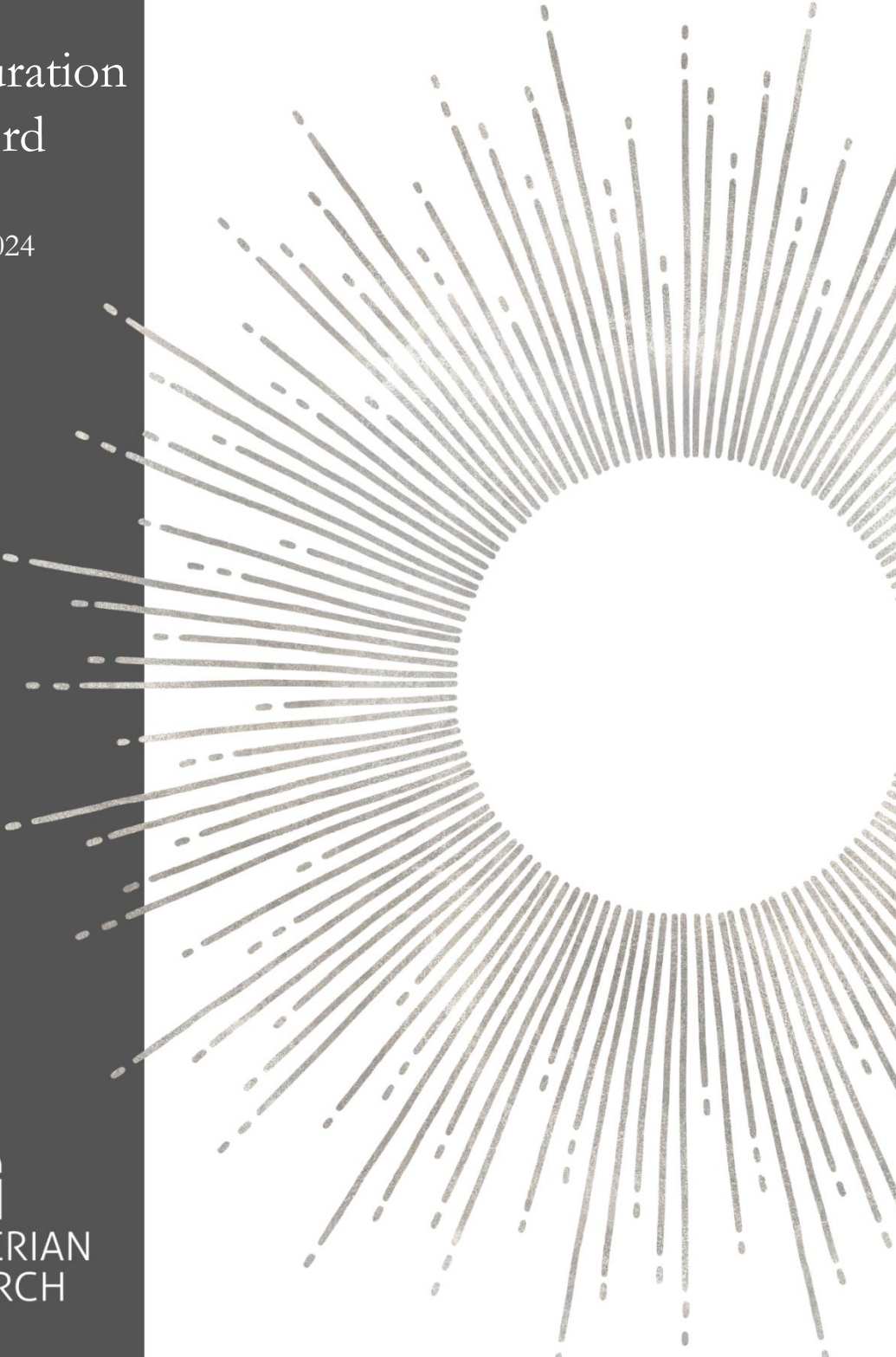


Transfiguration of the Lord

February 11, 2024
10:30 A.M.



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*LITANY FOR TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Blessed is the Lord our God, who revealed the law to Moses.

The Lord our God is holy!

Blessed is the Lord our God, who has spoken through the prophets.

The Lord our God is holy!

Blessed is the Lord our God who came to us in Jesus Christ.

The Lord our God is holy!

The one who spoke and called light out of darkness now shines in our hearts.

The Lord our God is holy!

The one who comes and does not keep silence now speaks in our minds.

The Lord our God is holy!

Now we have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The Lord our God is holy!

Great God of dazzling beauty and overshadowing majesty, in Jesus Christ, your beloved, we glimpse the image of your glory. Teach us to listen to him so that we may hear your voice and follow your holy way; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*HYMN 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Diane Bowers

May God be with you in worship here.

May God be with you in worship there.

