

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, March 11			
Holy Eucharist	Church	5:30	p.m.
Sunday, March 12 Second Sunday in Lent			
Holy Eucharist	Church	9:00	a.m.
Holy Family Choir Rehearsal	Music Room	9:05	a.m.
Church of the Holy Faith	Niles Building	10:00	a.m.
Formation Classes for all ages	(see details inside)	10:15	a.m.
The Way Makeup Session	Office Lobby	10:15	a.m.
Canticle Choir Rehearsal	Music Room	11:10	a.m.
Youth Choir Rehearsal	Performance Hall	11:10	a.m.
Holy Eucharist	Church	11:15	a.m.
Lenten Taizé Service	Gathering Space	6:00	p.m.
Monday, March 13			
Writer's Group	Vestry Room	6:00	p.m.
Tuesday, March 14			
Tuesday Women's Book Study	Vestry Room	2:00	p.m.
Bella Musica Rehearsal	Music Room	7:00	p.m.
Wednesday, March 15			
Mom's Book Group	Parlor	9:30	a.m.
Austin Street Center Food Preparation	Roper Kitchen	4:00	p.m.
Holy Eucharist	Church	6:00	p.m.
Lenten Evening Dinner Series: Ariel Boxman	Roper Hall	6:30	p.m.
Jr. High Crossover	Youth Center	6:00	p.m.
Sr. High Crossover	Youth Center	7:00	p.m.
Transfiguration Choir Rehearsal	Performance Hall	7:15	p.m.
Thursday, March 16			
Holy Eucharist	Church	12:00	p.m.
For the Love of God Class	Parlor	5:45	p.m.
Mission & Ministry Committee	Library	6:00	p.m.
Friday, March 17			
Youth Pilgrimage Retreat	Offsite		
Saturday, March 18			
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Newcomer Brunch	Roper Hall	12:30	p.m.

TEXTS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 19 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

The First Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7

The Second Lesson: Romans 5:1-11

The Gradual: Psalm 95

The Gospel: John 4:5-42

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

March 12 Rosanne Brooks	March 16 David Criss, Kathleen Donaldson, Judy Drotman, Henry Ferrell, Mary Ann Morrow, Craig Pardue, Erika Ralston
March 13 Laura Blowey, Kathy Eller, Stephen Matthews	March 17 Sam Gomez, Chris Johnson, Ray Walsh, Jr.
March 14 Patty Horsley, Talia Jaryszak, Marc Lord, Herbert Mawema, Emmanuella Okpara, Gabriella Okpara, David Sheahan	March 18 Vicki Fenton, Mary Knapp, Don Lieb, Kristi Roper
March 15 Nancy Button, Lindsey Murphy, Teddy Padden	

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

This year's "Many Members One Body" campaign highlighted the importance of coming together as a congregation to fulfill our sacred potential; to be the Body that truly serves and worships and learns and prays as we have all been created to do. While emphasizing that every member is a necessary piece of our bigger picture, we sought to increase the number of member households pledging their financial support to Transfiguration's operating budget. Over the last several years, our pledge count has declined and it is only through the increased generosity of those returning and new pledging households that the dollars committed to funding our church's transformative mission and ministries have remained flat.



As shown below, we ended up essentially flat with last year. For 2017 we have matched 2016's original total of pledges and on a dollar basis increased our pledged support by \$10,000, or 0.6%. We were fortunate to receive support from 55 new pledging households this year (12% of our total count); and 44% of returning households increased their annual pledge by a combined 17% over last year. Taking into account those members who participated in both 2016 and 2017, together with new pledging households, pledged dollars increased 7%, or almost \$110,000, over last year. However, these gains were offset by 52 households that pledged for 2016 but did not return for the current year, accounting last year for a total of \$90,000.

	2016	2017
# of pledges	444	444
Total pledges \$	\$1,652,269	\$1,662,940

WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

Wednesday | 6:00 p.m. Thursday | 12:00 p.m. Saturday | 5:30 p.m.
Sunday | 9:00 a.m.* and 11:15 a.m.*

*Childcare available for children 6 weeks to age 5.



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EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE
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NEWS & EVENTS

THE NOTICES

MARCH 12

WELCOME TO TRANSFIGURATION!

