

Transfiguration Of The Lord



First Lutheran Church

3-02-2025

Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus reflect that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see God's glory in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by God's Spirit.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

BETHOLD

Mark Sedio

Jesus on the Mountain Peak

(Please stand)

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: We do not know what to say,

C: For we are afraid.

P: But a cloud overshadows us,

C: And a voice comes to us—

P: "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"

C: Lord, we listen today!

GATHERING SONG

Jesus on the Mountain Peak



1 Je - sus on the moun - tain peak stands a - lone in
2 Trem-bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E -
3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came, God pro - claim - ing
4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and proph - ets



glo - ry blaz - ing; let us, if we dare to speak,
li - jah speak - ing. All the proph - ets and the law
in its thun - der Je - sus as the Son by name!
sing be - fore him, first and last and on - ly One.



join the saints and an - gels prais - ing.
shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing:
Na - tions, cry a - loud in won - der:
All cre - a - tion shall a - dore him!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: BETHOLD, Mark Sedio, b. 1954

Text © 1977, rev. 1995 Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Music © 2006 Augsburg Fortress

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

This Is the Feast

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

(Cantor will sing the verses)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING

Exodus 34:29-35

R: A reading from *Exodus*, the thirty-fourth chapter.

²⁹ Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³² Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³ When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴ but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵ the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

2 CORINTHIANS 3:12-4:2

R: A reading from *Second Corinthians*, the third chapter.

¹² Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³ not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴ But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵ Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶ but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though

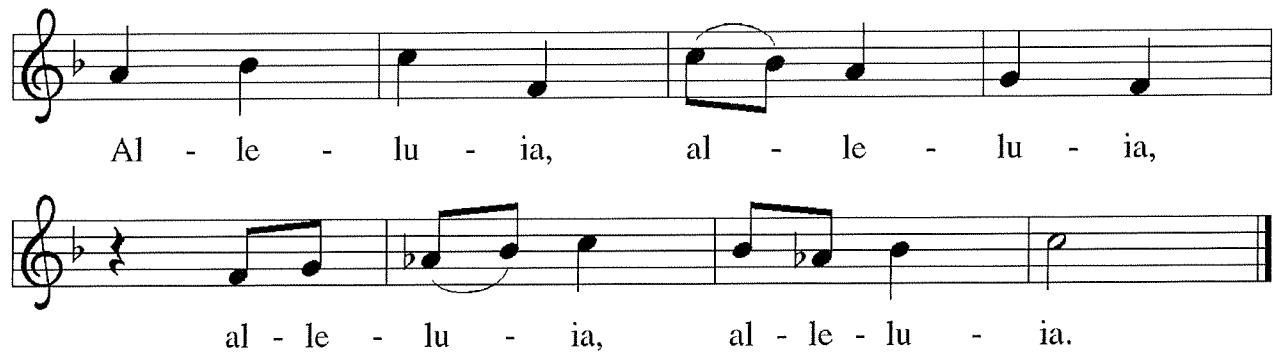
reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. ^{4:1} Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

Gospel Acclamation



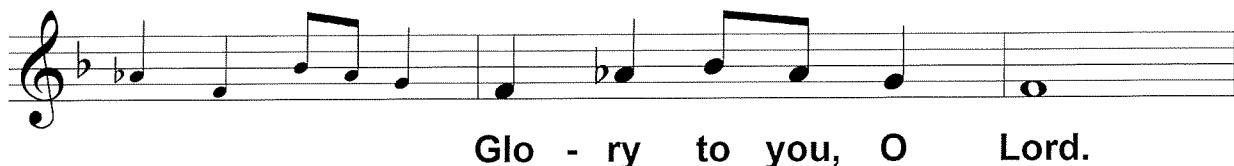
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor: This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to him. (Luke 9:35)

GOSPEL

LUKE 9:28-43

P: The holy gospel according to Luke, the ninth chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us

to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said.³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud.³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!”³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.³⁷ On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him.³⁸ Just then a man from the crowd shouted, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child.³⁹ Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him.⁴⁰ I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.”⁴¹ Jesus answered, “You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.”⁴² While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father.^{43a} And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

P: The gospel of the Lord.



