

**February 15, 2026 - Last Sunday after the Epiphany
Transfiguration Sunday
Worship Aid for Great Kills Moravian Church**
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Welcome

Watchword for the Week: God said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” Matthew 17:5

(Please stand if you are comfortable.)

Call To Worship

L: Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain?

C: We turn our eyes away from the world's chaos to the one who sits enthroned in the heavens.

L: The Lord has set his King on Zion, his holy hill.

C: He says to us today, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.”

L: We come to witness the radiant glory of the Beloved.

C: We come to serve the Lord with gladness and take refuge in His light.

All: Let us worship God on this holy mountain!

(Please continue to Stand if able.)

Gathering Hymn: “God of Mercy, God of Grace” Red Hymnal of The Moravian Church Book Page 24

**God of mercy, God of grace, show the brightness of Your face.
Shine upon us, Savior, shine; fill Your world with light divine; all
Your saving health extend unto the earth's remotest end.**

**Let the people praise You, LORD; by all living things adored. Let
the nations shout and sing glory to their gracious King; at Your
feet their tribute pay, and Your holy will obey.**

Let the people praise you, LORD; Earth shall then its fruits

**afford. To Your children blessings give; we to You devoted live,
all below and all above, one in joy and light and love.**

(Please continue to Stand if you are comfortable.)

Liturgy: Mercy and Truth (Singing from the Heart) pg. 34

Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

In him is the fountain of life, and in his light we see light.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him and bless his name.

For the Lord is good. His mercy is everlasting, and his truth endures to all generations.

The sacrifice which God desires is a humble spirit; O God, you will not reject a humble and repentant heart.

If we confess our sins, you are just and will keep your promise: you will forgive our sins and purify us from all wrongdoing.

(Sitting)

(Silent Confession)

Hymn: “Most Holy Lord and God” MBW Page 203 v. 1

Most holy Lord and God, holy, almighty God, holy and most merciful Savior, our eternal God! Grant that we may never lose the comforts from your death. Have mercy, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, hear us.

Hear what the Lord says: I am the God who forgives your sins, and I do this because of who I am. I will not hold your sins against you. Go, and sin no more.

Having heard God's gracious word of forgiveness, let us now profess our faith.

We believe in God as our Creator and loving heavenly Father. We believe in Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord. We believe in the Holy Spirit as our Comforter and Sustainer, according to the Holy Scriptures.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

(Standing)

Hymn: “Most Holy Lord and God” MBW Page 203 v 2,3

Most holy Lord and God, holy, almighty God, holy and most merciful Savior, our eternal God! Bless your congregation through your suf-f'lings, death, and blood. Have mercy, O Lord.

Most holy Lord and God, holy, almighty God, holy and most merciful Savior, our eternal God! Lamb of God unspotted to our prayers, O lend an ear. Have mercy, O Lord.

(Sitting)

Offering Our Gifts To God

Offertory

(Standing)

Doxology: “Our Tithes and Off'rings , Lord, We Bring” MBW Pg 815 Tune 776

Our tithes and off'rings, Lord, we bring; with grateful hearts to you we sing. You are the source of ev'ry gift, to you our song of thanks we lift.

Prayer of Blessings: Please join me in the Prayer of Blessing.

God of dazzling light and blinding glory, you revealed your Son on the holy mountain as the fulfillment of all our hope. We offer these gifts now as a reflection of that light. May these tithes and offerings be transfigured by your Spirit to feed the hungry, comfort the lonely, and bring the hope of your kingdom from the mountaintop into our community. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

(Sitting)

God's Words for us Today:

1st Scripture Reading: Exodus 24:12-18 Pew Bible Page 84 (Responsive Reading)

The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commands I have written for their instruction.

”Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God.

He said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them.”

When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it,

and the glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from within the cloud.

To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain.

