

The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 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

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel"

Maya Angelou

Our annual Stewardship Campaign, ***Plenty Good Room*** will continue through the end of November. Stewardship packets are available to pick up in the Narthex. **Sandy Simpson, John Remington, Ruby Seyffert, and Janice Scalzo** will be our speakers. Thank you to **Janet Krahn** for sharing her heartfelt message with us last Sunday. For additional information, see the Stewardship section on our website and if you have questions, Please contact **Mary Hovden. *maryhovden@gmail.com***

RECTOR SEARCH TRANSITION PROCESS…

The Vestry 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*, *wsmith17@cox.net***

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 sale will be held **November 19th, 20th, & 21st …. 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Today's **SECOND SUNDAY PLATE** is **PROJECT HELP** which provides short-term support for families and students in the East Valley.

FOOD BANK suggestions for next week: boxed cereals and crackers.
Please place items in the basket either in the Fellowship Hall or a Narthex basket marked ***Food Bank Donations.*** **119.5 lbs.** of food goods were donated in October.
Thank you, Christine Farrell and Ruby Seyffert

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.

*Today's altar flowers are given by **Diane Klock and Garth Seiple** to honor of **Diane's Mom, Teresa's** birthday*

ECM (Episcopal Church Men) Their next meeting will be Saturday, **November 21st 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.

THE LORD'S SOUP KITCHEN The faithful hands of **The Lord's Soup Kitchen** has made **Vegetable Beef** and **Tomato Basil Soup** which can be located in the kitchen refrigerator. A Heartfelt Thank You to ***Phillip and Deb Sheffield*** for graciously taking over the Lord's Soup Kitchen Ministry. Their willingness to step forward and serve our community in this important outreach is a true blessing…they are part of the "VILLAGE". 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 consider stepping forward and speaking with ***Phillip or Deb*** for more information call **605-280-0631 or email: *gringasheffield1954@gmail.com***

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

November 10th (Tues.) **VESTRY MEETING** 4:30 p.m. (Parish House Living room)
November 12th (Thurs.) **BIBLE STUDY** 10:00 a.m. (Parish House Living Room)
November 12th (Thurs.) **STITCHERY MINISTRY** 1:00 p.m. (Parish House Livingroom)
November 17th (Tues.) **LORD'S SOUP KITCHEN** 9:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall kitchen)
November 19th -21st (Thurs-Sat.) **RUMMAGE SALE** 7:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
November 21st (Sat.) **ECM** (Episcopal Church Men) meet 8:00 a.m. (Birdies' Bar & Grill
December 3rd (Thurs.) **BLOOD DRIVE** 12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

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

Music for November 8, 2026

PROCESSIONAL: H 436 "Lift Up Your Heads"

"Be Thou Exalted" (in place of S 280)

BE THOU EXALTED, O LORD, ABOVE ALL EARTH
AND LET THE HEAVENS REJOICE, REJOICE!
BE THOU EXAULTED, 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 397 "Now, Thank We All"

Doxology (pg. 6 Order of Worship)

S 130 "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord" (pg. 7 OOW)

COMMUNION: L 192 "I Need Thee Every Hour"

RECESSIONAL: L 165 "I'm Pressing On Higher Ground"



Many Hands, One Church Family

A healthy church community grows when we all share in its life and work. Being part of our church means more than attending on Sunday—it means finding small ways to participate and serve. Even one small contribution from each of us can make an extraordinary difference.

