The Church of The Transfiguration

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November 15, 2026

The Twenty-Fifth 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
"O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" C. Glaser

The Word of God

10:15 AM Processional Hymn
"Rejoice, the Lord is King!"
 # 363; Glory to God Hymnal

* 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 Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Let us pray. Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and

inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

The First Reading — Zephaniah 1:7,12-18

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Zephaniah.

Be silent before the Lord God!
For the day of the Lord is at hand;

the Lord has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people

who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,

"The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do harm."

Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;

though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;

the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.

That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,

a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,

a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry

against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the Lord,

their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.

Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the Lord's wrath;

in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;

for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90:1-8, 12

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

1 Lord, you have been our refuge * ***from one generation to another.***

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, * ***from age to age you are God.***

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, * ***"Go back, O child of earth."***

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past * ***and like a watch in the night.***

5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

7 For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

8 Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

The Second Reading — 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

* 10:15 AM Sequence Hymn

"Awake, My Soul"
 # 546, vs. 1-2; Hymnal 1982

* The Gospel — Matthew 25:14-30

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

Jesus said, “It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

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

* 10:15 AM Sequence Hymn
“Awake, My Soul”
 # 546, vs. 3-4; Hymnal 1982

Sermon Dr. Rob Radtke

* 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

"My Life Flows On"

 # 821; Glory to God Hymnal

* 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 2 *Enriching Our Worship 1*

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 proceeds

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

* 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.

Then the Presider continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus, your holy child.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you, this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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

"My God, the Table now is Spread"
 # 321; 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

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"
 # 561; Hymnal 1982

* Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

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

10:15 AM Postlude

"Duke Street" J. Hatton

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	Bill Spare
LEM	Tony Traini	LEM	Britt Jones

Tellers: Molly Wilson and Bernadette Roche

Next Sunday's Ministers

	8:00 AM		**10:15 AM**
Lector	Brad Staup	Lector	Britt Jones
LEM	Tony Traini	LEM	Marusia Zearfoss

Tellers: Vince Parmesano and Hamp Tisdale

Parish Prayer Lists

Diocese of Maryland

St. Paul's, Point of Rocks; **Transfiguration, Braddock Heights**
Trinity, Elkridge; Scott L. Lipscomb
David G. Showers; M. Joanna White; Steven L. McCarty

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

Audrey Dixon, Rick & Jackie Galliher, Mel & Linda Galloway

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Janet Roberts, Fr. Gordon De La Vars, Scott & Linda 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

PARISH EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Visit from Episcopal Relief and Development

Today we welcome 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.

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 extended a challenge to donate 60 *food & toiletry items* each month in 2026. For the first two weeks of November, we gave 46 items, 24 rolls of toilet paper and 2 rolls of paper towels! We continue to exceed 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.

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.

MVPHP 2026 Holiday Craft Fair

Again, this year, the MVPHP 2026 Holiday Craft Fair will feature a raffle basket created by Jacqui Pieterse. The basket is overflowing with Italian kitchen implements, linens and serving vessels, and foods. Jacqui also will include an original painting of a Tuscan scene she created. Mark your calendars and plan to attend the event to raise funds for MVPHP's community programs. Take a chance to win the delightful Italian basked or one of many others contributed by other community members.

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.

CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Our Giving Tree will be in place in the Narthex from the first Sunday of Advent, November 29 through January 3. Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP), a local nonprofit that builds beds for local children who have none, has been very appreciative of our gifts in the past. We will support them, again, this year.

How You Can Help

Sleep in Heavenly Peace is an all volunteer organization. Their volunteer crews meet to build twin beds and bunkbeds in their "build barn" in Adamstown. Each bed needs a full set of new bedding which is delivered with the beds.

To participate:

- Take one of the information sheets in the basket under the tree for easy reference
- Purchase bedding for a regular twin bed. All items must be new and in original packaging.
- Your contribution may include any or all of these bedding items:
    - Twin sheets and pillow case, twin comforter, twin blanket, pillows
- Bring your new item(s) to the church between the first Sunday of Advent and January 3.
- Place your unwrapped items in the large gift-wrapped boxes near the Giving Tree.

If you prefer to make a monetary contribution, please write a check to Church of the Transfiguration and put Sleep in Heavenly Peace on the memo line. Place it in the collection any Sunday between now and New Years Day. Funds will go to Sleep in Heavenly Peace to purchase building materials. The Outreach Committee will deliver your donations to SHP on or about January 5, 2027. To learn more about SHP and their mission, visit https://shpbeds.org/chapter/md-frederick-co/. If you have questions, feel free to contact me at lmmyers@xecu.net or 301-471-6638.

Thank you for your generosity,
Linda Myers, Chair, COTT Outreach Committee