

In lieu of altar flowers a donation has been made by Jean Toms, given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her parents, Howard and Juanita Loy, and her sister, Janet Loy Faulkner.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Matthew Stimpson 2/19
 Hilda Hughes 2/20
 Carole Troxler 2/22
 Bea Bateman 2/22

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Liturgist: Jamie Coble
Acolyte: Emily Stimpson
Deacon on Call: Connie Martin
Ushers: Colleen Gutierrez and Ralph Waller
A/V Team: Stephen Stiegel and Bud Fisher

FINANCIAL UPDATES

Received Last Week: \$21,692.00
 Received to Date: \$68,206.13
 Expenses to Date: \$71,617.68

Elon Community Church Staff

Senior Pastor

Rev. Randy Orwig

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Rev. Sharon Wheeler

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THIS WEEK AT ELON COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday 2/19—Transfiguration

9:00 pm Chancel Choir
 9:30 am Children's Sunday School
 9:30 am Seekers' Class
 9:30 am Senior Pastor's Bible Study
 10:30 am Worship Service
 3:00 pm Genesis Chimes and JuBELLation
 3:15 pm Youth Choir
 3:40 pm Children's Choir
 3:45 pm Youth Band
 4:30 pm KICK
 4:30 pm Young Ringer
 5:00 pm Catholic Mass
 5:30 pm COOL/EDGE
 6:00 pm Church Night
 7:00 pm Church Council

Monday 2/20

6:45 pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday 2/21

6:00 pm Girl Scouts

Wednesday 2/22

12:15 pm Ecumenical Ash Wednesday Service
 3:45 pm Green Church Meeting
 5:30 pm Girl Scouts
 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service
 8:00 pm AA Meeting
 9:00 pm Catholic Mass

Thursday 2/23

3:00 pm Faith Walk
 6:30 pm Chancel Ringers

Friday 2/24

6:30 pm NA Meeting

Sunday 2/26

9:00 pm Chancel Choir
 9:30 am Children's Sunday School
 9:30 am Seekers' Class
 9:30 am Senior Pastor's Bible Study
 10:30 am Worship Service
 12:00 pm Justice and Witness Meeting
 5:00 pm Catholic Mass
 6:00 pm Catholic Supper

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

There will be 2 services again this year. The 12:15pm Ecumenical service will be held for Elon community, university, and ecumenical presence of different ministers from Catholic and protestant churches. Our second service will be at 7 pm with our choir and time to begin our Lenten journey.

Prayer, Peace, and Truth— Wednesdays March 1, 22, and 29— Various Start Times

This Lent will be a season of exploration, storytelling, and collaboration as we seek how we can participate in prayer with an important prayer workshop that will empower us to pray both individually and publicly, a very special Peace Workshop that includes intergenerational story telling being done in collaboration with several organizations and Elon University (see article), and finally time to discuss truth and the implications of faith. Please be watching for more information in the bulletin and March Torch.

Community Storyhealing Workshop March 29, Wednesday 5:30-8:30

Story-healing towards intergenerational peace and empowerment with Camilo Romero

Conflict and its collective resolution applies to each of our families and all of our communities, especially in these times of pandemics and politics. Each of us carries trauma from our own lives and that of generations before us. Our workshop is an opportunity to explore creative and interactive methods of rage and reconciliation, resentment and resilience. Our workshop will center around community building through story-telling. We will begin with introductions of each participant and explain the origins of ReGeneración (www.regeneracion.co) as a movement for empowerment of those who have been invisibilized for generations. We will then discuss our children's book project and form small groups to act out "sociodramas", spontaneous performances that challenge us to utilize all parts of our selves to identify, confront, and resolve conflicts within our environment. Our workshop is meant to be collaborative as each of us are experts in our story. Welcome. *Dinner included. This event is cosponsored by the Power and Place Collaborative, Geography, Peace and Conflict Studies, International and Global Studies, and Latin American Studies programs, and the Design Forge.* Register at:

<https://calendly.com/dlake/pre-forge-community-workshop?month=2023-03>



Green Church Suggestion: You don't have to buy a hybrid vehicle to reduce your reliance on fossil fuels. By choosing to become more efficient with your errands you can create a system of sustainable living that is based on reducing the number of natural resources you consume. This may mean walking or biking to wherever you need to be, assuming that the route allows you to do so safely. Commuting instead of driving is also helpful since this reduces the number of vehicles running at a given time.