We are so glad to share our act of worship with you today, and hope you will experience the grace and mercy of God among our community. Our mission is to seek and serve Christ in all persons, and we joyfully welcome all people into our life and fellowship. Rooted in Scripture and the Anglican tradition, we seek to deepen your faith and help you share the good news of Christ's love in word and action. If you would like to learn more about our church, please stop by the Visitors' Center at the main entrance to the building, or fill out a welcome card and someone will be in touch in the coming week.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT



Today's readings focus on the theme of journey. Whenever we travel, we undergo the pain of leaving behind familiar things and the uncertainty of a new future. In Lent, Christians remember that they are life-long "pilgrims in a strange land", people on a journey into the future that God has prepared for us.

The Old Testament reading tells of the story of Abraham's calling by God, and the beginning of his journey into the Promised Land. In this new and unknown place, God opened up new rivers of grace for Abraham and Sarah. In the second reading, Paul expounds on Abraham as the

father of faith and as our ancestor in the Faith. The journey begun by Abraham and Sarah is a journey that continues in our lives and a journey begun this Lent by all those among us who seek baptism at Easter.

Nicodemus is also interested in a journey—the journey into God's Kingdom. Here a leading rabbi comes to discuss God's Word with Jesus who he recognizes as a fellow rabbi. John tells us this was Passover season and it was accounted specially blessed for rabbis to discuss God's Word through the night during that season. Jesus reveals the way into God's Kingdom to be a new birth, a birth from heaven (the original text means both) through water and the Holy Spirit.

We gather to support each other in our journey, to pray for those who will be baptized, and to be nourished by Christ in his Word and Sacraments—they are our food for the journey.

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ALTAR FLOWERS & CANDLE

Help us glorify God and adorn our altar in beauty by making a gift toward our altar flowers. Each week the Flower Guild creates magnificent arrangements for our altar, font, and entrances, as well as for our homebound parishioners, and your support helps this ministry continue to thrive. A gift of \$300 covers our full weekly cost, though gifts of any size are welcomed.

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Ernestine Chenault, mother of parishioner Paul Chenault (Memorial Eucharist - Saturday, March 18; 1pm at Transfiguration)

Thelma Morrison, mother of parishioner Robin Caldwell

PASTORAL CARE LIST

Judith Adams, Nancee Adams, Bailey Akghar, Frank Brown, Lib Bruffey, Mae Buswell, Pat Carr, Sheri Channels, Larry Cottingham, Monica Dougherty, Vivian Driscoll, Roy Evanczyk, Doris Ferguson, Tim Gadsby, Marguerite Kaufman, Andrea Lee, Carolyn Moore, Allyn Patrick, Marilyn Rollins, Betty Sacchetti, Myrna Taylor, Marion Triano, Robin Yaklin, and Beth Ygartua.

PRAYER REQUESTS

At each weekend Eucharist the Intercessor invites the prayers of the congregation, and offers on the altar any prayers printed in the Parish Intercession Book. A moment of silence is kept for all to speak aloud their own intercessions and thanksgivings. We also have a Prayer Chain, where members make a commitment to daily prayer for concerns of the parish and our friends. You may call the Prayer Chain anytime at 972-233-1898 ext. 300, or email prayers@transfiguration.net.

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP

Children are *always* welcome in worship! For those who would like, professionally staffed childcare is provided for ages six weeks through five years at the Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services. Children's Chapel is offered during both the 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. Eucharist for children age four years through second grade. This service is designed for those too old for nursery care, but too young to fully appreciate the full service. Children are invited to follow the wooden cross behind the main procession out the North Transept. They return to the church at the Peace in time to rejoin their families for the Eucharist.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