Then Moses entered the cloud as he went up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

2nd Scripture Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21 Pew Bible Page 1275

We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain. And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the

prophet's own interpretation of things. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

The Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9 Pew Bible Page 1026

The Transfiguration

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

The Message: He didn't bring us this far just to leave us. Sister Susan Attzs-Mendoza

(Standing)

Hymn of Response: "Amazing Grace" MBW Page 783

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found. I was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come, 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise then when we'd first begun.

Prayers For The People: A General Prayer of Intercession MBW Pg 115

God's amazing grace is offered to us today, tomorrow, and forever. Thanks be to God!

God's grace renews our lives like a flowing stream. Thanks be to God for the wellspring of the joy of living.

In the assurance of God's unconditional love poured out for us in Jesus Christ, we pray first for ourselves and for our needs:

For forgiveness for wrongs we have done and good deeds we have not done, for courage to change what needs changing within our lives, for wisdom to seek God's guidance, for healing of our body, mind, spirit, and relationships, for a thankful awareness of all the blessings of our lives,

Hear our prayers, God of grace.

Meet us in our need and in our honesty.

In the abundance of your mercy, we pray for others: For members of our families, For our friends and neighbors, For those with whom we work, and learn, and play, For the sick, the frightened, the lonely, For those who grieve, For those who are desperate and angry, For those in prison, For the hungry, the homeless, the poor,

Hear our prayers, God of compassion.

Send your Spirit upon all for whom we pray.

In the awareness that we are one with all your human creature, we pray about the issues that confront us all:

For our planet and the environment in which we live, For the end of war, ethnic conflict, and all violence, For liberation from racism, bigotry, and injustice, For freedom from addictions of all kinds, For the end of abuse of children, women, and men, For each member of the human family, that all may know the dignity and worth of being a child of God, For solutions to our common human dilemmas, and for our dedication to be part of those solutions.

Hear our prayer, God of justice, God of love.

**May your love and justice be manifest in our lives. We pray,
“Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in
heaven.”**

In this act of worship, we come in faith - faith that our problems will not defeat us, faith that our hearts and spirits can be renewed, faith that we are not alone; for you are with us.

**Thanks be to you, God our Savior, for meeting us here in
this time and place. Thanks be to you for forgiving us, for
freeing us, and for strengthening us to be your disciples in
this life.**

We are filled with the grace, mercy, and peace of God.

**We are filled with the love of Jesus Christ. We give thanks
that we are blessed, and we commit ourselves to be a
blessing to others. Amen.**

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 and ever. Amen.**

(Please stand if you are able.)

Sending Hymn: “Shine, Jesus Shine” Worship/Rejoice Bk Pg 319

**Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the
darkness, shining; Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us, set us
free by the truth you now bring us, shine on me, shine on me.**

***Shine, Jesus, shine. Fill this land with the Father's glory; blaze,
Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow, flood the
nations with grace and mercy; send forth your Word Lord, and
let there be light.***

**Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into
your radiance, by the blood I may enter your brightness, search
me, try me, consume all my darkness, shine on me, shine on me.**

Shine, Jesus, shine. Fill this land with the Father's glory; blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy; send forth your Word Lord, and let there be light.

As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness, ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell your story, shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine. Fill this land with the Father's glory; blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy; send forth your Word Lord, and let there be light.

Benediction

Musical Response:(ALL) In the name of Jesus. Amen

(Please remain seated in quiet meditation during the postlude.)

Postlude

Pastor and Co - Leaders for February, 2026

February 22, 2026 - Pastor Jesus Laguerra/Sister Laura Hepworth

Please stay for our Annual Church Council Meeting for our church members to be held right after the service today followed by a Fellowship Hour. Thank you very much for doing so. From the Joint Boards.

On Wednesday, February 18, 2026, Ash Wednesday, we have been invited to attend the service at New Dorp Moravian Church **at 7:00 PM.**

Next Sunday, February 22, 2026, we will welcome back Pastor Jesus Laguerra. We look forward to seeing you all here next Sunday.