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# Ellijay First United Methodist Church

75 McCutchen Street, P.O. Box 472

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**Dr. John Brantley**

**February 12, 2023    Transfiguration Sunday**

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*8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Worship - The Color is White*

The word ‘transfiguration’ means a change of form or appearance. Jesus’ appearance changes so a glimpse is give of his full heavenly glory, “His face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light”. The transfiguration is a pivotal moment, and the setting on the mountain is presented as the point where human nature meets God: the meeting place for the temporal and the eternal, with Jesus himself as the connection point, acting as the bridge between heaven and earth.

## **The Worship of God**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**The Chiming of the Hour**

**Focusing Words:** With loving hearts and open minds, we come into God’s presence.  
God welcomes us with love.

**Prelude**

“Spacious Skies”

*by Samuel A. Ward*

**\*Call to Worship**

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

† **The Greeting**

Leader: Listen, for God is still speaking.

**People: Look, for God is still present.**

Leader: Worship, for God is in our midst.

† **The Invocation**

† **The Hymn of Praise**

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

UMH 173

† **The Affirmation of Faith**

**The Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

† **The 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.**

**Pastoral Prayer**

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

† **The Hymn of Preparation**

“Jesus, Joy of Our Desiring”

UMH 644

† *Congregation Standing (as able)*  
*\*11:00 am Service Only*  
*# 8:45 am Service Only*

*UMH-United Methodist Hymnal*  
*TFWS-The Faith We Sing*

***You Are Welcome Here***

You enter this church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God. He is your Heavenly Father. Come then, with joy in your heart and thanks on your lips, into His presence, offering Him your love and service. Be grateful to the men and women who, in the name of Jesus Christ, built this historic place of worship and to all who have beautified it and hallowed it with prayer and praise. Beseech His blessings on those who love this house of faith as the inspiration of their labor, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, and may that blessing rest upon your going out and your coming in.

## **The Worship with Tithes and Offerings**

**The Offertory Music** “In Christ Alone” *by Keith Getty/Stuart Townsend*

### **† The Presentation and Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

**The Anthem** “How Great Thou Art/Majesty”  
*choral setting by Joel Raney*

**The Scripture** Matthew 17:1-9 NRSA

**The Sermon** “Good to Be Here” Pastor

**† The Closing Hymn** “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” UMH 154  
Vs 1,2,3,4

### **† The Benediction**

**\*† The Choral Benediction** “May the Grace of Christ Our Savior” *by Stanley W. Cowan*

**The Postlude** “Battle Hymn of the Republic” *arr. by Smith/Hustad*

*Our Service of Worship has ended  
Our Worship through Service begins*

### ***Invitation to Church Membership***

Anyone wishing to join this church by profession of faith or by transfer of your membership, please come forward during the closing hymn or speak to the pastor following worship. Know that you are always welcome.

## Matthew 17:1-9

### The Transfiguration

17 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.’

**Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

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Packing Date: Saturday, March 4

Ellijay Civic Center  
8:00 - 12:00 p.m.  
Accepting Donations



**Wednesday,  
February 22th  
12:00 Noon**

**Genesis 8 & 9 and a Sack Lunch**  
Bring a sack lunch and enjoy  
fellowship and Bible Study.

### Our Presence

February 5 - Total - 238  
8:45 - 72  
11:00 - 166  
February 12- Total -150  
8:45 - 48  
11:00 - 102

### Cons, Scams, Rip-Offs February 27th 3:00 - 4:30

Life Changing workshop  
presented by  
Gilmer County Sheriff's Office

@ The Orchard Church  
Ellijay



Stephen Ministry  
Support

**But I call to God, and the Lord  
saves me.  
Psalms 55:16**

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**Grace in Him Ministries**  
Presents a workshop for women

**VICTORY IN JESUS**

When: Saturday, March 18, 2023  
8:30am - 2:00pm  
Where: Ellijay First United Methodist Church  
Cost: \$20.00 (preregistration required)  
Breakfast snacks and lunch provided  
To Register: Call Geri Worley (706-273-3204) or text  
(706-899-0152)

