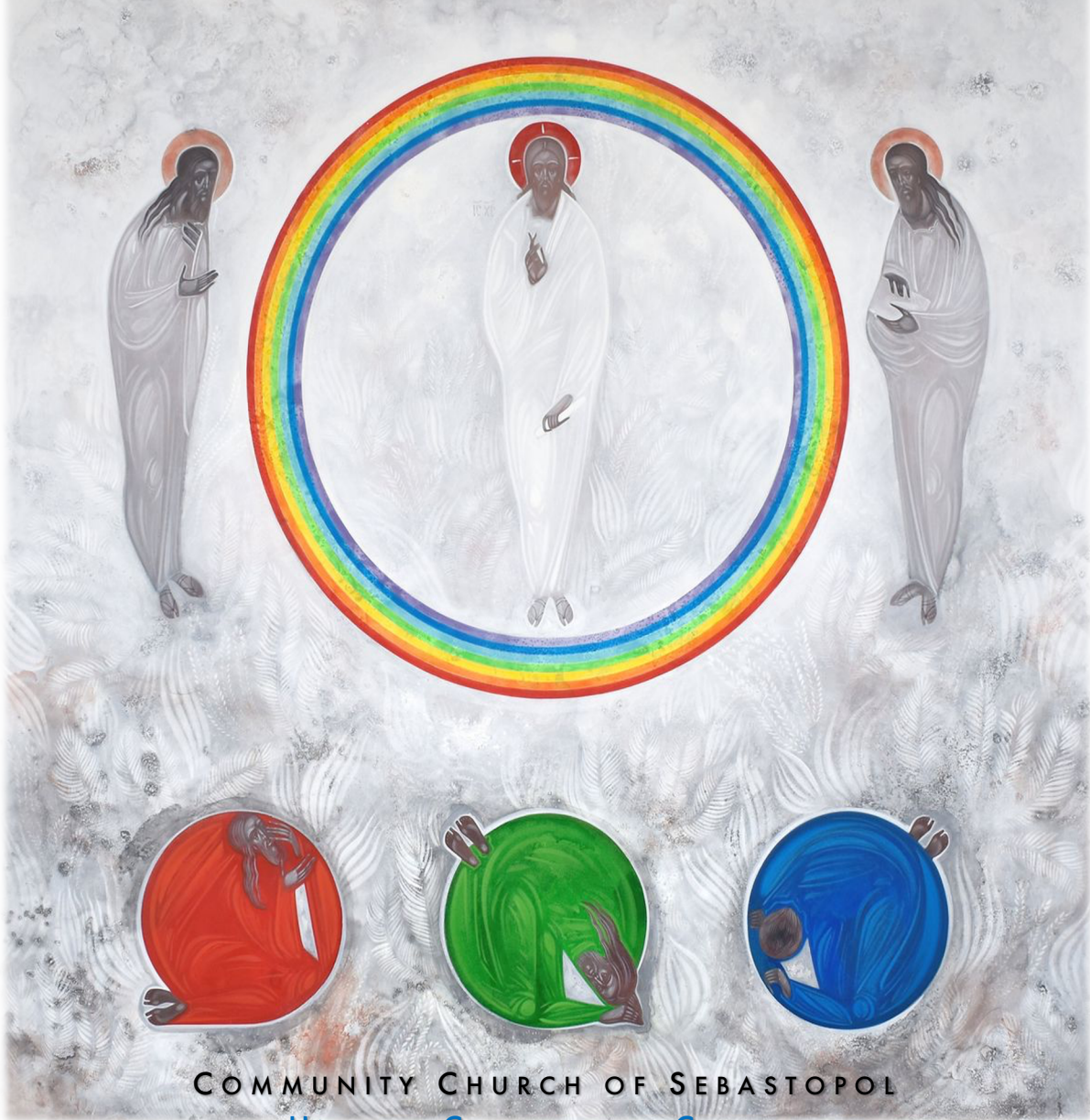


# LITURGY OF THE WORD

FEBRUARY 15, 2026 ∞ TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY



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PIANO PRELUDE                                      *Day By Day*                                      – Stephen Schwartz

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT                                      *Thuma Mina*                                      South African melody

CALL TO WORSHIP                                      based on *The Message*, Psalm 2

One: The nations make a lot of noise, and people plot for power and gain.

**Many: Demagogues and oil executives meet in Swiss chalets to make plans.**

One: Meanwhile God laughs at their presumption, then cries out.

**Many: Furious, God asks, "Do you not know? Do you not care?"**

One: We do not create ourselves. Everything, all of it, is given as gift.

**Many: We dare not worship anyone but the One who gives and keeps giving.**

\* OPENING HYMN                                      *All Creatures of Our God and King*                                      #22, vv. 1–3

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION                                      *Trumpet in Zion*, Linda H. Hollies

One: Incomparable One, we confess our sin. We follow our own devious myths,  
and we baptize our own cherished ideologies.

**Many: Reluctantly we follow you up the mountain. With fear and trembling, we  
enter the cloud. We cannot bear the weight and beauty of your holy  
presence... (silent prayer)**

\* ASSURANCE OF GRACE

\* PASSING THE PEACE                                      The Peace of Christ be with you: **And also with you.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE                                      Psalm 150:6

CHILDREN'S PRAYER                                      ending with *The Lord's Prayer*

**Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin'dom come...**

\* HYMN                                      *Abide with Me*                                      #636, vv. 1 & 3

GOSPEL READING                                      *Matthew 17: 1 – 9*                                      Pew Bible, NT, p. 18

SERMON                                      *Above the Fray*                                      Pastor Benjamin

– William Henry Monk

Holly Locey

- W.A. Mozart

**Tune: Festal Song**

**Arise, your light is come! The mountain bursts in song!  
Rise up and greet the morning sun; God's power will make us strong.**

## Feasting on the Word

**Many:** Bless these offerings that they may be transfigured into your presence in the world. With your beloved child, we pray. Amen.

#66, vv. 1-3

## Welsh folk melody

*Following worship, all are invited to Kinship Time in the Bell Tower Courtyard and, when the bell rings, to Faith Formation Hour.*



## WORSHIP LEADERS

Ushers Joanne Matson (Lead),  
Kathy Bell & Marlene Hooper  
Piano J. Althea  
Liturgists Holly Locey & Tirza Dawn  
Preacher Rev. Benjamin Broadbent  
Choral Music Chancel Choir  
Choir Director Andy DelMonte  
Tech Team Henry Allen & Eliana Curtis  
Chancel Flowers Joanie Blechel

## STAFF TEAM

Lead Minister Rev. Dr. Benjamin Broadbent  
Congregational Administrator Joy Richards  
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Choral Director Andy DelMonte  
Keyboardist J. Althea  
Handbell Director Karna Roa  
Bookkeeper Deanna Euritt  
Custodian Paul Loudon



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family composition, sexual orientation, physical and mental ability,  
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