

ASTORIA COMMUNITY CHURCH

February 15, 2026
Transfiguration Sunday
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CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 2

Leader: Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the LORD and against his anointed, saying, “Let us break their chains and throw off their shackles.” The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them. He rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, “I have installed my king on Zion, my holy mountain.”

People: I will proclaim the LORD’s decree: He said to me, “You are my son; today I have become your father. Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. You will break them with a rod of iron; you will dash them to pieces like pottery.”

Leader: Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear and celebrate his rule with trembling. Kiss his son, or he will be angry and your way will lead to your destruction, for his wrath can flare up in a moment.

All: Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONG OF PRAISE

“Christ, whose glory fills the skies” (see insert)

TRANSFIGURATION READING Matthew 17:1-9

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.”

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SONG OF RESPONSE “’Tis good, Lord, to be here”

‘Tis good, Lord, to be here, thy glory fills the night;
Thy face and garments like the sun,
Shine with unborrowed light.

‘Tis good, Lord, to be here, thy beauty to behold,
Where Moses and Elijah stand,
Thy messengers of old.

Fulfiller of the past, promise of things to be,
We hail thy body glorified, and our redemption see.

Before we taste of death, we see thy kingdom come;
We fain would hold the vision bright,
And make this hill our home.

‘Tis good, Lord, to be here, yet we may not remain;
But since thou bidst us leave the mount
Come with us to the plain. ST THOMAS; J. Robinson

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world and knows our every word and deed. Let us then open ourselves to the Lord and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of compassion, in Jesus Christ we behold your transforming light, yet we continue to live in darkness. Preoccupied with ourselves, we fail to see your work in the world. We speak when we should listen; we act when we should reflect. Empower us to live in your light and to walk in your ways for the sake of him who is the light of the world, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON II Corinthians 3:17-18

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 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.

SONG OF RESPONSE

“Jesus, I am resting, resting” (see insert)

PASSING THE PEACE

EPISTLE READING II Peter 1:16-21

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord

Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, ‘This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SONG OF RESPONSE “Alpha and Omega”

You are Alpha and Omega;
We worship you, our Lord,
You are worthy to be praised.

*We give you all the glory; we worship you, our Lord.
You are worthy to be praised.*

Tu es l’Alpha et l’Oméga;
Nous t’adorons, Seigneur,
Tu es digne de louange.

*Nous te rendons la gloire; nous t’adorons, Seigneur,
Tu es digne de louange.* Erasmus Mutanbira

“How great is our God”

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at his voice.

*How great is our God, sing with me,
How great is our God, and all will see how great,
How great, is our God.*

And age to age he stands and time in his hands.
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end,
The Godhead, three in one; Father, Spirit, Son;
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

Name above all names, worthy of all praise;
My heart will sing, how great is our God.

Tomlin, Cash, Reeves

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 2:11-18 *ESV*

¹¹ Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— ¹² remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel

and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵ by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷ And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE “From Strangers to Family”

Pastor Jim Frederic

OFFERTORY “*The Transfiguration*”

*When he took the three disciples
To the mountainside to pray,
His countenance was modified,
His clothing was aflame.
Two men appeared: Moses and Elijah came;
They were at his side.
The prophecy, the legislation spoke of
Whenever he would die.*

*Then there came a word
Of what he should accomplish on the day.
Then Peter spoke, to make of them a tabernacle place.
A cloud appeared in glory as an accolade.
They fell on the ground.
A voice arrived, the voice of God,
The face of God, covered in a cloud.*

*What he said to them, the voice of God:
The most beloved son.
Consider what he says to you,
Consider what’s to come.
The prophecy was put to death, was put to death,
And so will the Son.
And keep your word, disguise the vision
Till the time has come.*

*Lost in the cloud, a voice: Have no fear!
We draw near!
Lost in the cloud, a sign: Son of Man! Turn your ear!
Lost in the cloud, a voice: Lamb of God!
We draw near!
Lost in the cloud, a sign: Son of Man! Son of God!*
Sufjan Stevens

THE LORD'S TABLE

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Leader: It is always right and proper, and our moral duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty and Everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the inhabitants of heaven, we honor and adore your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

People: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts!

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Glory be to you, O Lord, most high. 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER

Leader: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come eat and drink with thanksgiving.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Bread is gluten-free. Outer cups - juice. Inner rings - wine.

Pews will be released from the back by ushers to come forward.

