

# FROM THE CORNER

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## FEBRUARY

**23 SUNDAY**– United Methodist Men’s Breakfast (8:30am)

**23 SUNDAY**– Confirmation Begins (9:30am)

**23 SUNDAY**– Reconciling Team service day with The Metamorphosis Project (1:00pm)

**25 TUESDAY**– Church Council in Room 205 (6:00pm)

**26 WEDNESDAY**– Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary (6:30pm)

**28 FRIDAY**– Scripture for the Eyes Adult Sunday School Paint Night at Easel Town (6:00-8:00pm)

## MARCH

**1 SUNDAY**– New Sunday School begin (9:30am)

**4 WEDNESDAY**– Moms Demand Action Advocacy Day in Nashville

**7 SATURDAY**– Soup kitchen volunteers needed (3:30-5:30pm); sign up with Annie ([ahunter@stjohnsmidtown.org](mailto:ahunter@stjohnsmidtown.org))

**7 FRIDAY** – Musical Celebration of Rev Dr. John Kilzer (6:00pm)

**25 WEDNESDAY** – Parents Night Out (6:00-7:30pm)



THE WAY  
a service of recovery

Johnny leads The Way this Friday at 6:00pm with Dave Smith, Steve Selvidge, Steve Potts & Kurt Clayton.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Ash Wednesday** The Lenten Season is upon us! We mark the start with our Ash Wednesday service on **Wednesday, February 26 at 6:30pm** in the sanctuary.

**Church Council** Please note that this month’s meeting of the Church Council has been moved to **Tuesday, Feb. 25** due to the Ash Wednesday service. We will meet in Room 205 at **6:00pm**.

**Lenten Study** Join Young Adults (ROTC) or In Medias Res (Room 307) during the Lenten season for Kristen Vincent’s *We Are Beloved: A Lenten Journey with Protestant Prayer Beads*. We will journey through Lent, claiming our true identity as beloved. We will make Protestant Prayer Beads as a part of the study to help quiet our minds and increase our awareness of God’s presence. Study books and bead kits will be provided. This class will run **Sundays at 9:30am, March 1-April 5**, (no class March 15). Visitors are always welcome!

**Kilzer** The Way Family will gather to celebrate the music and ministry legacy of our beloved John Kilzer on **Friday, March 13, 6:00pm**. We want to be intentional about honoring the gift of John’s music as we live into the legacy of his ministry. We have some special friends planned; there will be no better music in Memphis that evening than what will come from St. John’s sanctuary!



## St. John’s

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*A Reconciling Congregation*

St. John’s welcomes everyone. Our hearts, minds, and doors are open to people of all ages, races, nationalities, sexual orientations, gender identities, theological identities, economic status, disabilities, and people who sojourn on the way to recovery and wholeness. We are a diverse community whose discipleship to Jesus Christ is demonstrated through our deep commitment to servant ministry. Welcome Home!

### TODAY’S USHERS:

Lloyd Hearn, Mike Coop,  
Charles Garrison, Herb Levy,  
Ralph Morgan

### TODAY’S COUNTERS:

Counters Needed  
+ Please stand as you are able.

*Children’s worship materials are available at the front right of the sanctuary.*

# A Service of Word & Table

February 23, 2020 ❖ 10:50 a.m.

Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday

## THE ENTRANCE

*Words of Welcome*

*Prelude*

Mark Hayes

“Heavenly Sunshine”  
Carol Craig, Piano

+ *Call to Worship*

Come! Says the Lord. Let the radiance of Christ be evident among us:

**in our songs and our words;**  
**in our deepest thoughts and desires;**  
**in the youthful and the experienced,**  
**the exhausted and the energetic;**  
**in the hungry and the scared.**

We are here together.

