

# Transfiguration of the Lord

February 11, 2024



He was transfigured before them ...  
and his clothes became dazzling white ...

Mark 9:2-3, NRSV

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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February 11, 2024, 9:30 a.m. Service

## WELCOME TO FPC

We are so glad you are with us on this day where we celebrate the gift of hope for ourselves and for our world. We invite you to follow us on Facebook, sign up for our weekly emails or check the website regularly to see the new things God is doing among us at FPC Findlay!

## CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

**Little Ones:** Infants and toddlers are welcome to join trained caregivers in Room 333 on the third floor during Worship and 2<sup>nd</sup> Hour. Check-in begins at 9:20 a.m. for the 9:30 a.m. service.

**Godly Play and Godly Play Choir:** Children in preschool through elementary school-age are invited to attend Godly Play worship in Room 340 following the Blessing of the Children. Parents can pick up their children on the first floor in the Choir Room, where they will be doing Godly Play choir until 11:15 a.m., except on Communion Sundays when they will return during worship to be able to participate in communion.

## WORSHIP VIA FACEBOOK LIVE

*As the prelude begins, we invite you to share your prayer requests in the comments section beneath the Facebook Live video.*

## Prelude

Choral Introit

Listen, God Is Calling

NENO LAKE MUNGU

*Listen, listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,  
offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy.*

## \* Call to Worship/Opening Words

God calls us to worship, **and we come**,  
some with words of laughter and songs of joy.

God calls us to worship, **and we come**,  
some from a sense of obligation or habit.

God calls us to worship, **and we come**,  
some with hearts heavy with grief.

God calls us to worship, **and we come**,

some with distraction or exhaustion.

God calls us to worship, **and we come,**

some with eagerness and enthusiasm.

God calls us to worship, **and we come,**

some with stress, loneliness, or depression.

As God's dearly loved children,

**we bring all our joy and pain, hurt and hope**

**into this place of Spirit-given grace, love, and hope.**

Let us worship God.

\* Hymn #189                      O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair                      DEO GRACIAS

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God,**

**we confess that we do not expect and long for**

**the transforming power of your love**

**to work miracles in these hard hearts of ours.**

**Yet we secretly long for a rescue, an escape, a miracle,**

**to relieve us of the responsibilities and the challenges you set before us.**

**Healing Spirit, renew our confidence in your power**

**and in the power of love to change our lives,**

**and give us courage to be the fully responsible persons**

**Christ calls us to be.**

*(Silent Confession)*

In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

\* Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\* Passing of the Peace

Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

\* Grateful Response #492

You Belong to Christ

YOU BELONG TO CHRIST

You be-long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized.

al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Blessing of the Children

Following the Blessing of the Children, children 3rd grade and younger may go to Room 340 for Godly Play.

## Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Psalms 27:1-4

Pew Bible page 437

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?**

When evildoers assail me  
to devour my flesh—  
**my adversaries and foes—  
they shall stumble and fall.**

Though an army encamp against me,  
my heart shall not fear;  
**though war rise up against me,  
yet I will be confident**

One thing I asked of the Lord;  
this I seek:  
**to live in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,  
to behold the beauty of the Lord,  
and to inquire in his temple.**

## Scripture Anthem

## All That Is Beautiful

Larry Nickel

*All that is beautiful, yes, all that is good in creation cannot compare with Christ. My mouth breaks forth in song, my eyes dwell upon Thy splendor; I long to worship Thee more fully. For Thou art worthy, O Lord! My heart aches to be pure, my soul cries out for Thy blessing. I long to serve Thee more completely, for Thou art worthy, O Lord!*

## Second Lesson

## Mark 8:27-9:8

Pew Bible page 820

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi, and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes and be killed and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see that the kingdom of God has come with power."

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling bright, such as no one on earth could brighten them. And there

appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

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

Sermon

Rev. Jessie Commeret

\* Hymn #377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light HOUSTON

Call for Offering

Offertory Anthem

\* Doxology We Give Thee but Thine Own SCHUMANN

We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be; — all  
that we have is thine a-lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee. A - men.

Prayer of Dedication

Concerns and Celebrations

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.**

Prayer Response #600

Amen

AMEN



Messages for Our Life in Community

\* Hymn #853                      We Are Marching in the Light of God                      SIYAHAMBA

\* Benediction

Postlude

*\* Please rise in body or spirit*

### WORSHIP LEADERS

**Pastor:** Rev. Jessica Commeret

**Director of Music:** Clinton Miller

**Lay Reader:** Char Ebersole

**Director of Connectional Ministry:** Leslee Kirkconnell

**Musicians:** FPC Choral Scholars: BK Riha, Deja Jennings, Cassie Wilson, Zach Sanford;  
Desra Dabney, flute

Today we welcome guest organist Patrick Sadowski.

**The flowers for worship** are given by Mary James  
in loving memory of Graeme James.

## Announcements

### **2<sup>ND</sup> Hour Faith Formation:** Community Mission Conversation

Now that we have heard from the three organizations that we supported in our community this past month, your mission committee invites the congregation to reconvene this Sunday about our sense of call and strategy to service in the greater community. The conversation will be facilitated by Deb Crow and Tracy McMath. What are your passions? Where do you feel God's spirit moving you to serve? Come ready to wonder and discuss why (or why not) the local church is important to God's mission the world.