PREACHER

5:30 p.m. | Erin Jean Warde

9:00 & 11:15 a.m. | Erin Jean Warde

5:30 P.M. SATURDAY

Presider | Erin Jean Warde

Eucharistic Minister | Alan Horan

Lector | David Gillam

Sound Technician | Gordon Dempsey

9:00 A.M. SUNDAY

Presider | Casey Shobe

Assistants | Liz O'Donnell, Michael

Merriman

Minister of Ceremonies | Kipton Moravec

Acolytes | Ryan Marsh, Mark Mercer, Ria

Marsh, Ella Roper, Coleman Roper

Lector 1 | Sally Manning

Lector 2 | Susan Fisk

Eucharistic Ministers | Jodi Dalton, Liz

Kerner, Bill Keslar, Katey Young

Eucharistic Visitors | Al Blackwell, Deb

Matthews, Judson Watkins, Tim Cutts

Ushers | Tod Almquist, Judy Drotman,

Nicholas Georgas, Brooke Grona-Robb,

Brett Hicks, Rob Huttmeier, Curt Raschke

Sound Technician | Jim Jenkins

Director of Music | Joel Martinson

Intercessor | Delynda Moravec

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY

Presider | Michael Merriman

Assistants | Liz O'Donnell, Casey Shobe

Minister of Ceremonies | David Gillam

Acolytes | Robin Caldwell, Bob Orndoff,

Jackie Smith

Lector 1 | Pam Johnson

Lector 2 | Lisa Edwards

Eucharistic Ministers | Chip Brownlee,

Brian Ladr, Peter Soper, Jim Watson

Ushers | Robert Doyna, Charlie Barnes,

Penny Bonneau, Maggie Sharer, Jack

Skelton, Sarah Winlock

Sound Technician | Greg Rickard

Director of Music | Joel Martinson

Intercessor | Brian Mazur

Altar Guild week of March 11 – 16 |

Mary Ellen Horan, Gloria Snyder, Marlyse Bassett, Rebecca Gray, Diana Davis, Minnie Harper, Nancy Button, Estela daCosta, J. B. Forrest

TODAY

Lenten Adult Formation Classes | 10:15 a.m.

Formation classes for all ages meet Sunday mornings at 10:15 a.m. Adults continue a five-week series for Lent:

In Dying We Live with the Rev. Erin Jean Warde | *Conference Room 1* - This class, sponsored by Transfiguration's Endowment Fund, will spend each week having intentional conversations about facing mortality. It will feature a variety of presenters, with topics ranging from talking about death, to elder care, to how to prepare legal documents that can ensure you are given appropriate care, long term planning, and even prayerfully making decisions about your own funeral liturgy.

The Justice of God in Paul's Letter to Rome with Ron Damholt | *Conference Room 2* - This class, sponsored by the North Dallas Chapter of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship, will focus on several major passages and themes in Paul's letter to the Romans in an attempt to better understand the letter's main theme: the justice of God initiated and promised through Messiah Jesus, made possible by the work of the Holy Spirit, and embodied in local communities.

The Five Love Languages of Children with Evan Williams | *Vestry Room* - Physical touch, words of affirmation, quality time, gifts, acts of service—how can we communicate with the children in our lives through the language they are most comfortable with, in a way that reflects our Christian values and Baptismal covenant? Join teacher and facilitator Evan Williams in a discussion about the many ways we communicate with children, and the ways that children communicate with us, through the lens of how these languages affect our faith.

The Liturgies of Holy Week with the Rev. Paul Bradshaw | *Roper Hall* - The Prayer Book provides a rich sequence of services from Palm Sunday to Easter Day. We will examine the contents and spiritual meaning of each of these; we will trace their historical roots, especially in the pilgrimage liturgies of fourth-century Jerusalem; and we will answer questions like "Why don't we celebrate the full Eucharist on Good Friday?" and "Why does the date of Easter change each year?"

Lenten Taizé Service | 6:00 p.m.

Join us for a contemplative time of prayer and song with an opportunity to walk the labyrinth, sit in silence, or chant along with live musicians. Experience the labyrinth by candlelight this evening at 6:00 p.m. in the Gathering Space.

Collection of Non-Food Items for Transfiguration's Food Pantry

This is the final week for the Outreach Committee's non-food items drive for the Transfiguration Food Pantry. A list of items we need is available at the Welcome Center and online at transfiguration.net/currentprojects.

LENTEN EVENING SERIES

Join us for an evening study in Lent as we reflect on our calling to a life of prayer. Each Wednesday evening through April 5, we will gather in the church at 6:00 p.m. for Holy Eucharist, followed by a light soup supper in Roper Hall at 6:30, and the featured lecture with Q&A at 7:00, concluding with Compline at 8:15 p.m. There will be a Lenten program for children in kindergarten through 5th grade immediately following dinner in Room S-203. Childcare is provided for nursery-aged children.

On March 15, the topic will be Introduction to Jewish Prayer Practices with Rabbi Educator

Ariel Boxman. In this lecture about Jewish prayer and ritual, Rabbi Ariel Boxman will discuss the Jewish prayer service and the meaning and order of the rituals practiced. She will present some traditional liturgy and introduce the audience to special melodies and chants used in the Jewish tradition.

