

James, and John, we are daz - zled by your glo - ry,
 pan - ions saw? Your di - vin - i - ty re - vealed there
 ci - ples heard? Once a - gain the voice from heav - en
 glo - ri - fied, where you shout - ed "It is fin - ished!"
 cend - ed Lord, can - not help but tell the sto - ry,

light as blind - ing the sun. There pre - pare us
 fills us with the self - same awe. Clothed in flesh like
 says of the In - car - nate Word, "Lis - ten, lis - ten,
 where for all the world you died. Hear the stunned cen -
 all that we have seen and heard; say with Pe - ter,

Some version of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-9/Mark 9:2-9/Luke 9:28-36) is always read on the last Sunday after the Epiphany. In this text that foretaste of Christ's glorification helps to prepare Peter, James, and John for their roles as proclaimers of "God's beloved Son."

for the night by the vi - sion of that sight.
ours you go, matched to meet our dead - liest foe.
ev - ery - one: this is my be - lov - ed Son."
tur - i - on: "Tru - ly this was God's own Son!"
James, and John: "You are God's be - lov - ed Son!"

Come! Live in the Light!

We Are Called

- 1 Come! Shine with the
 2 Come! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing of that

joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,

to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and

free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to

love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -

oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

TRANSFIGURATION

MARCH 17

February 12, 2023

Attendance: 2023

8:30= 20

11 a.m. 97 + 8 stream = 105

February 19, 2023

Transfiguration of the Lord



This Sunday the Chancel Flowers have been donated by Paul & Ingrid Wood in celebration of their daughters, Heidi, and Sally's birthday.



“The Welcoming Church on the River” offers Sunday Worship Services at 8:30, traditional casual, and 11:00 a.m., traditional with our Chancel Choir led by Jim Bishop, Choir Director. Both services include our organist/accompanist Robert McBride. Please contact Jim Bishop saxobishop@mac.com for interest in the choir, and/or other Instrumental support.



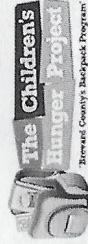
Tuesday Evening Prayer Service (Zoom) at 6:30 p.m.. Linda Williams sends email with Zoom link weekly.



THE MISSION COMMITTEE thanks you for: your generous contributions to the CWS blanket fund; **nonperishables** for the Sharing Center; **supporting the scouts** in their sales in our narthex (Catherine Shelton and Beth Strickland are contact persons); **food donations** for the Children's Hunger Project on the third Sunday (Nancy Foresteire is our contact person); **volunteering at the food giveaways** at Cocoa churches (Jennifer Forester is our contact person).



Girl Scout Troop 913 would like to thank RPC for their support and generosity at our cookie sales on 2/12. We sold 105 boxes of cookies and received donations for 20 boxes of cookies to be sent to the military! We greatly appreciate the support of RPC! If you would like to order cookies, please contact Catherine Shelton, 321.693.4310. We will be selling through March 5.



ROCKLEDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH is having a packing night at **The Children's Hunger Project**, on **Tuesday, March 7, from 5:30 to 7:30**, at 26 Forrest Avenue, Cocoa! Please join us for this important volunteer opportunity. We will pack food for Brevard County's most vulnerable children so they can eat on the weekend and come to school ready to learn on Monday! Volunteering not only makes a difference for hungry children, but it is FUN! Children ages 8 and up can volunteer. Packing starts at 5:30, so please arrive in time to park, and sign a waiver and be ready to start at 5:30. Please contact Nancy Foresteire at wingon@bellsouth.net.



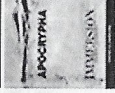
WOW (Wonder of Worship) is for children in K - 6th grade. Our younger worshippers are invited to depart from the sanctuary with their leaders following the Children's Moment. They will have the opportunity to worship together in Room 5 with prayer, singing and receiving the Word in ways geared specifically to them. WOW will follow the lectionary, just as we do in our corporate worship, so the scripture focus will be the same. They will return to the sanctuary on the first Sunday of each month to share in communion.



Wednesday Evening Bible Study continues! Pastor Sandy Lacey will be leading this via Zoom this coming week at 6:30 p.m. Linda Williams sends email with Zoom link weekly.



Children and Youth Sunday School classes The Diving Dolphins class is for children ages K through 6th grade. The Youth class is for 7th - 12th graders. Please email Robin Kramer at dkramer@cfl.rr.com if you'd like to be included on the weekly update email and text list.



The Bible Boosters class The Bible Boosters class is studying the Apocrypha (books about the times between the Old and New Testaments that were popular reading for early Christians but not included as Holy Scripture by protestants). We are using the book *Immersion Bible Studies: Apocrypha*. The books are available for pick-up. The class will take a break from the Apocrypha during Lent and will do a Lenten study and then return in April to the Apocrypha study. Following that, the class will study some of the gospels that didn't make it into the biblical canon--like The Gospel of Thomas, The Gospel of Mary, and the Infancy gospels. For more information or to be included on the class email list, contact Cheryl Carson apcecheryl@gmail.com. You can join in person in the library or via Zoom at 9:30 on Sunday mornings.