## What's Happening This Week at Ellijay First United Methodist Church

### Prayers For The Week

Megan Atkinson  
Diana Butram  
Raven Calhoun  
Rose Chastain  
Mary Thelma Cole  
Todd De La Rosa  
Sharon Fletcher  
Emma Ford  
Caleb Grizzle  
Ron Hall  
Rosie Haney  
Gwendolynn Hanish  
Billee Harvey  
Marie Holt  
**Barbara Johnson**  
Michael Katz  
Jackie Leva  
Ethelyne Lingle  
Sandy Locklear  
Tom & Mary Jo Lowery  
Brittany Martin  
Lynn McKibbin  
Jim Melton  
Andrea O'Connor  
Patrick O'Donnell  
Bill Patton  
George Paxson  
Pauline Price  
Kai Rich  
Ansleigh Richardson  
John Robinson  
Pat Roller  
Chrys Santandera  
Sam, Hannah, Alex & Jordyn Schaich  
Kevin Seligmann  
Kay Sinclair  
Cindy Smith  
Bob Steif  
Ryan Summers  
Ukraine  
Bryan Urghart  
Wesley in Augusta  
Patricia Wiley  
Patti Wilkinson  
Kay Willis  
Our World

### Calendar for the Week February 19, 2023

**Sunday, February 19th**  
8:45 a.m. Worship  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
2:00 p.m. Single Mingle  
Movie Day - FUMC  
6:00 p.m. Youth Group  
**Monday, February 29th**  
9:00 a.m. Team Tabitha  
**Tuesday, February 21st**  
11:00 a.m. Bible Study  
12:00 noon Noon Circle  
3:00 p.m. NOGS  
**Wednesday, February 22nd**  
12:00 noon Lunch and Learn  
Genesis 7  
3:30 - 5:00 No LIJ Kids this week  
6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service  
**Ash Wednesday**  
officially known as the Day of Ashes  
is a day of repentance, when  
Christians confess their sins and  
profess their devotion to God.  
7:00 p.m. Night with New Room  
**Thursday, February 23rd**  
4:00 p.m. Zumba  
**Saturday, February 25th**  
8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study  
11:00 a.m. "Celebration of Life"  
Lessie Ashmore  
**Sunday, February 26th**  
**Matthew 4:1-11**  
**"Make the Devil Leave"**  
8:45 a.m. Worship  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
2:00 p.m. Single Mingle  
Game Day - FUMC

*Save the Date*

**February 22, 2023**



In the Fellowship Hall immediately following  
Pastor John's Ash Wednesday Service

## Firestarters' Prayer for the Week

### Prayer of Consecration

**Jesus, I belong to you.**

**I lift up my heart to you.**

**I set my mind on you.**

**I fix my eyes on you.**

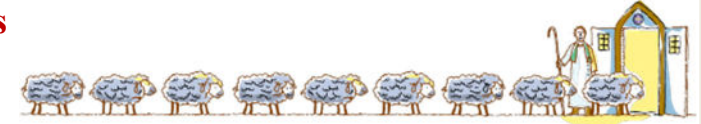
**I offer my body to you as a living sacrifice.**

**Jesus, I belong to you.**

**Praying in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

## LIJ Kids News



All children ages 4 years thru 5th grade are welcome to join us for LIJ Kids!  
You are invited! Bible Story, Crafts, Games, Music, Fun

“WHERE KIDS CAN HAVE A BLAST LEARNING GOD’S WORD”  
A GREAT PLACE TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS, BRING FRIENDS, PLAY, PRAY,  
LAUGH AND LEARN ABOUT GOD

Wednesdays 3:30-5:00

No LIJ Kids this week

## Youth Group

Sunday, February 19

6:00 p.m.



Feb: 19: Mike Moran  
Feb: 20: Kathy Stephens  
Feb: 20: Geri Worley  
Feb: 22: Rachel Tarr  
Feb: 23: Danny Farnham  
Feb: 24: Debra Vincent  
Feb: 25: Deborah Halligan  
Feb: 26: Dan Serritella

## Single Mingle Activities

Feb. 19: Movie Day  
EFUMC 2:00-4:00 p.m.  
Feb. 26: Game Day  
EFUMC 2:00-4:00 p.m.

## Our Gifts of Time

### Church Lock-up

2/13-2/19 Lloyd Vautrot  
Bill Munson  
2/20-2/26 John Davis  
Hank Chapman

### Greeters

2/19 8:45 Narthex Bill Johnson  
Portico Harry Archer  
Office Betty Ann Archer  
11:00 Narthex Linda Werner  
Portico Jim Daugherty  
Office Gene Evans  
2/26 8:45 Narthex Allan Tarr  
Portico Kathy Stephens  
Office Bob Stephens  
11:00 Narthex Sandy Williams  
Portico Lori McCurdy  
Office Rachel Tarr

## Confirmation Class

There is a  
Confirmation Class in the Ben  
Barrett classroom during  
the Sunday school hour.