The Church of The Transfiguration

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November 1, 2026

All Saints' Sunday



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
"Jerusalem" W. A. Pasch

The Word of God

10:15 AM Processional Hymn
"For All the Saints"
 # 287, vs 1-2, 6, 8; 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 All Saints' Day
Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Let us pray. Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our

Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. ***Amen.***

The First Reading — Revelation 7:9-17

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Revelation.

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

> "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
> and thanksgiving and honor
> and power and might
> be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

> "For this reason they are before the throne of God,
> and worship him day and night within his temple,
> and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
> They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
> the sun will not strike them,
> nor any scorching heat;
> for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
> and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
> and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

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

1 I will bless the Lord at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 I will glory in the Lord; * ***let the humble hear and rejoice.***

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *
let us exalt his Name together.

4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.

5 Look upon him and be radiant, * ***and let not your faces be ashamed.***

6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.

8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!

9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.

10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

The Second Reading 1 John 3:1-3

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed,

we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

* 10:15 AM Sequence Hymn
"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"
 # 293, vs. 1-2; Hymnal 1982

* The Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

* 10:15 AM Sequence Hymn

"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

 # 293, vs. 3; Hymnal 1982

Sermon Rev. Lisa Bornt

* The Baptismal Covenant

Presider: Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy, catholic Church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Presider: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Presider: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Presider: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
***People: I will, with God's help**.*

Presider: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
***People: I will, with God's help**.*

Presider: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People: I will, with God's help.

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. ***Amen.***

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.

* 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

"Jerusalem, My Happy Home"

 # 620; 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 D

The People remain standing as able.

Presider The Lord be with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People ***We lift them to the Lord.***
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

The Presider continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere 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

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Presider and People

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Presider continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember all the saints who have died in the peace of Christ, especially those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts (*space is kept*), and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, matriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever 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

"Who Are These Like Stars Appearing"
 # 286; 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
"Ye Holy Angels Bright"
 # 625: Hymnal 1982

* Dismissal
Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ!
People ***Thanks be to God!***

10:15 AM Postlude
"Truro" E. Childs

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 service.

Today's Ministers

	8:00 AM		**10:15 AM**
Lector	Brad Staup	Lector	Linda Myers
LEM	Tony Traini	LEM	Barbara Collins

Tellers: Judy Hubbard & Scott Myers

Next Sunday's Ministers

	8:00 AM		**10:15 AM**
Lector	Brad Staup	Lector	Heather Hinkle
LEM	Tony Traini	LEM	Hamp Tisdale

Tellers: Barbara Collins and Hamp Tisdale

Parish Prayer Lists

Diocese of Maryland

St. James', Mount Airy; St. John's, Ellicott City;
St. Luke's, Brownsville; Eric N. Zile;
Linda M. Kapurch; Richard D. Meadows, Jr.; Connor Newlun

November 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

The Bello family, Marsha Burrell, Barbara Collins

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Rachel Williams, Alyssa Myers

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,
Todd Evans, Marilyn Roche, Marcia Shingleton, Lindsay Batcheller

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 month of October, we gave 129 items, 49 rolls of toilet paper and 0 rolls of paper towels! 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 *Formed by Love (Church's Teachings for a Changing World)* by Scott Bader-Saye.

Church Office Hours

The church office will be closed this Tuesday for the Election Day state holiday, and will close early on Friday in preparation for this weekend's Disney Event in Memorial Hall.

Dessert & Discussion Series ~ Magnificent Humanity

Our final mini–Fall Dessert & Discussion Series on excerpts from Pope Leo XIV's "Magnificent Humanity" will be this Wednesday, 11/04, at 5:30pm.

Wednesday Game Nights ~ November 18th

We'll be having another Wednesday game nights this Fall – on 11/18 – at 5:30pm in Memorial Hall. Dinner will be provided and bring a game to share.

Community Thanksgiving Service – November 22

There will be a Community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 22nd, combined with the installation of The Rev. Greg Shook at Christ Reformed in Middletown. Worship will begin at 3:00pm.

Parish Visit from Episcopal Relief and Development

Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 15th – The President and CEO of Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD), Dr, Rob Radtke. ERD is a non-profit supported by Transfiguration's Outreach Committee, and their main mission is: *to partners with faith and community leaders to advance lasting change in communities affected by injustice, poverty, disaster and climate change. ERD collaborates with local experts, provides resources and programming that nurture early childhood development, reduce violence against women and girls, strengthen communities' resilience to climate change and provide support in the wake of disasters (*https://www.episcopalrelief.org/*).*

A Short Biography for Dr. Rob Radtke

Dr. Radtke has served as President & CEO of Episcopal Relief & Development since 2005. Prior to that he served in various senior-level posts at the Asia Society. Rob provides strategic leadership to the agency's programs in over 40 countries serving more than 4 million people across Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean and Asia, as well as the United States.

Rob was a founding trustee of the Anglican Alliance for Development, Relief & Advocacy. He also served on the board of the Joint Learning Initiative on Faith & Local Communities and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. In 2023 the Archbishop of Canterbury awarded him the Cross of St. Augustine for Services to the Anglican Communion.

Rob has a Bachelor's Degree (AB) from Columbia College of Columbia University and a doctorate (DPhil) from New College of the University of Oxford, which he attended as a Rhodes Scholar. In 2012, Episcopal Divinity School awarded him an Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree.

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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
Mr. Britt Jones

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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Mon-Fri 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

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