



The Church of The Transfiguration

Rooted in Christ ~ Bound in Love ~ Called to Ministry

September 27, 2026

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration

6909 Maryland Avenue • Braddock Heights • Maryland 21714

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** Please stand as you desire*

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

10:15 AM Prelude

“Schmucke dich”

J. Brahms

The Word of God

10:15 AM Processional Hymn

“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name”

450, vs 1-3; *Hymnal 1982*

* Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

***People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

* 8:00 AM Song of Praise “Gloria” (*All say*)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

* 10:15 AM Hymn of Praise

“Glory to God”

S-278; *Hymnal 1982*

* Collect for the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Presider The Lord be with you.

***People* And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray. O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly

treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 25:1-8

Let us pray today’s psalm responsively by half verse.

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, * ***and teach me your paths.***
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, * ***for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.***
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
***remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.***
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

The Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-13

Reader: A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

* 10:15 AM Sequence Hymn

“Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

641, vs. 1-2; *Hymnal 1982*

* The Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.”

And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

* 10:15 AM Sequence Hymn

“Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

641, vs. 3-4; *Hymnal 1982*

Sermon

Rev. Lisa Bornt

* The Nicene Creed

Presider Please stand as you are able, and let us proclaim our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

***eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,***

of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate

from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

***He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.***

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

***We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.***

*** The Prayers of the People Form VI**

The people may stand, sit or kneel as Leader and People pray responsively...

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Carrie, our own Bishop; and all bishops and other ministers; ***For all who serve God in God's Church.***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation

Silence ~ the People may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence ~ the People may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence ~ the People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Closing Collect

by the Presider

Prayer for Those Celebrating Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Special Thanksgivings:

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

Presider and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Presider prays

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

* The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be with you always

People And also with you.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

10:15 AM Offertory Hymn

"All Praise to Thee"

477, vs. 1-3; *Hymnal 1982*

* 8:00 AM Presentation of our Gifts & Doxology (*Spoken*)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise him all creatures here below.

Praise him above ye heavenly host,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* 10:15 Presentation of the Gifts & Doxology

"As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought"

705, v.3; *H1982*

tune: FOREST GREEN

With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to thee,

to serve thy cause and share thy love with all humanity.

O thou who gavest us thyself in Jesus Christ thy Son,

help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

* The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

The People remain standing as able.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Presider proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

* 8:00 AM Sanctus (*All say*) & 10:15 AM Sanctus
S-128; Hymnal 1982

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, (sung 2x)
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Presider continues. The People stand or kneel as they desire.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
Presider and People

***We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;***

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

10:15 AM Fraction Anthem

"Jesus, Lamb of God"

S-164; Hymnal 1982

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

10:15 AM Communion Hymn

“Deck Thyself, My Soul with Gladness”

339; *Hymnal 1982*

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing (*All stand as able*)

* 10:15 AM Recessional Hymn

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”

344; *Hymnal 1982*

* Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

People ***Thanks be to God!***

10:15 AM Postlude

“Songs of Thankfulness”

J. Pachabel

Adult Study Class meets in Memorial Hall today at 9:00 AM.

Please join us in Memorial Hall for fellowship following the 10:15 AM.

Today's Ministers

Presider: The Rev. Lisa Bornt

Co-Presider: The Rev. Ellen Hurwitz

This Sunday

8:00 AM

Lector Brad Staup
LEM Tony Traini

10:15 AM

Lector Scott Myers
LEM Heather Hinkle

Tellers: Vince Parmesano and Hamp Tisdale

Next Sunday

8:00 AM

Lector Brad Staup
LEM Tony Traini

10:15 AM

Lector Linda Myers
LEM Barbara Collins

Tellers: Scott Myers and Bernadette Roche

Parish Prayer Lists

Diocese of Maryland

St. John's, Frostburg; St. Thomas', Hancock;
St. Luke's, Brownsville; Elizabeth D. Siciliano;
Mark A. Stanley; V. Ann Boyd; Mary H. T. Davisson