(Please be seated)

SERMON

REVEREND CHRISTIAN DITTMAR

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair



ALL 1 Oh, won - drous im - age, vi - sion fair of
Men 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in -
All 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ
*Women*⁴ And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by
ALL 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and



glo - ry that the church may share, which Christ up - on the
car - nate Lord holds con - verse high, and from the cloud, the
deigns to man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be
this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful
Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one, we pray you, bring us



moun-tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!
Ho - ly One says, "This is my be - lov - ed Son."
theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.
song we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
by your grace to see your glo - ry face to face.

Text: Sarum, 15th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.
Music: DEO GRACIAS, English ballad, 15th cent.

NICENE CREED

P: Living together in trust and hope, we profess our faith
as expressed 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,
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
 and became truly human.

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,
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
 who 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.

(Please kneel)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Each petition concludes:

P: God of grace,
C: **hear our prayer.**

P: We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSiON AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.
C: Amen.

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,
C: you speak blessing and compassion into the world.
Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.
We ignore the needs of our neighbors;
we resist your call to oppose injustice;
we give in to scarcity and fear;
we assume the worst about one another.
Cleanse us from our faults
and release us from their grasp.
Show us your loving kindness.
Restore our hearts and repair your world,
that we may live in Christ's ways.
Amen.

P: God proclaims these words of assurance:
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name.
You are mine."
In + Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free.
Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.
C: Amen.

(Please stand)

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

(Please be seated)

MEAL

OFFERING AND ORGAN MEDITATION

SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU

Gary Lanier

Beautiful Savior
Thaddeus Archer, trumpet

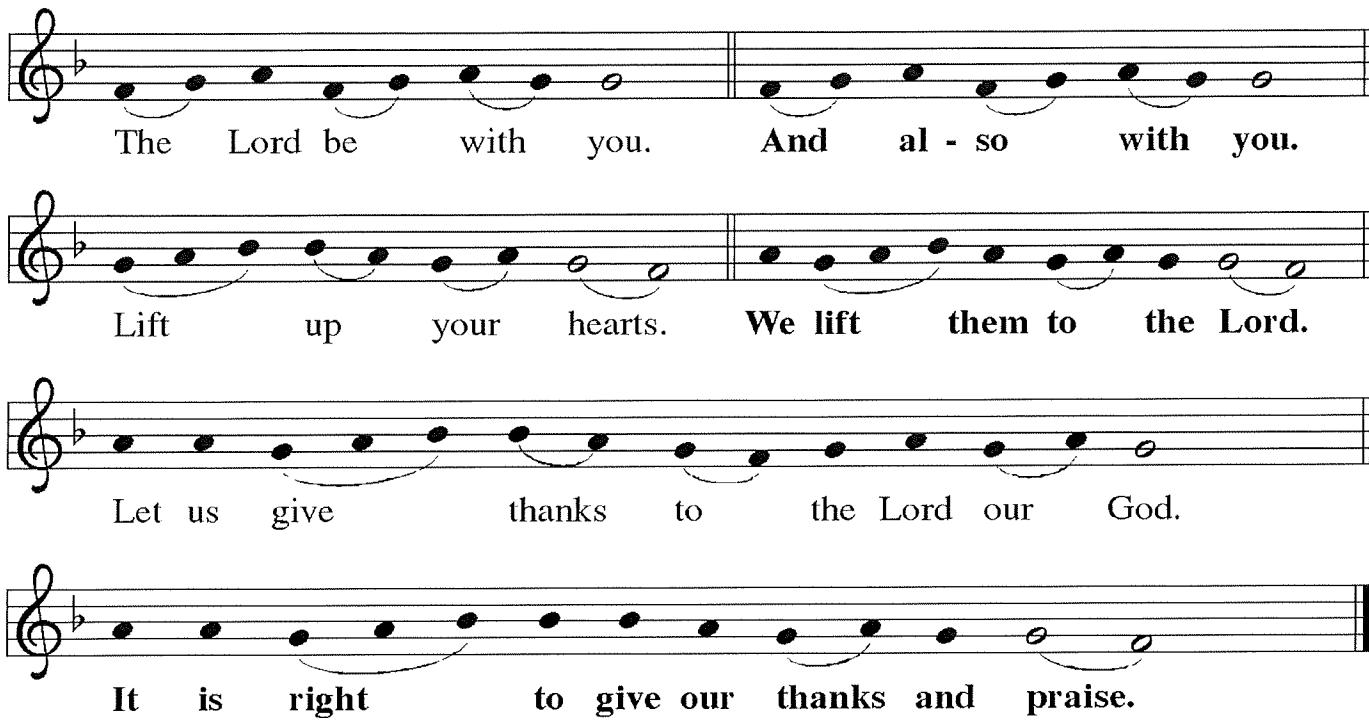
(Please stand)

