Parkman Congregational Church

January 12, 2025 Member of the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference 18265 Madison Road • (Parkman Township) Middlefield, Oh 44062 Church Office: (440) 548-4829 E-mail: parkmanchurch@windstream.net On the Web: www.parkmanchurch.com <u>Http://facebook.com/parkmanchurch</u> *Pastor: Reverend Will Coley*

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THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, January 12	Sunday school, 9:00 am Fellowship Time, 10:00 am Worship Service, 10:30 am Evening Prayer Service, 7:00 pm
Monday, January 13	Elders 7:00 pm Women's Fellowship, 7:00 pm
Saturday, January 18	AA, 8:30 pm
Sunday, January 19	Sunday school, 9:00 am Fellowship Time, 10:00 am Worship Service, 10:30 am Evening Prayer Service, 7:00 pm

PINEWOOD DERBY TIME Kits and Rules for the 2025 Pinewood Derby Will be handed out Sunday, January 26, 2025. Race day will be on Saturday, March 1, 2025 More details to come.



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SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH



Matthew 16:16



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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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.

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Parkman Congregational Church Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 26 at 1:00 pm There will be a Pot Luck Lunch Immediately Following the Worship Service Please bring a dish to share