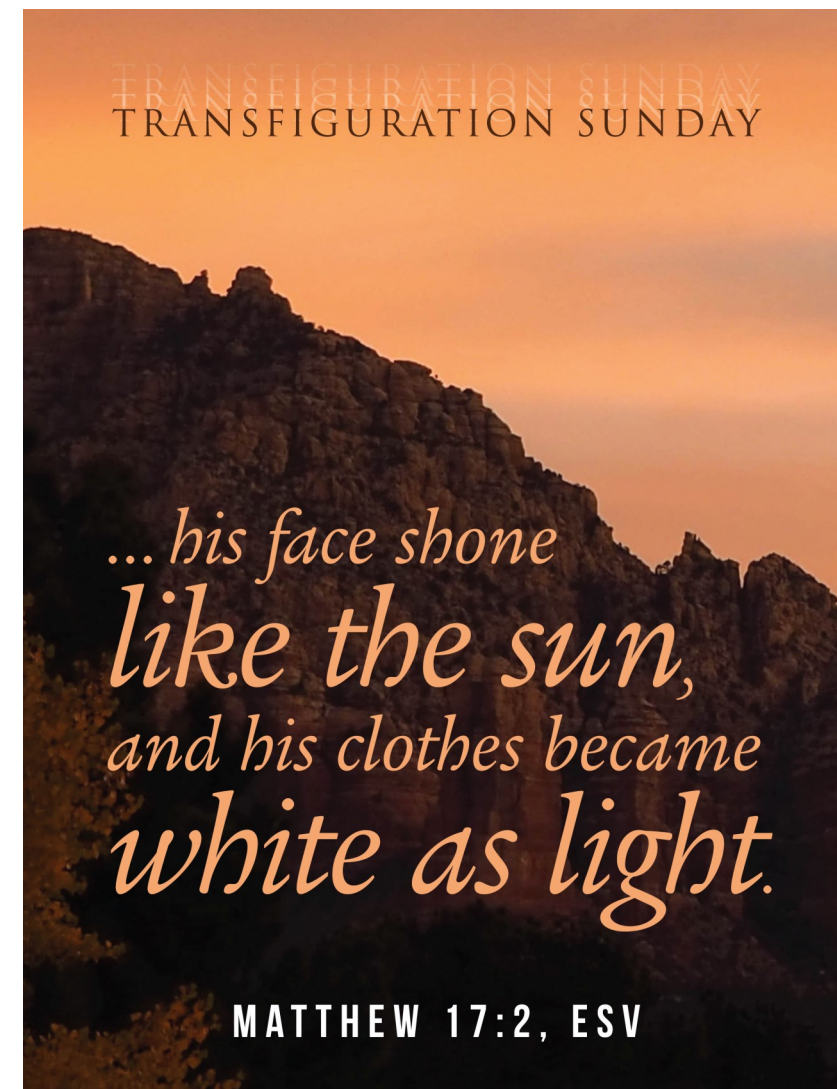
Dedicated to spiritual renewal, we strive to be an accepting, thinking, and serving community of faith.

FEBRUARY 19, 2023

10:30 AM

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

We welcome all guests and members who worship with us this morning. If you are a visitor, please take time to sign the visitor portion of the insert and leave it in the offering plate at either exit. Please join us at Meet and Greet immediately after worship for light refreshments and fellowship!



Today we welcome Tom Jones as he fills in for our organist, Joy Rust, and thank him for enhancing our worship with his musical gifts.

Gathering God's People

CHIMES

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP—Please Sign In

PRELUDE Andante from Sonata No. 1 Felix Mendelssohn

The Call

† CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Psalm 99)

Leader: Let us praise the awesome name of the Holy One.
All: The Holy One is high on the mountain and exalted among the people.
Leader: The Mighty God is sovereign, loves justice, and establishes equity.
All: The Everlasting God hears our cries and answers our call. Praise our God!

† HYMN 572 When Israel Was in Egypt's Land GO DOWN, MOSES

When Israel was in Egypt's land, Let my people go, Oppressed so hard they could not stand, Let my people go.

Refrain: Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land, Tell old Pharaoh to let my people go.

"Thus spoke our God," bold Moses said, "Let my people go; If not I'll smite your firstborn dead, Let my people go." (R)

No more in bondage shall they toil, Let my people go, Nor spill their blood on Egypt's soil, Let my people go. (R)

Oh, let us all from bondage flee, Let my people go, And let us all in Christ be free, Let my people go.

† INVOCATION

Radiant God, we come to you on the mountaintop to experience your glory. You come to us in the valleys. We meet you in gladness in a place where heaven and earth collide. May our worship of you encourage us on the journey and make us aspire to reflect your kingdom in the world. Transform us and keep us near to you. Amen.

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the Peace of God be with you.
All: And also with you.
Leader: Now share this peace as you are called to.

Please let people know what you wish by waving, a fist out to bump, or if you are open to a handshake or even a hug.

† GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end, Amen. Amen.

Encountering the Sacred Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 24: 12-18 Page 69 (OT)

Leaders: Through this scripture God is still speaking.
All: And we are listening!

CHILDREN'S TIME Little Children Come Unto Me SILER

Little children come unto me, Little children come unto me. You are made in God's image so perfectly. Little children come unto me.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 17: 1-9 Page 18 (NT)

SERMON Thin Places Randy Orwig

Responding to the Word

SHARING OF JOY AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison. "Forgive us our **trespasses...**")

Please address God in the way that is most comfortable to you: "Our Father," "Our Father and Mother," "Our God," etc.

PRESENTING TO GOD OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

The Call to Give

The Symbolic Giving of Tithes and Offerings

OFFERTORY Celebration Alleluia Marvin V. Curtis

† THE DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below! Sing your praises, Alleluia! Praise God above you heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

† OFFERTORY PRAYER

Sending God's People

† HYMN 282 Every Time I Feel the Spirit African-American Spiritual

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

Upon the mountain my God spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all around me; looked so fine; I asked my God if all were mine.

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

Oh, Jordan river, chilly and cold, it chills the body, not the soul. There's only one train on this track; it runs to heaven, then right back.

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE Allegro moderato from Voluntary No. 2 Samuel Wesley

† *You are invited to stand as able at these moments.*