## Parkman Congregational Church December 29, 2024

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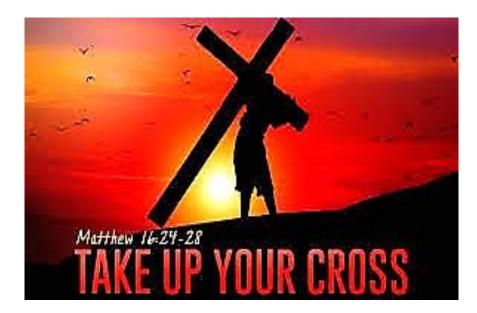
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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30AM SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICE 7:00PM

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THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, December 29

FAMILY SUNDAY Sunday school, 9:00 am Fellowship Time, 10:00 am Worship Service, 10:30 am After Service Info Meeting

Evening Prayer Service, 7:00 pm

**Tuesday, December 31** 

New Year's Eve

Happy New Year

AA, 8:30 pm

Wednesday, January 1

Saturday, January 4

Sunday, January 5

Sunday school, 9:00 am Fellowship Time, 10:00 am Worship Service, 10:30 am

Evening Prayer Service, 7:00 pm



The Church Office will be closed Monday, January 1, 2025

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### PARKMAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICE, 7:00 PM



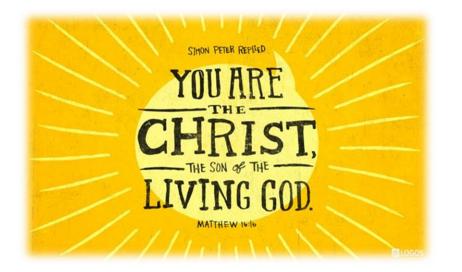


Not God's plan for my life But my life for God's plan Not God's vision for our church But our church for God's Vision

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### SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH



Matthew 16:16 Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."



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The Transfiguration

Matthew tells us, Now after 6 days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. Transfigured is a weak word, but perhaps

it is the best available English word to translate the Greek word Matthew uses here, which is the passive form of the verb metamorphoo. The verb literally means "a change of form." It comes over into the English language as the word metamorphosis. We use it to describe the amazing transformation of a caterpillar into a butterfly. But transfiguration includes the prefix trans, which means "across." What was crossed in the transfiguration? We might say Jesus crossed the line from the natural to the supernatural, from the human to the divine, as the cloak of humanity that veiled His true glory was removed and His glory became visible.

Notice that Matthew says "He was transfigured before them." In other words, His figure changed right before the disciples' eyes. What did they witness and later report to the Gospel authors for their records?

Matthew writes, His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. The first thing they noticed was a change to His face; it shone like the sun. When the biblical writers describe something that is intensely bright, the metaphor they usually turn to is the sun. When a solar eclipse occurs, we always see warnings in the media to be very careful when the eclipse is total, for as the moon moves across the face of the sun, the searing brightness of the sun returns with little warning, and it can damage our eyes. When astronomers study the sun, they must gaze at it through media that filter its brightness. That's the kind of intense brightness that suddenly began to emanate from Jesus' face there on the mountains. His visage became refulgent.