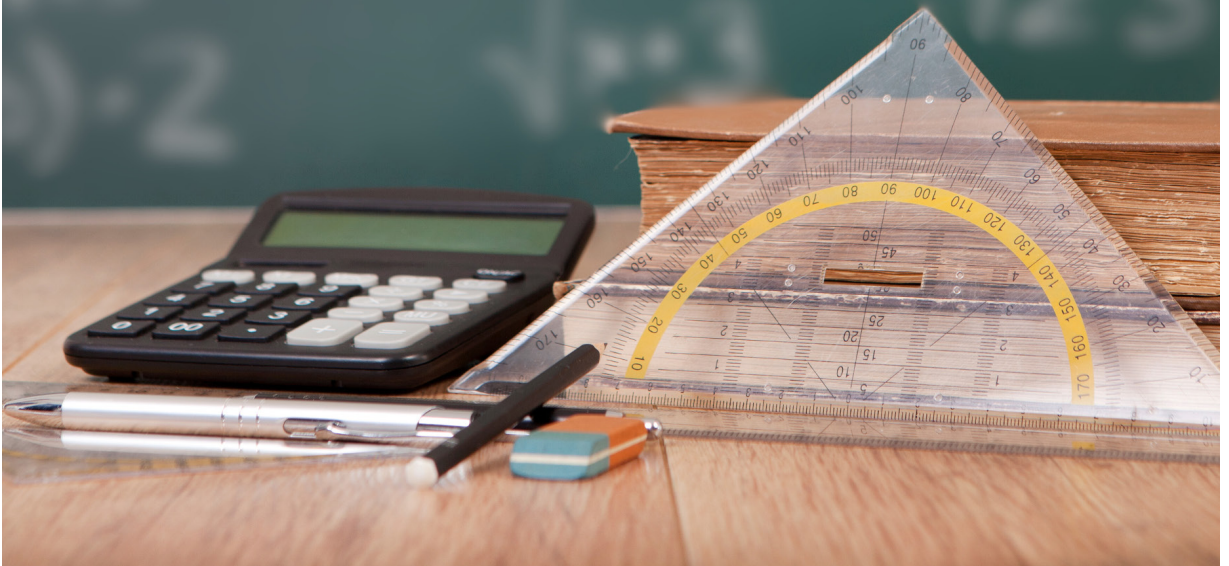




Connecting all to Christ to become  
healthy in God and courageous in love.

# PROVE IT!



# Traditional Worship - February 16, 2025 - 8:30 & 11:00 am

## Entering into the Spirit of Worship

Greeting 8:30 - Tom Beattie 11:00 - Dave Morgan

Prelude *Beautiful Savior* Cherwien

\*Call to Worship 8:30 - Katie Kreitzer  
11:00 - Dr. Gary George

Leader: Come, all who long to see the glory of God!

**People: We come to behold Jesus, the radiance of God's majesty!**

Leader: Just as Peter, James, and John saw Christ revealed in glory on the mountain, we gather to worship the One who is the light of the world.

**People: Jesus is the Savior of the world! He has the power to rescue us from evil—both around us and within us.**

Leader: Today, we don't just stand in awe of His glory from a distance. We are invited to live in His presence, to walk in His promises, and to follow Him every day.

**People: Lord, open our eyes to see Your glory. Open our ears to hear Your voice. Open our hearts to follow You faithfully.**

Leader: Let us worship Jesus—our glorious, powerful, and ever-present Savior!

\*Hymn *Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love* #389

## The Uniting of our Hearts in Prayer

Prayer Pastor Robby Strock

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

## Proclaiming the Word of God

Anthem 8:30 *Pathway of Hope* Martin  
Sanctuary Choir

11:00 *Sing Forth God's Glory* Hopson  
translation: *Laudate Dominum* - "Sing Praise to the Lord"  
Chancel Choir

**Statement of Faith**

**We believe in one God, Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was transfigured before Peter, James, and John, His face shining like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. We believe in the Holy Spirit, Who descended upon Jesus in a cloud, Bearing witness to his beloved Son, And guiding us into all truth. We believe in the revelation of God's glory, That in Jesus Christ, we behold the fullness of God, The light of the world, and the Savior of all. We await his coming in glory, To judge the living and the dead, And to bring his kingdom without end. Amen.**

**Offering our Gifts to God**

*I'm a Sinner Man*  
Men's Chorus

Courtney/Parker

**\*Response in Song** (11:00 only)

**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!**

**\*Prayer of Dedication** (11:00 only)**\*Hymn** (11:00 only)*I Need Thee Every Hour* (v. 3)

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**Scripture**

Mark 9:2-9

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**Message**

**Do You Have the Power?**  
Prove It

Pastor Jared Priset

**Sending Forth****\*Closing Hymn***Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

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**\*Benediction****Postlude***Lead Us, O Jesus*