Unpacking the Scriptures Class Resumed Sunday, February 5th

Unpacking the Scriptures meets on **Sundays, from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., in the church Parlor.** Under study is Max Lucado's most recent book and small group Bible study, *Help Is Here: Finding Fresh Strength and Purpose in the Power of the Holy Spirit*. Pat Baggott facilitates the class designed for anyone having limited knowledge about the "mysterious" third person of the Holy Trinity. "*Help Is Here* reminds us that our Good Shepherd doesn't just feed us; he leads us. . . . God keeps us on track—and best of all, he's commissioned the Holy Spirit to guide us down the winding roads of life, wherever they may lead us."



Continued prayers are needed for those faced with ongoing medical challenges:

Sharon Kermes; Diann, cousin of Linda Williams; Sylvia Sharp; Max King; Jeffrey Britton; Janet Eaton; Bill Carson; Thom Kermes; Lyle Keeling; Shari Rhymmer; Carolyn Parrish; Sue Mann.

Friends & Families of the Church prayers:

Gene Bell; Michelle Maricic; Linda Norwood, Joe Brubaker; Beverly Myrick's sister-in-law Cathy Myrick; Mike Lacey's sister-in-law Debbie, Pat Lange.

Assisted Living, Rehabilitation, Hospice Care:

Eleonor Larsen, *Solaris Health Ctr*, 500 Crockett Blvd. Rm 602-A, M.I. 32953

Les Moseley, *The Brenny*, 7345 Orchestra Dr., #7112, Melbourne 32940 elmoseley@gmail.com

Pray for our active Military and their families:

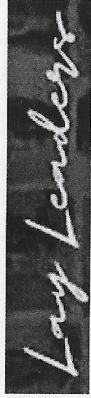
SrA Daniel Coon, USAF

MC1 Wm. R. Lovelady (Jacksonville)

Ben Blier (Camp Pendleton)

Daniel Bradford c/o Melanie Bradford 868 Yorktowne Dr. Rockledge 32955

SSG. Christopher A. Oldac



needed! Please sign up in the Narthex or contact Pastor Sandy, 321-636-0811, sandyelacey@gmail.com. Lay Leader readings and special bulletins are provided for ease of serving as a Lay Leader. New list is now available.

Ushers – volunteers needed as we only have a few servicing for the 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. services. **Please** contact David Ruben, 315-525-3245.

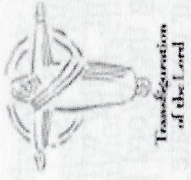



Counters – volunteers needed for recording offerings (Sunday following 11:00 service). Please contact the office if you would like to volunteer.

The RPC Tech Team - needs two trainees to support Audio/Visual needs for Worship. Please Contact R.P. Higgins, 321-537-5869.



Thank you to those of you who have agreed to volunteer in the nursery!

Feb 19 to Feb 26, 2023

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
19  Transfiguration of the Lord 8:30am Early Service w/ Pastor Sandy 9:30am Unpacking the Scriptures with P. Baggott (P) 9:30am Bible Boosters - with C. Carson (L) 9:30am Children Sunday School (K-5th Grade) "Go Tell" (Room 3) (Room 3) 9:30am Youth Sunday School (6th - 12th grade) "Go Tell" (Court yd/Rm5/Zoom) 11:00am Late Worship Service w/ Pastor Sandy(S) 12:00pm Choir Rehearsal (K) 12:00-3:30 Visitors Class (P)(CH)	20  RPC School closed for holiday. 12:30pm - 2:30pm Overeaters Anonymous Meeting (K) 6:30pm - 8:30pm BSA Scouts (C)	21 2:00pm Ruth Circle (Calvin Hall/Parlor)  6:30pm Tuesday Evening Prayer Service (Zoom) 6:30pm Women's NA Group (K)	22  Bible Study 6:30pm Adult Study w/ Pastor Sandy (Zoom)	23 6:30pm - 7:30pm Trustees (C) 7:00pm - 8:30pm NA (K)	24 11:00am Special Gathering (L)	25 8:30am -1:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, marathon (K)	26 8:30am -9:30am Early Service w/ Pastor Sandy 9:00am -10:30am Unpacking the Scriptures with P. Baggott (P) 9:30am Bible Boosters - with C. Carson (L) 9:30am -10:30am Children Sunday School (K-5th Grade) "Go Tell" (Room 3) 9:30am Youth Sunday School (6th - 12th grade) "Go Tell" (Court yd/Rm5/Zoom) 11:00am -12:00pm Late Worship Service w/ Pastor Sandy(S) 12:00pm -1:30pm Choir Rehearsal (K) 1:00-3:00 Conversation about children, youth & young families.(CH)

ANNIVERSARIES		FEBRUARY 2023	
BISHOP, James & Jackie	02/24		
BIRTHDAYS		FEBRUARY 2023	
RHYMER, Shari	02/01	MCCARL, Julie	02/22
PORTER, Richard	02/03	SEIBERT, Tracy	02/23
SKIDMORE, Bill	02/05	FORESTER, Jennifer	02/24
MERCER, Hilah	02/06	MELCHER, Susan	02/24
KROGER, Terrie	02/08	MCCARL, Mark	02/25
DUNPHREY, Suzanne	02/21	WAITS, Jo	02/25
SPRATT, Julian	02/21	CHAVES, Joan	02/26

Exodus 24:12-18

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."