



## *The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration*

The Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

### **ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE COMMUNION TABLE**

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*  
*God's Garden*

*“Lettuce Be Kind, Squash Gossip, Turnip for Church*

# Announcements

**LENTEN COLLECTION: Sunday, February 22 - Sunday, April 5**

**DOK (DAUGHTERS OF THE KING)** is again collecting the following NEW supplies for the Chaplaincy Department at Phoenix Children's Hospital: Bibles, Electric votive candles (+ batteries), Electric pillar candles (+ batteries), Different color highlighters, Kleenex, Different color pens (blue, black, red), NEW (not used) stuffed animals, Yellow legal notepads

*Please leave your donations in the associated bin in the Narthex.*

**TRANSFIGURATION MEN'S DAY RETREAT** celebrated on February 21<sup>st</sup> was such a wonderful success! The day was filled with meaningful fellowship, thoughtful Bible study, and time spent walking the Labyrinth in quiet reflection. Participants enjoyed hands-on crafts, shared stories, and built deeper connections with one another. It was a rich day of spiritual growth, laughter, and genuine bonding for the men of our community.

**SECRET PRAYER SISTERS** also celebrated on February 20<sup>th</sup>. New Secret Sisters will be assigned about March 1<sup>st</sup>. Forms are available by contacting either **Jo Laslo** (818) 825-3007 or **Barbara Press** (847) 651-1396. You can leave your completed form at the church office, or email or mail it. In February 2027 we will all gather for another fun day to give exchange and for the unveiling of your Secret Sister.

**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** ([rubysejf521@gmail.com](mailto:rubysejf521@gmail.com)) will then reach out to you regarding any special requests.

*During Lent, we pause all flower donations as part of our season of reflection.*

**BIBLE STUDY AND COFFEE HOUR** is 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.**

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

**WALKING ON TUESDAYS** will gather in the parking lot behind the Apache Junction Library located at 1177 N. Idaho Road Apache Junction 85119. We walk level trails through the desert landscape for approximately an hour. Walking shoes and water are recommended.

Contact Lynn Graff if you have any questions. 480-201-2939

**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](mailto:barbarapress02@gmail.com)

**THE LORD'S SOUP KITCHEN** prepared delicious **pasta fagioli** that is in the Fellowship Hall freezer. Their heartfelt efforts continue to make a positive difference in the community, one delicious bowl of soup at a time. Anyone wanting to volunteer for this ministry. Please call: Miriam Waddington: 559-707-5810

**THE BOOK CLUB** discussion will next be held on Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. (AZ time) (ZOOM)  
March's book is: *"The Second Mrs. Astor" by Shana Abe* Discussion led by: **Linda Soper**  
*Synopsis: Discover the true story of Madeleine Force Astor, the scandalously young wife of John Jacob Astor IV, the richest man in America. Divorced and nearly thirty years older than she, Jack's courtship of Madeleine sends shock waves through every level of society—and society just can't get enough of them. To escape the relentless pursuit of the press, the Astors take an extended honeymoon overseas, planning to return home aboard the most modern, opulent ocean liner ever imagined: Titanic...*

**SECOND PLATE FOR FEBRUARY \$587.00** was collected 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.

**FOOD BANK** suggestions for next week: canned or dehydrated soups. 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!!

**COMPLINE** services will continue to be held indefinitely on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)

**WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER** is at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom. Meeting ID: 740-940-1419  
Passcode: 514514. Contact **Barbara Press**: 847-651-1396.

**2026 EPISCOPAL CHURCH CALENDARS** are available *in the Narthex*.

**We appreciate a donation to help offset the costs**

**THE STITCHERY MINISTRY** meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m. 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](mailto:lindajoj3@gmail.com)

**SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** We are looking for committed individuals to serve in various roles during our Sunday services. Positions available include **Acolytes, Chalice Bearers, Greeters, Readers, and specifically COUNTERS AND DIGITAL MINISTRY**. This vital group plays an essential part in our worship experience and helps nurture the spiritual life of our community. Training and guidance will be provided to ensure you feel well-prepared and confident in your role. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the office at: 480-986-1145 or email. **(Training is available)**

## UPCOMING DATES

Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup> **WALKING ON TUESDAY** 8:30 a.m. (Apache Jct. Library parking lot)

Mar. 5<sup>th</sup> (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 (Fellowship Hall)

Mar. 5<sup>th</sup> (Thurs.) **THURSDAY MORNING EUCHARIST** at: 11:45 a.m. (Parish House)

Mar. 7<sup>th</sup> (Sat.) **ECW** (Episcopal Church) Women) meeting 10:30 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Mar. 7<sup>th</sup> (Sat.) **ALTAR GUILD** meet at 9:00 a.m. (Rectory)

Mar. 10<sup>th</sup> (Tues.) **VESTRY** meet at 4:30 P.M. (Parish House Livingroom)

Mar. 12<sup>th</sup> (Thurs.) **STITCHERY MINISTRY** 1:00 p.m. (Parish House Livingroom)

Mar. 17<sup>th</sup> (Tues.) **ECM** (Episcopal Church Men) 6:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

*Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after each service to celebrate with coffee and snacks. Homemade treats and baked goods are always welcomed.  
Your assistance in cleaning up after coffee hours is always appreciated.*

## Staff

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## PRAYERS

People on our prayer list are posted in the Narthex. Prayers are offered up for them each weeknight at **Compline**, by the **Daughter's of the King**, and in the **Sunday Service**.

**Please contact the office with your requests and updates**

**If you are unable to attend the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, you can join us on:**

***Livestream at 10:00 a.m. using:***

***facebook.com/transfiguration.mesa***

***youtube.com/@transfigoffice7704/streams***

Pledging and financial gifts to the Church of The Transfiguration can be made using ZELLE ([officetransfig@gmail.com](mailto:officetransfig@gmail.com)) or use the QR code for credit card gifts.

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