



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**  
**FEBRUARY 15, 2026**

*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.*

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

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**THE GATHERING**

OPENING VOLUNTARY

GREETING

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

INTROIT

*This is My Beloved Son*

K. Nystedt

LITANY FOR THE 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 midst.  
**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 for ever.  
**Amen**

\*HYMN 193

*Jesus Take Us to the Mountain*

UNSER HERRSCHER

#### CALL TO RECONCILIATION

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 ADORATION AND CONFESSION

**God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

*A brief silence is kept for personal prayer.*

PRAYER RESPONSE (HYMN 702)

*Christ Be Beside Me*

BUNESSAN

#### POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The one who calls light out of darkness now shines in our hearts to reveal the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  
**Thanks be to God.**

\*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

GREATOREX

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Hear the teaching of Christ: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

\*SUNG RESPONSE (HYMN 662)

*Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

RATISBON

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Diane Bowers

May God be with you in worship here.

**May God be with you in worship there.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of shining splendor, your voice makes the earth tremble in wonder.

Overshadow us with your Spirit so that we may hear your Word and live as faithful disciples and covenant people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Psalm 2 (O.T. p. 500)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

\*Matthew 17:1-9 (N.T.p. 18)

The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Matthew Covington read by Debbie McCoy

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*HYMN

*God, Who Dwells in Light and Darkness*

BEACH SPRING

1. *God, who dwells in light and darkness, God, who guides through fire and cloud, God, who speaks through law and prophet, God, whose voice is hushed and loud- you have led us to the mountain, there to see beyond our sight; now you lead us to the valleys – through the shadows with your light.*

2. *Christ, who shines in light that dazzles, Christ, whose skin is dark and brown,  
Christ, who guides us to the summit, Christ, who leads us safely down-  
you have known the heights of heaven, yet you dwell among us here;  
Christ of mountain and of manger, set us free from pride and fear.*
  
3. *God of lofty and of lowly, God of night and God of day,  
God of doubter and disciple, God who guides us all the way-  
in this world of clouds and shadows, grant us moments of clear sight;  
in this world of lies and hatred, let your truth and love shine bright.*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.08*

**In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which everyone stands convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We approach God in prayer not as strangers,  
but as beloved children, baptized in Christ Jesus.  
God of Glory, **transform this world.**

As children of God, we pray for the church . . .  
God of Glory, **transform this world.**

As children of God, we pray for the earth . . .  
God of Glory, **transform this world.**

As children of God, we pray for all nations . . .  
God of Glory, **transform this world.**

As children of God, we pray for this community . . .  
God of Glory, **transform this world.**

As children of God, we pray for loved ones . . .  
God of Glory, **transform this world.**

Holy One, as you are well pleased with Christ, help us to live in a way that will be pleasing to you. As you have called us to listen to Christ, help us to always heed his word and seek his will. These things we pray in the name of Jesus, your beloved Child, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

#### 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.**

#### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

There is only one Lord and God, from whom all things come and for whom we live.  
Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

#### MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

*Peace I Leave with You*

Philip M. Young

#### \*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS (Hymn 708)

*We Give Thee But Thine Own*

**We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.**

**We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.**

**We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.**

**We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.**

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

## BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN 354

*Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*

BATTLE HYMN

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

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*\*Rise in body or spirit*

## LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Ruling Elder: *Debbie McCoy*

Liturgist: *Patti Price*

Kids' Kirk: *Kim Lashbrook*

## THE STAFF OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sasha O'Bryan, *Office Manager and Pastoral Assistant*  
Stephanie Dube, *Director of Children and Youth Ministries*  
Patrick Ritsch, *Director of Music*  
Debbie Hutchinson, *Bookkeeper*  
Candice Baize, *Custodian*

## The Life of the Church

Please join us on **Sunday, February 22** as we warmly welcome **Rev. Dr. John Haggmann** to First Presbyterian Church of Owensboro. Worship with us, then stay for a **reception immediately following the service** in the Fellowship Hall. Light refreshments will be served, and everyone is invited to take a photo with Pastor John as he begins putting **faces to names** in our church family. All are welcome—we hope you'll come celebrate this joyful New Beginning with us.

The **Finance Committee** will meet today following worship.

The **Property Comiitee** will meet today following worship.

The **Mission Committee** will meet today following worship.

**Youth Group** will meet this evening at 5:00 PM.

The **Christian Education Committee** will meet Monday, February 16th, at 10:30 AM.

**PrimeTimers** will meet Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 AM in the fellowship hall.

Rev. Dr. John Haggmann will host **Ashes to Go** on Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM from the front porch of the church.

Join us for our **Ash Wednesday Service** on Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM.

Join us for **FPC Game Night & Chili Cook-off** on Sunday, February 22, from 4-7 PM>  
Please bring Chili, salad, and/or a dessert.

**Financial Update** Our ministry is funded by the giving of members and friends. Thank you for your generosity.

| <b>Year-To-Date (thru Jan.)</b> | <b>Month To Date (Feb.)</b>  | <b>Week of Feb. 1</b>       | <b>Week of Feb. 8</b>       |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Income: \$ 38,042.92            | Income: \$ 26,194.07         | Income: \$ 1,385.00         | Income: \$ 24,809.07        |
| <u>Expense: \$ 35,394.84</u>    | <u>Expense: \$ 13,596.62</u> | <u>Expense: \$ 4,502.28</u> | <u>Expense: \$ 9,094.34</u> |
| Balance: \$ 2,648.08            | Balance: \$ 12,597.45        | Balance: (-\$ 3,117.28)     | Balance: \$ 15,714.73       |

**Keep your pledge current and look for more good news here.**

## **This Week at FPC**

### **Sunday, February 15**

**9:15** Choir Rehearsal

**9:30** Adult Sunday School in the Parlor

**9:30** Children's Sunday School

**9:30** Men's Bible Class in person and via Zoom

**10:30** Sunday Worship in-person in the Sanctuary and via Facebook Live

**11:30** Finance, Mission, & Property Committee Meetings

**5:00** Youth Group

### **Monday, February 16**

**9:15** Staff Meeting

**10:30** Christian Education Committee Meeting

### **Tuesday, February 17**

**10:15** PWS

**10:30** PrimeTimers

### **Wednesday, February 18**

**10:00** Book Study

**10:15** PWS

**11:00 – 1:00** Ashes to Go

**6:00** Ash Wednesday Service

### **Thursday, February 19**

**10:15** PWS

### **Friday, February 20**

**Office Closed**

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**11:30** Reception for Rev. Dr. John Hagmann

**5:00** Youth Group

**5:00** Chili Cook-Off & Game Night