

Unlike in the Gospel miracle stories, in the Transfiguration the power of God flows through Jesus and completely transforms him. Jesus' face and clothing shine as bright as the sun, and his divine nature is dramatically revealed to Peter, John and James. By the Transfiguration, God demonstrated to those three disciples that Jesus was and is fully human and fully divine.

We know that the writers of the synoptic gospels recognized the significance of this event. The Transfiguration story is recounted, with some variations, in Matthew, Mark and Luke.

Ignoring for the moment the variations in the three accounts, Jesus takes the three disciples on a mountain to pray, and is transfigured. Traditionally the site is understood as Mt Tabor in lower Galilee, the location of much of Jesus ministry. Moses and Elijah appear, and the voice of God announces that Jesus is the Son of God.

In just a few lines, the writers of the synoptic gospels attested not only to their belief that Jesus was and is the Son of God, but also to their belief that Jesus' life and ministry arose from their ancient Jewish traditions chronicled in what we know as the Old Testament!

Remarkable!

Pastor Lucretia



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

This Week: August 6 - 12
All Ages Sunday School: 10-11 AM
(No Theology Book Group till Sept)
 Fri., 10:30, **Meditation**, Sanctuary
 Sat., **Overnight Shelter Group**

Save the Date

Aug. 14, **2nd Monday Book Group**
 Sep. 9, **Deanery Meeting at St. Philip's**
 Sep. 10, **Pool Party & BBQ**
 Sep. 29, **Game Night & Desserts**
 Oct. 1, **Blessing of the Animals**
 Oct. 8, **Kid's Marketplace**
 Oct. 14, **Kids' Night**, feed Shelter Guests
 Nov. 5, **Halloween Candy Tithe**
 Nov. 19, **30th Anniversary**
 Dec. 1 & 2, **No Room at the Inn**

~ Paradoxy Bible Study ~

Paradoxy Group One will meet from 9 - 9:50 in Room 2.

Paradoxy Group Two meets every 4th Sunday from 11:30-1:00 in Room 2. Snacks included.

Get your free copy of the book in the office.



Have you submitted your favorite hymns?

Thanks to those who have! If you haven't yet, please do so. We will pass a clipboard on Sunday to have you write your faves. So write them on the clipboard, or send them in an email (stphilips.sv@gmail.com). St. Philip's is in the process of creating a Music Director/Coordinator position for the Fall of 2017 in which we will ask our leader to emphasize familiar tunes we all know and love.