**We join our voices and our hearts in praise.**

+ *Opening Hymn 644*

JESU, JOY OF MAN’S DESIRING

“Jesus, Joy of Our Desiring”

+ *Open Unto Me*

Howard Thurman

Open unto me — **light for my darkness.**  
Open unto me — **courage for my fear.**  
Open unto me — **hope for my despair.**  
Open unto me — **peace for my turmoil.**  
Open unto me — **joy for my sorrow.**  
Open unto me — **strength for my weakness.**  
Open unto me — **wisdom for my confusion.**  
Open unto me — **forgiveness for my sins.**  
Open unto me — **love for my hates.**  
Open unto me — **thy Self for my self.**  
**Lord, Lord, open unto me!**

+ *Gloria Patri*

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly  
Ghost; as it was in the be - gining, is now, and ev - er shall be,  
world with - out end. A - men. A - men.



*PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE*

*Children's Message*

Josh Shaw, Director of Children's Ministries

*Prayers of the People*

*Sharing of Joys and Concerns*

*Call the Prayer*

Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord,  
lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing, send us  
love, send us power, send us grace.

*The Morning Prayer*

**WORSHIP & MINISTRY STAFF**

**Rev'd Johnny Jeffords**  
**Rev'd Mimi White**  
**Matthew Bogart**  
**Carol Craig**  
**Alan Butler**  
**Josh Shaw**  
**Heather Ragland**  
**Annie Hunter**  
**Cynthia Green**  
**Bill Dozier**  
**Robert Phillips**  
**Rose Holmes**

*Senior Pastor*  
*Associate Pastor*  
*Music Ministries*  
*Organist*  
*Youth Ministries*  
*Children's Ministries*  
*Office Manager*  
*Communication*  
*Reception*  
*Building & Maintenance*  
*Custodian*  
*Housekeeper*

SENDING FORTH

Invitation to Take the Journey

+ Hymn of Response 371

”I Stand Amazed in the Presence”

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

“Magnificat noni toni”  
Carol Craig, Piano

MY SAVIOR’S LOVE

Dietrich Buxtehude

Choral Anthem

“Praise to the Lord the Almighty”  
Chancel Choir

arr. Mark Hayes

+ The Holy Gospel - Matthew 17.1-9

<sup>1</sup> Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup> And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>3</sup> Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup> 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.” <sup>5</sup> 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!” <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” <sup>8</sup> And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. <sup>9</sup> 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.”

The New Oxford Annotated Bible with Apocrypha:  
New Revised Standard Version  
Oxford University Press

Homily

Rev’d Dr. Jonathan L. Jeffords

“Luminance”

Call to Confession

Come to the ta-ble of grace. - Come to the ta-ble of  
peace.

grace. - This is God's ta-ble; it's not yours or mine.  
peace.

Come to the ta-ble of grace.  
peace.

Draw near with faith, and with me make your confession, and receive the saving justice of God. Let us pray:

### *Prayer of Confession*

God of Mercy and Grace, you come to us in Jesus of Nazareth to break down the dividing walls of hostility between us:

**Yet we maintain walls that separate and isolate.**

You give us the ministry of reconciliation:

**Yet we nurse our wounds and withhold mercy and forgiveness.**

You invite us to join with Peter, James, and John on the mountain of Transfiguration:

**Yet we deny the wonders you have worked in our own lives.**

You ask us to acknowledge and share our wealth:

**Yet we refuse to recognize and relieve the poverty around us.**

You bless our lives with boundless love:

**Yet we fail to witness to that love,  
and so keep others from knowing you.**

Forgive our selfishness, we pray.

Transform us by your Spirit and your Word

into that which pleases you, the image of Christ. **Amen.**

*Silence is kept for personal confessions*

### *Assurance of Pardon*

Jesus admonished Peter, James, and John not to tell of what they witnessed on the mountain until he was resurrected.

But we can tell what we have seen and heard of God's glory!

Here is the good news: Jesus lives! He is raised! We are forgiven!

Go, share the vision! Tell of God's love! In this God is well pleased!

### *Passing the Peace*

### *Offertory*

“Meditation from Thais”

Carol Craig, Piano

Jules Massenet

+ *Doxology - 94*

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,***

***Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***Praise God the source of all our gifts.***

***Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts.***

***Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

### *THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION*

### *The Great Thanksgiving 13*

### *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 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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

### *Time of Receiving*

### *Communion Music*

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

U-bi ca-ri - tas et a - mor, u-bi ca-ri - tas De-us i - bi est.

### *Prayer After Receiving*

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery, in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world, in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**