Bobb

\*Those who are able, please stand

Choir Director - Abe Gibson; Organist/Accompanist - Jimmy Oakley

**Altar Flowers:** in memory of Shirley Swart**Acolytes:** Sofia McConnell & Caroline Dria

# Sermon Outline

**Focus:** In Mark 9 when we read about the transfiguration of Jesus, we see that Jesus revealed a glimpse of his glory to his disciples. We are not meant to stay in our “mountain top moments,” but to trust Jesus completely and carry his glory into the ordinary moments of life as well.

## I. Mark 9:2-9 – Transfiguration of Jesus

Powerful, mountain-top moments

Drew Brees and his son, Braylen – Super Bowl victory

Peter: *“Let’s build shelters and stay here forever!”*

## II. Jesus shows us his glory, so that we can trust Him completely (Mark 9:2-4)

Jesus gives Peter, James and John a glimpse of his glory, for they will soon face trials

The power of perspective – perspectives from space and the beauty of creation

When life gets hard, we don’t need better circumstances; we need perspective

Are you seeing Jesus for who He truly is, or are you shrinking Him down?

## III. Jesus calls us to listen to Him, and not just experience Him (Mark 9:5-7)

Experiencing Jesus’ glory isn’t the only goal – listening to Him is

Are we obeying Jesus in the ordinary moments, not just the spiritual highs?

Where is Jesus speaking in your life right now, and are you listening?

## IV. Jesus calls us down the mountain to live in His glory daily (Mark 9:8-9)

Glow-in-the-dark stars – they need to be exposed to the light regularly to shine

Carrying God’s glory into everyday life:

At home; at work; in struggles; in relationships

# Contemporary Worship - February 16, 2025 - 9:30 & 11:00 am

Praise Songs

*A Thousand Times*  
*My Savior My God*

Welcome

9:30 - Matt Ritzert

Oasis - Julia Fabich

Worship Song & Offering

*Bless God*

Prayer

Tony Walsh

Scripture

Mark 9:2-9

Message

**“Transfigured before them,”**

Prove it!

Pastor Bryan George

Communion

Closing Song

*Trust and Obey*

Benediction

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## Sermon Outline

**Focus:** In Mark 9 Jesus revealed a glimpse of his glory to his disciples in the Transfiguration. We are not meant to stay in our “mountain top moments,” but to listen and trust Jesus completely into the ordinary moments of life.

I) Basking in the glory of Bubble Rock on October 17th  
Just want to stay in the moment

II) What is the point of the Transfiguration on the Mountain? (9:2-9)

For Jesus: A blessing to prepare for his upcoming mission of going to the cross

For the Disciples: An affirmation that Jesus is the source of glory, not just the **reflection**

In that moment, the disciples are offered a foretaste of the Glory divine

The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and exact representation (Exodus 34)

III) The Role of Worship

Focusing on a fixed reference in a disoriented world

Finding equilibrium by remembering to whom I belong

Praise is *“inner health made audible”* Lewis

Generous and happy people are prone to praise, while others complain

The limits of wanting to build tents to hold the glory (v.5)

In our desire to confine God’s glory, we miss the joy of the moment

IV) Jesus calls us to listen to Him, and not just experience Him (Mark 9:7, 9)

Experiencing Jesus’ glory isn’t the only goal – listening to Him is

Are we obeying Jesus in the ordinary moments, not just the spiritual highs?

Where is Jesus speaking in your life right now, and are you listening?

## Church of the Lakes is Hiring

The church is currently hiring for 3 part-time positions. For full job descriptions and how to apply visit [churchofthelakes.org/job-postings](http://churchofthelakes.org/job-postings)

**Accountant** - manage finances, payroll, and budget; *Apply by March 2nd*

**Administrative Assistant for Student Ministries** - support youth ministries, communicate with students, parents and church leaders; *Apply by March 2nd*

**Organist/Accompanist** - support Sanctuary worship services, accompany rehearsals, play music for special services (Holidays, funerals & weddings); *Apply by March 16th*

## **Serve**

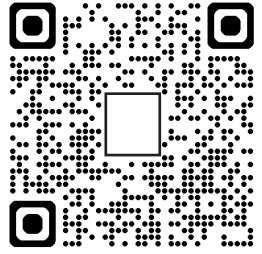
### Congregational Care Ministers

If you feel a calling to help those who are experiencing an illness or just aging and cannot make it to church at this time, consider becoming a Congregational Care Minister (CCM). They bring a lot of joy and encouragement during their visits, and also update the Pastors on our homebound congregants.