“Alleluia! sing to Jesus”

Alleluia! sing to Jesus! his the scepter, his the throne;

Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone;

Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion

Thunder like a mighty flood;

Jesus out of every nation

Hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;

Alleluia! he is near us,

Faith believes, nor questions how;

Though the cloud from sight received him,

When the forty days were o'er,

Shall our hearts forget his promise,

“I am with you evermore”?

Alleluia! Bread of Heaven,

Thou on earth our food, our stay!

Alleluia! here the sinful flee to thee from day to day:

Intercessor, friend of sinners,

Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,

Where the songs of all the sinless

Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own:

Alleluia! born of Mary,

Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:

Thou within the veil hast entered,

Robed in flesh, our great High Priest:

Thou on earth both Priest and Victim

In the Eucharistic feast.

Alleluia! sing to Jesus! his the scepter, his the throne;

Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone;

Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion

Thunder like a mighty flood;

Jesus out of every nation

Hath redeemed us by his blood.

HYFRODOL; Dix

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VISITORS: We are so glad that you joined us for worship. If you are a visitor, please email admin@astoriachurch.org to be added to our email list. We send out a weekly electronic newsletter and other announcement emails.

NEED PRAYER?: Leaders will be available up front after the service.

ACC WOMEN'S MINISTRY: Come join the women of ACC on **Saturday, February 28th from 2-4 pm** at Ashley Grey's house and create a vision board for the year based on your favorite Bible verse and goals for the 2026 year. Light snacks and drinks provided. Sign up link is in the weekly newsletter. We hope to see you there!

CHESS CLUB: Our next chess club will be **THIS Saturday, February 21st from 2-4 pm** at Astoria First Art House, 23-35 Broadway. Contact Eddie at bkln645@gmail.com for details.

TOWN HALL MEETING: Sunday, March 1st, immediately after the service. We will hear from our member care team and the next steps for caring for ACC members.

CHOIR STARTING UP AGAIN: The ACC choir will begin rehearsals on **March 1st** after the Town Hall meeting. Contact Linnea at music@astoriachurch.org if you are interested in joining. And if you have any children who want to sing in a children's choir, please contact Linnea as well.

BLOOD DRIVE: The Synagogue will be holding a blood drive again on **Sunday, March 8 from 10:30 am - 4:30 pm.** Link to sign up is in the newsletter or just walk in after our worship service.

HELP SUPPORT NEIGHBORS WITHOUT

KITCHENS: The Hour Children Food Pantry is more than just a source of groceries—it's a lifeline for many families in our community. We are accepting donations of microwavable items every Sunday for the pantry. Items may be dropped off in the box in the lobby. **We need pouches – bean/lentil, salmon, chicken, tuna and noodle soups. NO CANS, NO PEANUT BUTTER & NO COLD CEREAL please.** Questions? Please speak to Miriam or email her at mtielmann@ymail.com. Thank you for your continued generosity and compassion!

MEMBER AND REGULAR ATTENDER NEWS AND

NETWORKING: This is a place for ACC Members and Regular Attenders to update one another on our lives and to network and share resources. Please email Andrea at admin@astoriachurch.org with any news or networking you have to share in the Tuesday newsletter.

WELCOME TO ASTORIA COMMUNITY CHURCH

WORSHIP: Sundays, 10:30AM (Mixed Style)
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Helpful Information:

God's Seeds: During worship. Nursery is provided for **newborns – 3 year olds.** Andrea Mungo, admin@astoriachurch.org.

God's Seedlings (Pre-K – 3rd Grade): Sunday School class happens 30 minutes into the worship service. Carin Fredere, ackkids@astoriachurch.org. (Sept – June)

Youth Group - Grades 6 - 12: Jim Fredere, youth@astoriachurch.org, on Fridays (Sept – June)

Community Groups

Small groups that meet on Zoom and in person for fellowship, Bible study, and prayer. Email jim@astoriachurch.org for info.

Financial Need

Members of the Diaconate team are available to meet with you if you have a financial need. Please email Diaconate@astoriachurch.org or call 718-721-3440.

English as a Second Language Classes

Saturdays 10-11:30AM (on zoom) and Wednesdays 6:30 – 8PM (in person) Info: QueensESL@gmail.com

Outreach and Helps Ministries

If you have a practical need, email Helps@astoriachurch.org. For the **Meals Ministry**, email accmeals@gmail.com. For info on service opportunities email Diaconate@astoriachurch.org.

Men's and Women's Ministry

Info for women, contact: women@astoriachurch.org
Info for men, contact: jim@astoriachurch.org