



The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration

The Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

October 18, 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

*"God has led us this far, and He will continue to lead us into the future
He has prepared for us."*

Announcements

RECTOR SEARCH TRANSITION PROCESS...

The Vestry met Tuesday afternoon with *The Rev. Canon Dr. Robert Phillips*, Canon to the Ordinary, to start conversations about our Rector search process. Highlights of the conversation included: The Vestry will lead the transition process. A Diocesan wide process will be used in the search which has the goals to Simplify, Streamline and Shorten the search process that was previously used.

- Over the next 3-6 months, Vestry will work on several items that will allow us to find the best match for Transfiguration. Items such as our Parish Profile, Mission Review, Rector Job Description and Financial Review. A Parish Vitality assessment that will be conducted with the entire congregation. More details to come soon!
- The Vestry wants to ensure the process is transparent to the entire congregation so there will be regular updates in the bulletin, the newsletter and the website. So please stay tuned as we start this new chapter in the life of Transfiguration!
- Questions? Contact Senior Warden, Wayne Smith [\(480\) 245-9310](tel:4802459310), wsmith17@cox.net

TRUNK OR TREAT Join us for our church parking lot for **Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 31st, from 4:30–6:30 p.m.!** Come dressed in your favorite costume, ready to decorate your trunk and hand out candy to children in our neighborhood. Let's enjoy an evening of treats, fellowship, and community fun!



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** (rubbyseyff521@gmail.com) will then reach out to you regarding any special requests.

*This week's altar flowers are given by **Sharon Shane** in memory of her husband **Michael***

ECM (Episcopal Church Men) had another successful breakfast last Sunday and those men **REALLY** know how to prepare a delicious breakfast!!! They would like to thank all who participated in providing a good meal for our church family. Their next meeting will be Saturday, **October 24th at Birdies Birdie's Bar & Grill at 8:00 a.m.** All men are welcome. They ask you to let them know if you plan to attend so that they can reserve enough seats.

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 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

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 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. 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.

THE BOOK CLUB for Friday, November 20th ***"How to Read a Book" by Monica Wood*** Discussion leader is: **Ann Pulinger**

Synopsis: The story centers on Violet Powell, a 22-year-old woman serving time in a Maine women's prison for a drunk-driving accident that killed kindergarten teacher. While incarcerated, Violet finds purpose and connection through a weekly book club led by a retired English teacher.

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: ***lindajoj3@gmail.com***

UPCOMING DATES

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

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

October 28th (Wed.) **WALKING ON WEDNESDAYS** 8:00 a.m. (Apache Jct. Library)

October 28th (Wed.) **LORD'S SOUP KITCHEN** 9:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall Kitchen)

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VESTRY MEMBERS: Ron **Gurnee**, Anita **Joy**, Janet **Krahn**, Jo **Laslo**,
Barbara **Press**, Sharon **Smorynski**, Jane **Stoneback**

Music for October 18, 2026

PROCESSIONAL: *L 219 “This is the Day”*

“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 *L 60 “How Great Thou Art”*

Doxology (pg. 6 Order of Worship)

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

COMMUNION: *H 686 “Come Thou Fount”*

RECESSIONAL: *H 544 “Jesus Shall Reign”*