Rabbi Ariel C. Boxman, Rabbi-Educator at Temple Shalom, grew up in the Caribbean on the island of St. Thomas. As the daughter of a Reform rabbi, she was a very active participant in the Reform Movement. In 2007, Rabbi Boxman graduated from American University in Washington D.C., with a major in International Relations and a minor in Israel Studies. With a passion for Jewish leadership, pastoral care and education, Rabbi Boxman continued her studies at the Hebrew Union College and was ordained as

a rabbi in 2012. Following ordination, Rabbi Boxman enrolled in a Masters of Jewish Education program and in 2013 earned her degree as a Jewish Educator. During her time in Cincinnati at the Hebrew Union College, Rabbi Boxman taught Hebrew and Judaics, wrote curriculum and supervised the teen leadership training program at the Isaac M. Wise Temple.

Read more about each week online at transfiguration.net/guest-speakers.

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 19

Stephen Ministry Information Session | 10:15 a.m.

Are you interested in learning more about being a Stephen Minister? Join Stephen Ministers and Stephen Leaders for an information session in the Parlor, between services, next Sunday, March 19. Grab your coffee and come learn about what being a Stephen Minister entails, including the application process, training and commitment to serve as a Stephen Minister. Contact Bob Brewster at frog4900@aol.com if you would like more information before then.

Newcomer Brunch | 12:30 p.m.

All newcomers to the church are invited to a brunch next Sunday at 12:30 p.m. in Roper Hall. We'd love to take this opportunity to personally welcome you on behalf of the staff and Vestry, and to get to know you better. Please RSVP to Ellen Dingwall at eddingwall@transfiguration.net by Tuesday, March 14 if you plan to attend.

COMING UP

iParent Mom's Night Out (MNO) | March 23

Join other iParent moms at the Dallas Arboretum on Thursday, March 23 for their Thursday Concert Series featuring Emerald City. Tickets are required, so please RSVP on the iParent Facebook page. The gates open at 6:00 and we can share dinner from these food trucks: Ruthie's Rolling Café and Easy Slider, plus dessert truck Fried Pies for All. The concert itself is from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Hope you can make it to this fun night out for moms!

Lenten Journey | March 24 & 25

Can you find one hour to deepen your Lenten experience this year? The Lenten Journey meditation stations will be available in Roper Hall between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 24 and Saturday, March 25. Come anytime that is convenient for you, and see Roper Hall transformed into a quiet, contemplative environment. Each creative meditation station offers a self-paced devotion experience where you may spend as little or as much time as you wish.

Evensong for the Annunciation | March 26

The Transfiguration Choir will sing an Evensong service celebrating the Annunciation of Our Lord Jesus Christ to the Blessed Virgin Mary (transferred from March 25). Join us for this evening of music and prayer at 5:00 p.m. in the church. Music will include C. V. Stanford's Magnificat & Nunc dimittis in G Major and the Preces and Responses (Westminster Abbey) by James Buonemani.

Baptism Workshop | April 1

Transfiguration will offer a workshop the first Saturday in April for parents and godparents of children who would like to be baptized at either the Easter Vigil (April 15), Easter 2 (April 23) or Pentecost (June 4). This time together from 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. (lunch and childcare provided) will prepare parents and godparents for the life-giving work of raising a child in the baptismal faith. If you would like to have your child baptized at any of these services, please contact Mother Erin Jean Warde at ewarde@transfiguration.net to sign up for this morning of baptismal preparation.

Instructional Seder with Rabbi-Educator Ariel Boxman | April 4

A Passover Seder is a Jewish ritual feast that marks the beginning of the Jewish holiday of Passover. The Seder is a ritual involving a retelling of the story of the liberation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt, from the book of Exodus. Seder customs include telling the story, discussing the story, drinking four cups of wine, eating matza, partaking of symbolic foods placed on the Passover Seder Plate, and reclining in celebration of freedom. Join us at the church on Tuesday, April 4 at 7:00 p.m., as we experience a Passover Seder, and in doing so, learn about the importance of this religious ritual from Rabbi-Educator Ariel Boxman from Temple Shalom. No childcare is available but children are welcome! Please RSVP to Mother Erin Jean Warde at ewarde@transfiguration.net to reserve your spot.

Palm Sunday Passion Experience for Children | April 9

Families with children, join us at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 9 to re-enact the Passion story in a meaningful experience for all ages. We will travel with Jesus and his disciples during his final hours and engage in role-play and storytelling. The experience will end with dinner and fellowship. Childcare will be provided for children younger than four years.

ICON KEY

🎵 Concert Series or Choral event 🧒 Childcare provided 🕯️ Incense Used
👤 Activity for families with kids under 18, an event for kids, or parenting track of classes