



The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration

The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

October 11, 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.

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 or

youtube.com/@transfigoffice7704/streams

Thought for the Week

"Change can be challenging, but it often opens the door to God's blessings, growth, and new opportunities to serve. Trust the journey and the God who walks beside you."

Announcements

Today we warmly welcome *Rev. Philip Stowell* as our guest priest. We are always delighted to have him with us! His faithful presence, thoughtful leadership, and joyful spirit are always a blessing to our parish community...

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) will then reach out to you regarding any special requests.

*This week's altar flowers are lovingly given by **Ruby Seyffert** in grateful appreciation for all the families who so generously support our church through their faithful stewardship, generous volunteerism, and countless acts of kindness. Their dedication, service, and commitment continue to strengthen our parish family and enrich the life of our church community.*

ECM (Episcopal Church Men) Today, our wonderful men's group once again has scheduled a delicious breakfast after each service. A suggested donation of \$7.00.

RUMMAGE SALE DONATIONS: It's time to start bringing your donations to the Parish Hall! Please follow the signs in the back indicating where to place items. **No large furniture, please.** The rummage sale will be held November 19th, 20th, & 21st 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Today's **SECOND PLATE** offering is for: **Paz de Cristo**, serving people facing hunger, poverty, and homelessness in the East Valley. Through meals, hygiene services, clothing, and personalized support, they help individuals regain independence and self-sufficiency. Their mission is simple: **Feed, Clothe, and Empower.**

FOOD BANK suggestions for next week: canned meat, peanut butter. Please place items in the basket either in the Fellowship Hall or a basket marked **Food Bank Donations** in the Narthex. **95.5 lbs.** of food goods were donated in August. Thank you, **Christine Farrell** and **Pam Paul!**

BIBLE STUDY We extend our heartfelt thanks to **Ann Williamson** for continuing our Bible Study ministry every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. She will be presenting a video series from "**The Great Courses on the Old Testament**" with Amy Jill-Levine. This is a series of 24 half hour lectures. Her commitment to sharing God's Word and fostering meaningful discussion provides a wonderful opportunity for spiritual growth, learning, and fellowship within our parish community.

THE LORD'S SOUP KITCHEN The faithful hands of **The Lord's Soup Kitchen** has made **Tomato Basil Soup** which can be located in the kitchen refrigerator. The Lord's Soup Kitchen continues to lift the spirits of our community, offering comfort, kindness, and the simple grace of a warm bowl of soup. We are deeply grateful for **Miriam Waddington** who has faithfully dedicated her time, energy, and heart to leading this wonderful and giving ministry. If you feel called to

continue this important work, please prayerfully consider stepping forward and speak with **Miriam** for more information. **559-707-5810**.

They will meet again on Wednesday, October 28th in the Fellowship Hall.

2027 EPISCOPAL CHURCH CALENDARS are in the Narthex...

A small donation to help offset the cost is appreciated.

THE BOOK CLUB for Friday, October 16th ***"A Violent End" by Maggie Wheeler***

Discussion leader is : Laura Whayne

Synopsis: Set in the rugged Ozark Mountains, ***"A Violent End"*** is a Southern revenge thriller about an honest man torn between his desire for a peaceful life and the violent legacy of his crime family

Discussion led by: Terri Heller. 10:00 a.m. (ZOOM)

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.

THE STITCHERY MINISTRY meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish House Living Room. The ministry donates items to hospitals, nursing homes, shelters or other charitable organizations and crochets scarves for teddy bears. Contact **Linda Jo Johnson** at: ***lindajo3@gmail.com***

BLOOD DRIVE Thursday December 3, 2026 (Fellowship Hall). *Your donation can make a real difference for patients in our community.*

UPCOMING DATES

Oct. 11th (Sun.) **ECM** (Episcopal Church Men) **BREAKFAST** (after each service)

Oct. 13th (Tues..) **VESTRY** meets 4:30 p.m. (Parish House Living Room)

October 22nd **BIBLE STUDY** 10:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

October 22nd **STITCHERY MINISTRY** 1:00 p.m. (Parish House Livingroom)

TREKKING ON TUESDAYS will meet again in the fall.

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VESTRY MEMBERS: Ron **Gurnee**, Anita **Joy**, Janet **Krahn**, Jo **Laslo**,
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Music for October 11, 2026

PROCESSIONAL: *H 7 “Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skys”*

“Be Thou Exalted” (in place of S 280)

*BE THOU EXALTED, O LORD, ABOVE ALL EARTH
AND LET THE HEAVENS REJOICE, REJOICE!
BE THOU EXALTED, O LORD, ABOVE ALL THE EARTH
AND LET ALL HEAVEN REJOICE!*

(Written by Judi Barnhart)

GOSPEL: *L 115 “Spirit of the Living God”*

OFFERTORY *H 8 “Morning Has Broken”*

Doxology (pg. 6 Order of Worship)

S 130 “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” (pg. 7 OOW)

COMMUNION: *L152 “Let’s Break Bread Together”*

RECESSIONAL: *L 184 “Blessed Assurance”*