



The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration

ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE COMMUNION TABLE

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 8, 2026

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after each service to celebrate with coffee and snacks.

Single-serve coffee makers and prepackaged snacks can be found in the kitchen and homemade treats or baked goods are always welcomed.

We ask your help in maintaining cleanliness and order.

Livestream the 10:00 am service using:

facebook.com/transfiguration.mesa

youtube.com/@transfigoffice7704/streams

The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration is an open and affirming Christian community in the Episcopal branch of the Jesus movement. We acknowledge the living culture of the *Salt River Pima and Maricopa people*, the traditional custodians of the land we stand on, and pay tribute to the unique role they play in the life of this region.

As a Christian community, fellowship and prayer are among the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Please, observe quietude when entering and exiting the sanctuary for worship so that members may greet one another quietly and pray and light candles.

For those in need of and seeking silence for prayer and reflection, we are opening the **Parish House Chapel** before each service for prayer. The Chapel will be open at 7:30 am and at 9:30 am respectively. Please, observe silence when in the chapel so that this may be a space for those in need of silent prayer and contemplation.

Thought for the Week

"Store your Bible in your heart, not on a shelf"

Announcements.

TODAY...SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY There is a meeting scheduled today, **after each service** for all **CURRENT, NEW, and POTENTIAL** members to serve on the Sunday Morning Ministry. Father Caleb will review the roles and provide training. This vital group plays an essential part in our worship experience and helps nurture the spiritual life of our community. Positions include **Acolytes, Chalice Bearers, Greeters, Readers, Counters, and Digital Ministry.**

ALTAR FLOWERS If you'd like to donate altar flowers, please sign up on the flower sheet posted on the wall in the Narthex. **Ruby Seyffert (rubyseyf521@gmail.com)** will then reach out to you regarding any special requests.

*Altar Flowers are donated by Sandy Simpson to celebrate her Aunt Helen's 96th birthday!!!
Tom and Rebecca Smith-Kevern donated flowers in honor of Rebecca's Mother,
Ricky Smith on her 90th birthday celebrated today on February 8th.*

BIBLE STUDY AND COFFEE HOUR will resume on February 5th after Father Caleb's vacation are on Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. They will be studying is: **"The Way of a Pilgrim: Candid Tales of a Wanderer to His Spiritual Father" by: Anna Zaranko Books will be available for purchase for \$15.00 each.**

WALKING ON TUESDAYS will gather in the parking lot behind the Apache Junction Library located at 1177 N. Idaho Road Apache Junction 85119. The dirt trails are fairly level and wander through the desert landscape with a great view of the Superstition Mountains for approximately an hour. Sturdy walking shoes and a bottle of water are recommended. Contact Lynn Graff if you have any questions. 480-201-2939

WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER is at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom. Meeting ID: 740-940-1419
COMPLINE services will continue to be held indefinitely on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7:00 p.m. (Zoom) Passcode: 514514. Contact **Barbara Press**: 847-651-1396

THURSDAY MORNING EUCHARIST is held in the Parish House Chapel on Thursday mornings at 11:45 a.m. (after Bible Study)

Today's **SECOND PLATE** collection is for: **Camp Genesis at Chapel Rock** which focuses on the special needs of children (ages 8-17) living under the stigma of having an incarcerated immediate family member. This special camp allows them to just be kids among other kids who understand what they are going through.

March's **SECOND PLATE** collection is: **Jose's Closet**. A program that offers foster and adoptive parents a place where they can obtain clothes and other items for their children. It also offers a place where foster and adoptive parents can exchange clothes, cribs, strollers, toys or other equipment.

2026 EPISCOPAL CHURCH CALENDARS and **ONLY LARGE PRINT FORWARD DAY BY DAY** for **February, March, April** are available in the Narthex. We would appreciate a \$3 donation to help offset the cost.

FOOD BANK suggestions for next week: canned fruits, puddings and gelatin. Please place items in the basket either in the Fellowship Hall or a basket marked **Food Bank Donations** at the back of the church. **73 lbs.** of food goods were donated in January. Thank you, Lynn and Laura!!

ECM (Episcopal Christian Men) next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 17th at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

ECM BREAKFAST will be available after the early service and before the 10:00 a.m. service on February 15th. If you usually attend the 10:00 a.m. service, please plan to arrive a little early and enjoy breakfast with us.

ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS NEEDED We are seeking dedicated individuals to join the Altar Guild. Members play a vital role in setting the altar table with holy sacraments and preparing the worship space. If you're interested in serving in this meaningful ministry, please contact **Barbara Press** for more information at: 847-651-1396 or barbarapress02@gmail.com and attend the review with **Father Caleb** on **Sunday, February 8th** in the Rectory (after each service) This vital group plays an essential part in our worship experience and helps nurture the spiritual life of our community.

THE BOOK CLUB discussion will next be held on Friday, February 20, 2026 (ZOOM)

February's book is: *"Lily and the Octopus"* by **Steven Rowley**

Discussion will be led by: Dea Podhajsky

Synopsis: a poignant novel that explores the deep bond between a man and his beloved dachshund, Lily, as they confront the challenges of illness and loss.

THE STITCHERY MINISTRY will meet on the **Second** and **Fourth Thursdays** in January in the Parish House Living Room. Please join them with your special talents of knitting, crocheting, sewing, quilting, any needlecraft. The ministry donates items to hospitals, nursing homes, shelters or other charitable organizations and crochets scarves for teddy bears.

Contact **Linda Jo Johnson** at: lindajoj3@gmail.com

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF OUR CHURCH BUILDING-CALLING FOR ALL PHOTOS

As we prepare to celebrate the 25th anniversary of our church building next year, we are creating a digital photo album to capture its history. We are especially looking for photos from the construction phase and any renovations or improvements since. If you have relevant photos or documents, please email them to **Thomas Blum** at strod1966@gmail.com.

Your contributions will help make this celebration truly special!

UPCOMING DATES

Feb. 8th (Sun.) **SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY REVIEW AND TRAINING** after each service (Rectory)

Feb. 10th (Tues.) **VESTRY MEETING** 4:30 p.m. (Parish House Livingroom)

Feb. 12th (Thurs.) **BIBLE STUDY** and coffee hour at: 10:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

“The Way of a Pilgrim: Candid Tales of a Wanderer to His Spiritual Father” by: Anna Zaranko

Books are available for purchase for \$15.00

Feb. 12th Thurs.) **THURSDAY MORNING EUCHARIST** at: 11:45 a.m. (Parish House Chapel)

Feb. 12th (Thurs.) **STITCHERY MINISTRY** 1:00 p.m. (Parish House Livingroom)

Feb. 15th (Sun.) **ECM** (Episcopal Christian Men) breakfast after the early service and before the 10:00 a.m. service (Fellowship Hall)

Feb. 17th (Tues.) **ECM (Episcopal Christian Men)** meeting at 5:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Feb. 18th (Wed.) **ASH WEDNESDAY**

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