OFFERING PRAYER

L: God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.
Bless what we offer to your service:
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.
Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,
now and always.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



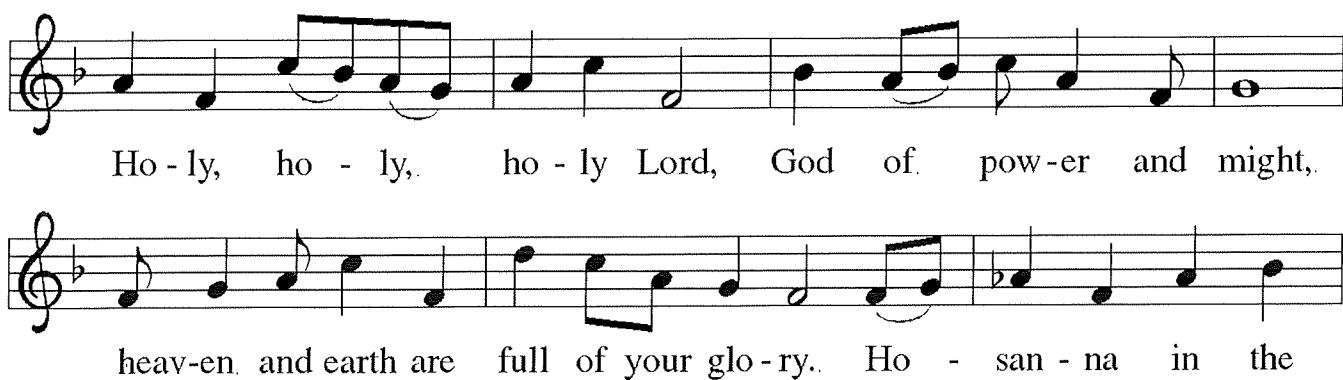
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the

high - est.. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.. Ho -
san - na in the high - est.. Ho - san - na in the high - est..

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: **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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

COMMUNION

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION IN TWO MANNERS

† You may commune in your pews.

Individual communion kits are available at the Narthex doors.

The presiding minister will share a blessing,
all communing in-place will commune together.

† You may come to the Table, to receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

A basket is available for disposal of your individual communion cups.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The joy of the Lord is our strength.

Come, eat this meal of gladness.

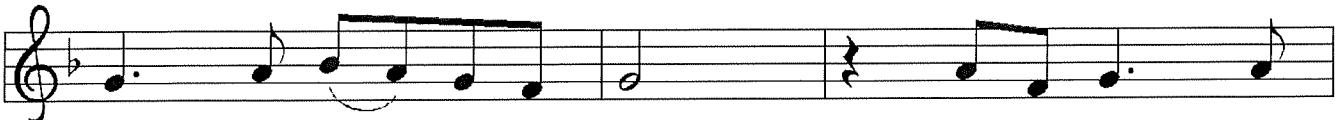
COMMUNION SONGS



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Beautiful Savior



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Son of God and Son of Man!

Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
he makes our sorrowing spirit it sing.
than all theusan gels in the sky.
now and for evermore be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

(Please stand)

TABLE BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us
with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service,
and send us out to embody your good news
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.
In the name of Christ we pray,

C: Amen.

SENDING

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

C: Oh God,
your everlasting love for us is always trustworthy and sure.
We are grateful for the goodness
you have shown us through the years,
and we ask now for confidence to go forward into the future. Bless
our community of faith, bless our healing,
bless the changes that are before us,
bless our call process and the pastoral leaders
who will shepherd us through this time of transition.
We thank you now for the wisdom you will show us
as we align with your will, and servant or servants
you are already preparing to send us in your blessed time.
Help us to keep looking to you to define our ministry
and our future.
In his name and for the sake of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

P: The Spirit of the triune God bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.



SENDING SONG

Alleluia, Song of Gladness



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless-ed Trin - i - ty,



al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;
al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth-er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;
al - le - lu - ia our trans-gres-sions make us for a while for - go;
at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith-ful saints on high;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn-ing ex - iles still are we.
for the sol - emn time is com-ing when our tears for sin shall flow.
there to you for - ev - er sing-ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800-1880

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace.

P: Live in hope.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ROYAL FIREWORKS MUSIC

George Frederic Handel

The Rejoicing, HWV 351
Thaddeus Archer, trumpet

This Week's Calendar

Sunday	March 2
10:00AM	Church Service
Monday	March 3
10:00AM	Bible Study @Willows
5:15PM	Bells of Praise
Tuesday	March 4
5:00PM	Fat Tuesday Sausage and Pancake Meal
Wednesday	March 5
6:30PM	ASH Wednesday
Sunday	March 9
10:00AM	Church Service Walleye Family & Faith Day



Looking Ahead!

Toledo Walleye Faith
& Family Day

Sunday, March 9, 2025

Cookie Sign up sheets are located on the Dietz Room wall. Fellowship time is before and after Church Service. Approximately 4 dozen cookies are needed each week.



Events for March Lent Celebration

Mid-Week Lenten Service
Need volunteers to provide
The Lent Meal soup, bread
and dessert.
Sign up sheets
On the Dietz Windows.

Easter Lily/Daffodil order forms are
Also located on the table in the hallway

In Remembrance of Ray Wise

8/28/32—2/19/25

Together we give thanks for the new life
Ray has found in Christ.



WOFB

March 27th
starting at 1 pm

Contact Us



First Lutheran Church

300 Melmore Street
Tiffin, Ohio 44883
419-447-1323

www.firstlutherantiffin.com
firstlutherantiffin@gmail.com

Interim Pastor

Pastor Mark Schuring (740) 360-2306
theskipster55@gmail.com

Emergency Pastor

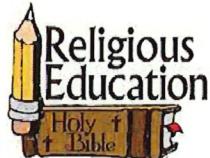
Pastor Doug DeVos (419) 271-6770
ddevos@buckeye-express.com

Our Worship Leaders

Altar Guild: Sandy & Ron Mellott
Cantor: Elijah Shiley
Facebook Camera: Zach Shawberry
Host: Janet Zirger
Reader: Melissa Chester
Worship Assistant: Melissa Chester
Director of Music: Curtis L. King
Pastor: Pastor Christian Dittmar

Catechism Classes

Rick Greene and Mike Porter will be hosting Catechism Classes. If anyone is interested



Please contact either one at
Rick Greene: canacab@sbcglobal.net
or 419 937-7378

Mike Porter: Michael.r.porter12@gmail.com

Our Mission Statement

“God is among us!”

“We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel, forgive, reconcile and trust God for all that we need.”