To become a CCM you must attend 2 classes. The dates are set for **Thursday, February 20th**, 11:30 am or 6:00 pm and **Friday, February 21st**, 11:30 am and 6:00 pm. To secure your spot in the class and with any questions contact Sheri Grunwald, 330-806-1934.

### Mobilize Ohio

Mobilize OH is a local conference designed to equip all of the foster care community. We encourage anyone who wants more information about foster care, supporting foster families, or supporting what Church of the Lakes through GRACE6:8 to attend the conference. Mobilize OH is presented by HopeBridge at North Canton Chapel on **Saturday, March 15th**, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. As part of our GRACE6:8 Ministries, Church of the Lakes will cover the \$30 cost for anyone from our congregation that registers through us by *February 23rd* using this QR code. We are also offering limited child care during the event.



### All-Church Mission Trip 2025

This All-Church Mission trip will be **May 31st - June 6th**, serving in the areas surrounding Asheville, NC that were devastated by the flooding that resulted from Hurricane Helene last summer. Work may include helping with food bank or clothing distribution, debris removal, light construction, landscaping, and otherwise serving the community.

Interested adults & youth (going into 9th grade - graduates) are encouraged to attend the meeting on **Sunday, March 9th**, 12:15 pm in the Cave (lower level of the church). Final registration for the trip is due *March 30th*. With questions contact Tony Walsh, [tony@churchofthelakes.org](mailto:tony@churchofthelakes.org).

### Prayer Shawls

Join us to help knit or crochet prayer shawls on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, (February 18th, March 4th & 18th), 1:00 - 2:00 pm in room 203. The shawls bring comfort to so many people both in and outside of our church who are dealing with medical issues or going through a tough time. Supplies are available. With questions contact Elaine Strock, 330-705-5315.

## **WAYS TO GIVE**

Visit [churchofthelakes.org/online-giving](http://churchofthelakes.org/online-giving) or text: **give to 330-961-5524**

Offering envelopes are located in the pew pad clipboards.

For EFT instructions contact Stephanie Strock, [stephanie@churchofthelakes.org](mailto:stephanie@churchofthelakes.org)



# WINTER CARNIVAL

Sunday, February 16th

4:00 - 6:00 pm

Church of the Lakes

Activity Center

Games with prizes for  
Preschool - Elementary



# Bag Sunday

Bags will be available beginning February 16th

Return donations on February 23rd

Supporting Total Living Center

laundry detergent  
fabric softener  
toothpaste  
toothbrushes

bar soap  
liquid soap  
shampoo  
conditioner



## Church of the Lakes

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025

For children age 4 - 6th grade

Mornings: June 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>  
8:45 am - 12:15 pm

Evenings: June 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>  
5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE:  
[CHURCHOFTHELAKES.ORG](http://CHURCHOFTHELAKES.ORG)

## MEN'S MINISTRIES RETREAT

### Relationships

February 22nd  
Camp Wanake in Beach City

Cost is \$40 - includes 2 meals & snacks  
Register at [churchofthelakes.org](http://churchofthelakes.org)

## Women's Ministries Retreat

Saturday, April 26th  
8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Dutch Kitchen  
Dalton, OH

Cost: \$55  
includes lunch

Register by April 13th  
Registration forms at church office or visit [churchofthelakes.org/event/womens-retreat](http://churchofthelakes.org/event/womens-retreat)

Feasting on God's Word  
A Recipe for Spiritual Growth

## VBS Volunteers

Volunteer opportunities include but are not limited to: Station Leaders, Station Assistants, Crew Leaders, Snack helpers, Dinner team, nursery workers and decorating team. Our VBS Volunteer Training meeting will be **Tuesday, April 29th**, 10:00 am or 6:30 pm in room 201. If you would like to volunteer for VBS contact Angela Fritz, [angela@churchofthelakes.org](mailto:angela@churchofthelakes.org).

Submit your news, information or announcements to [betsi@churchofthelakes.org](mailto:betsi@churchofthelakes.org).



Please pray for: Marcia Main, Lynda Reed, Jayden Hill, and Brianna Specht

Our Condolences to Mandy Parker on the passing of her mother, Carolyn Baltzer.

To submit prayer requests call 330-499-8972 ext. 203 or email: [prayer@churchofthelakes.org](mailto:prayer@churchofthelakes.org).