Children may depart the sanctuary with their teacher for Worship & Wonder. They will return to the sanctuary before communion.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Lk. 8:17

Jesus said: Nothing is hidden that will not be disclosed, nor is anything secret that will not come to light. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all glory, beauty, and grace, we have tried to hide from you—to hide our faces, to hide our sin—yet you have never hidden your love for us. We have tried to search for you—in temples, in clouds, on mountaintops—yet you have already revealed yourself to us in the face of Jesus Christ. Forgive us, and transform us so that our lives may shine with your glory, beauty, and grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A brief silence is kept for personal prayer.

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ps. 50:3; Mk. 9:7

Our God comes to us and does not keep silence; God speaks to us with grace and love, saying: You are my beloved child. This is the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since we have been reconciled to God, let us also be reconciled to one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 193)

UNSER HERRSCHER

**Jesus, take us to the mountain, where, with Peter, James, and John,
We are dazzled by your glory, light as blinding as the sun.
There prepare us for the night by the vision of that sight.**

**We who have beheld your glory, risen and ascended Lord,
Cannot help but tell the story, all that we have seen and heard;
Say with Peter, James, and John: “You are God’s beloved Son!”**

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Isa. 40:21

Speak to us, O Lord our God, and let the fire of your Spirit burn brightly in our hearts. Open our minds to receive the wisdom of the law, the hope of the prophets, and the life of the gospel: Jesus Christ, your living Word. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

2 Kings 2:1-12 *OT p.332* The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Mark 9:2-9 *NT p.44* The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

“It Is Good to Be Here”

Rev. Matt Curry

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Declaration of Faith

We affirm that Jesus was born of woman as is every child, yet born of God’s power as was no other child. In the person and work of Jesus, God and a human life are united but not confused, distinguished but not separated. The coming of Jesus was itself the coming of God’s promised rule. Through his birth, life, death, and resurrection, He brings about the relationship between God and humanity that God always intended.

INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

*Being installed to the office of elder are Pat Corkran, Debbie Hutchinson, and Mary Lou Taylor.
Being installed to the office of deacon is Patti Burns Taylor.*

*Following the constitutional questions to those being installed, the congregation will be asked:
Do we, the members of First Presbyterian Church, accept Pat, Debbie, and Mary Lou as elders and Patti as deacon, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.***

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who is head of the church? **We do.**

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation* Dale Wood

To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today;
with thy wonted loving-kindness, hear thy servants as they pray. (Latin Hymn)

*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise...
...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Sung by all:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest!** *The prayer continues.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and

forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All who seek God are invited to the table, regardless of church affiliation or any other condition or identity. Ushers will guide you forward to partake by taking a piece of bread and dipping it in the cup. Prepackaged gluten-free elements are available in the baskets near the communion stations. Servers will come to those who prefer to remain in their seats.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, Lord Jesus Christ, for the gifts of grace we have received from your hand. Now send us forth to reflect your light, proclaiming your saving death and resurrection until you come again in glory. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 817

We Walk by Faith and Not By Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Matt Curry*

Liturgist: *Debbie McCoy*

Communion Servers: *Larry Hale & Janice Odom*

Worship and Wonder: *Susan Godthaab*

The Life of the Church



ASH WEDNESDAY

Worship with Communion & Imposition of Ashes
This Wednesday, February 14 at 6:00 P.M.

An Extended Table Lunch will be served after worship on Sunday, February 11. We will enjoy a catered lunch from Moonlite Bar-B-Q. There is a suggested donation of \$5 (\$25 max per family).

A Wednesday Night Lenten Series is planned for February 21-March 20.

5:00 P.M. | Dinner provided by groups in the congregation

5:40 P.M. | Worship in Fellowship Hall

6:00 P.M. | Classes for All Ages

The Adult Class will be exploring Barbara Brown Taylor's book *Learning to Walk in the Dark*. This book is available in the church and public libraries as well as online book retailers. Contact the church office if you would like help ordering it.

A Health Fair will be held on Saturday, February 24 from 1:00-3:00 P.M. at FPC. We plan to have healthy cooking and exercise demonstrations, a blood drive, representatives from community organizations, and lots of resources related to building an everyday lifestyle that improves health. Help us spread the word about this opportunity for the whole community!

Hearing Assistance Devices are available. Please see an usher if you would like to use one.

Financial Update

Our church's ministry is funded by the generous giving of its members and friends. Thank you for your gifts.

Month of January 2024

Income: \$57,974.27

Expense: \$46,202.16

Balance: \$11,772.11

Week Ending Feb. 9

Income: \$22,670.82

Expense: \$23,052.87

Balance: \$ -382.05



First Presbyterian Church is an inclusive community of faith called to proclaim the good news of the love of Jesus Christ for all people, and to join God in the building of a just, peaceful, and compassionate world.

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