September Prayers for Body, Mind & Spirit

John Rolph, Toni Beaird-Wilson, Mary Belcher, Dorothy Beaird,
Stuart Delchamps, Ian Tisdale, Linda Galloway, Pearl O'Hara,
James Belcher, Jr., Richard & Andi Galliher

Weekly Parish Cycle of Prayer

Hamp Tisdale, the Traini family, Ruth Wallace

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Jackie Galliher, Kathleen Bradely, Toni Beaird-Wilson, Fred Roberts

Prayers for Returning Health and Healing

Linda Myers, The Rev. Ellen Hurwitz, Mary Belcher, Andy Davis, Judy
Willson, Erica Wood, Linda Turbyville, James Belcher, Jr., Eileen Ward,
Pearl O'Hara, Celeste Wood, Michael Staley, Sydney Heimbrock,
Marusia Zearfoss, Rachel Payant, Steven Ronquillo,
Joe Ferraro John Killian, Roberto & Dory and their two sons,
Jim Hubbard, Laura Adack, Carmen Calderon, Don Smith, Karl Kaefer,
Ronnie and John Pawson, Carole Garvar, Eugene Roberts, Jackie Galliher,
Bridget Hubbard, Todd Evans, Marilyn Roche, Marcia Shingleton

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Middletown Valley Food Bank

Middletown Valley Food Bank (MVFB) has particular needs for toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, toiletries, and any / all food stuffs. Our Outreach Team has extended a challenge to donate 60 *food & toiletry items* each month in 2026. For the first 3 weeks of September, we gave 117 items, 78 rolls of toilet paper, 12 rolls of paper towels, 8 boxes of tissues and 10 boxes of Ziploc bags! We have exceeded our goal every month this year – let's keep it going! Thank you for offering these gifts of care for our community.

Adult Education Group

This informal group is held at 9:00 AM in the Memorial Hall. It is open to everyone and all are welcome. Come and share a donut and coffee as we discuss books about our faith. The book being discussed next is *An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith* by Barbara Brown Taylor.

Blessing of the Animals ~ Sunday, October 4th

Anyone wishing to bring in their beloved pet(s) or a representation of their pet(s) in remembrance of St. Francis on Sunday, October 4th, are welcome. We will have a special time of prayer and blessing for our animal companions during both services.

Church Office

The church office will be closed this Wednesday Sept 30th through Friday Oct 2nd, and will reopen Monday, Oct 5th. The Sunday Zoom service will still run as regularly scheduled.

Vestry Highlights

- The Vestry set the 2027 Annual Meeting for Sunday, February 7th.
- Transfiguration has received grant funds from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to purchase new trees for our campus. The planting will occur on October 14th with the time yet to be determined – you may see some blue flags and paint around campus denoting where the plantings will occur. Please connect with Tony Traini, our Junior Warden, if you are interested in assisting with this project.
- The refinement of the website is complete – the Vestry encourages folks to check out these adjustments.

2026



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EPISCOPAL YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS ANNUAL EVENTS CALENDER

9/12

FORMATION CELEBRATION DINNER

11
20-21

DIOCESAN CONVENTION:
PAGES & DELEGATES

12/5

MOUNTAIN DEANERY ADVENT
CELEBRATION

1
2-3

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

1/18

MLK JR DAY OF SERVICE

2
26-28

HAPPENING #20

3
14-15

SEEKERS RETREAT

4
2-4

PROVINCE 3 YOUTH EVENT

4
9-10

NEW YORK CITY: NIGHTWATCH

4
23-25

NEW BEGINNINGS #14

5
22

CHESAPEAKE DEANERY
END OF YEAR PARTY

7
2-7

GENERAL CONVETION



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*Please note that meetings with our priest associates
can be arranged by calling the office.*

*The Rev. Lisa Bornt
The Rev. Ellen Hurwitz*

Ms. Jackie Galliher, Minister of Music
Mr. Scott Myers, Senior Warden
Mr. Tony Traini, Junior Warden

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 A.M Holy Eucharist

9:00 AM Adult Study in Memorial Hall

10:15 A.M. Holy Eucharist with Music
(in Sanctuary and Live Streamed)

Prayers for Healing and Anointing
on the 2nd Sunday of the month

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