**Today:** Community Dinner in the Great Room, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Our menu: Sour Cream Noodle Bake, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread, Applesauce and Red Velvet Cake. Help us be a welcoming and loving presence to our neighbors! **Children and Youth** should come to the Fellowship Hall kitchen during 2<sup>nd</sup> Hour to help prepare Garlic Bread.

**Ash Wednesday is February 14!** Join us for worship and you have two options: at 5:30pm Pastor Jessie will be available in the drive under the portico for any who want prayer and ashes. At 6:00pm we will have Imposition of Ashes and the Lord's Supper in the sanctuary.

**Get Connected:** Scan the code to read the latest Connections E-News. Lent is starting and there are many opportunities to grow!



**Lent is Almost Here:** The Lent News & Views is now available in print form in the Narthex or you can scan this code and read it online.



## Hymn #189

## O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

DEO GRACIAS

Capo 3: (Am) (G) (Am) (C) (D) (Em)  
Cm B<sup>b</sup> Cm E<sup>b</sup> F Gm



1 O won - drous sight, O vi - sion fair  
2 From age to age the tale de - clare,  
3 The law and proph - ets there have place,  
4 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray  
5 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high

(Am) (Dm) (Am) (Em) (Am)  
Cm Fm Cm Gm Cm



of glo - ry that the church shall share,  
how with the three dis - ci - ples there,  
two cho - sen wit - ness - es of grace;  
Christ deigns to man - i - fest to - day  
by this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y,

(G) (Dm) (Em) (G) (Am)  
B<sup>b</sup> Fm Gm B<sup>b</sup> Cm



which Christ up - on the moun - tain shows,  
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah meet,  
the Fa - ther's voice from out the cloud  
what glo - ry shall be theirs a - bove  
for which in joy - ful strains we raise

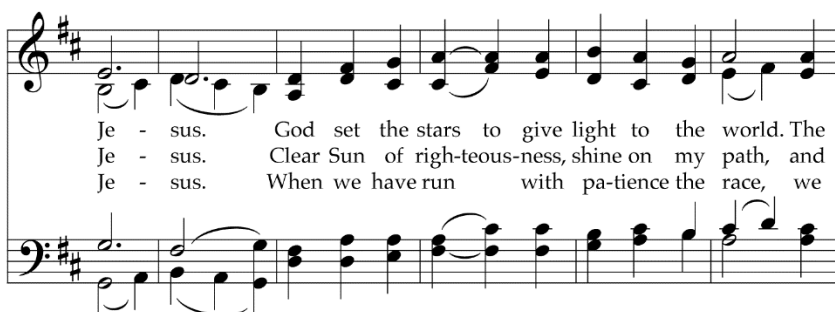
(Em) (Dm) (F) (G) (Am)  
Gm Fm A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> Cm



where bright - er than the sun he glows!  
the Lord holds con - verse high and sweet.  
pro - claims his on - ly Son a - loud.  
who joy in God with per - fect love.  
the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low  
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at  
 3 I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with



Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
 Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and  
 Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

*Refrain*



star of my life is Je - sus.  
 show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at  
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.



all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the



light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Hymn #853

# We Are Marching in the Light of God


SIYAHAMBA



We are march-ing in the light of God; we are march-ing in the  
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -



light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God;  
nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',



we are march-ing in the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
we are march-ing in the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

We are march - ing  
Si - ya - ham - ba

We are march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing, march-ing,  
Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

we are march-ing in the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha-nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha-nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha-nyen' kwen - khos'.

We are march - ing  
Si - ya - ham - ba

We are march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing, march-ing,  
Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

we are march-ing in the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

*Additional stanzas ad lib.:*  
We are dancing...  
We are praying...  
We are singing...

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## LITURGICAL ART

First Presbyterian Church follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together as Christians. We are currently in the season of Epiphany, also known as Ordinary Time, which lasts from Epiphany on January 6 to Ash Wednesday, February 14. The color GREEN symbolizes the promise of new life and spiritual growth. The Celtic Cross hanging on the dorsal was designed and carved by Dr. Richard Deerhake and Dr. Emil Ziegler, dedicated in memory of Thomas L. Clancey and Jacob P. Deerhake. The dorsal and pulpit and lectern paraments have overlay panels of vines, symbolizing growth in the Spirit. The banners above the doors, left and right portray the Sacraments of the church, Baptism on the left with a shell and water poured out, and Holy Communion on the right, with wheat and grapes. Both banners have a circle symbolizing God, the Eternal One, and open Bibles symbolizing the Word of God. On the right banner is Chi Rho, the first two letters of the Greek word for Christ. On the left banner are Alpha and Omega, the first and last letters in Greek, signifying the beginning and the ending. Artist Don Beck, whose creative vision continues to shape worship at FPC, has been formative in creating the visual elements of our liturgy.



## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES FEBRUARY 14, 2024

DRIVE THROUGH ASHES - 5:30PM  
UNDER THE PORTICO;

WORSHIP WITH IMPOSITION  
OF ASHES AND COMMUNION - 6:00PM  
IN THE SANCTUARY

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