

THEN A CLOUD APPEARED AND
COVERED THEM, AND A VOICE
CAME FROM THE CLOUD:

“This is my Son,
whom I love.
Listen to him!”

MARK 9:7

*First
Presbyterian
Church*



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TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

February 11, 2024

* = You are invited to stand if able
Items in **bold** are congregational responses

– ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME–

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND SORROWS

PRAYER OF PREPARATION AND PRELUDE

God who speaks, help us to listen to the words you have given us. When we hear, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” help us to stop and listen. May we humble ourselves instead of thinking we know it all and have heard it all before. Speak to us so we might listen in a new way, to know Your love in new ways, and to share that love with the world. Invite us into this time and space that is Yours, so we might draw closer to You. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

People: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth, calling out to God’s creation.

Leader: God’s glory fills the earth, but sometimes we, like Elisha, do not think we are ready to encounter glory.

People: And yet, God’s glory shows up anyway, shining on us and on God’s creation to show the way.

Leader: Sometimes we are like the disciples who witnessed Jesus' transfiguration and wanted to cling to that one glorious moment.

People: And yet, God called them down from the mountain.

Leader: So, we gather today, some of us feeling ready and some of us feeling wholly unprepared, yet all are called together to worship and to be led by glory out into the world.

People: God, may we perceive your glory all around us, pointing us in the way you would have us go. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, Giver of life, your light shines in our lives and your glory is revealed through your Son, Jesus Christ. Reveal his glory to us as you did to Peter, James, and John, that we may be filled with his power and our mouths may proclaim his presence forevermore. Amen.

HYMN: "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" Blue 462

INVITATION TO RECONCILIATION Pastor

CHORUS: "Spirit of the Living God" Blue 322

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, when we encounter beauty, love, and wonder in the world, so often we seek to control it, to contain it. Forgive us for all the ways we seek to pull things under our power, for the ways we fashion the world and put ourselves first. We are selfish, God. We push aside your command to love in order to seek comfort. Heavenly parent, we take this opportunity to acknowledge our lies and our denial, laying bare our hearts and minds before you now.

SILENT CONFESSION

HYMN: "Be Thou My Vision" **Blue 339**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED **Blue 14**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

God gifted us with free will that we might choose to worship the Almighty in our words, actions, and thoughts. Let us now make the choice to honor the Word of God by the offering of our tithes, trusting that our gifts, freely given, will be a blessing to God and our neighbors.

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS

Almighty God, on the mountain top, you instructed Peter, James, and John: "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" We are listening, God, and we hear your call to, alongside your Holy Spirit, make the world a better place. We offer you these gifts and our hearts along with them. May we and they be blessed to do your bidding.

HYMN: "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus" **Blue 144**

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE "Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen!"

– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD –

Liturgy pieces by: Rose Schrott Taylor, Presbyterian Outlook;
Call to Worship by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries (adapted);

Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God in memory of her mom and dad's anniversary given by Brenda Kennedy.

THOSE SERVING AMONG US TODAY

The Liturgist today is Dave Neel.
Greeter today was Nancy Komlos.

Last Sunday's Attendance: 41 (Online live: 5)

Last Sunday's Offering: \$6,638

(Note: this includes a one-time gift for the year)

Thank you for your faithfulness in service and in giving.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

TODAY: Worship at 10 am; Congregational Meeting following

WEDNESDAY: Ashes to go from 10 am-noon and 1-3 pm.
Ash Wednesday Service at 7 pm

THURSDAY: Food Bank at Fells UMC

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 10 am

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Feb. 15- Kara Gibson

Feb. 18- Joe Burnsworth

Feb. 21- Eva Bukovitz

Feb. 22- Bruce Patterson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATION/CORPORATE MEETING will be today following worship. All members and those interested are asked to stay for this brief meeting as we present the budget approved by session and receive reports from 2023.

PANCAKE DINNER: The 60th annual Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner will be held this Tuesday, February 13th, at St Sebastian's fellowship hall from 11:30 am -7 pm, featuring regular and buckwheat pancakes. \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. Proceeds benefit community service projects. Please contact Fred Exley for tickets at 724-929-8842.

CHICKEN AND BISCUIT DINNER: Mark your calendars for our chicken and biscuit dinner on Saturday, February 24th, from 12-4 pm that benefits our 150th anniversary. Tickets will be \$12 for adults and \$6 for children. The dinner includes mashed potatoes, green beans, and cake. All help would be appreciated. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Bobbi Jo Huebner or call the church office to reserve tickets.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY, PRAYER, AND PRAISE—Throughout Lent, you are invited to join the pastor in reading through and meditating on the life of Christ in the Gospel of Luke, an average of 28 verses per day or four chapters per week.

Each Monday in Lent, beginning on the 19th, the living room of the Parish House will be open for a time of reflection/study of what we have read, a time for praise and worship, and a time of guided prayer. Times will be 1 pm and 6:30 pm, and the meetings will last an hour. If you have questions, please contact the pastor.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES: This Wednesday is Valentine's Day, but it is also Ash Wednesday, a day when we begin our Lenten journey toward the cross and the resurrection. Ashes are a sign that we recognize we are but (only) dust but that God takes the ashes of our lives and turns them into something beautiful. Join pastor between 10 am - noon or 1-3 pm in the sanctuary for Ashes-to-Go, a "come-and-go" time of meditation with music, prayer, and ashes or anointing. *NOTE: Receiving ashes is not required to participate in either service.*

The full Ash Wednesday service will be held at 7 pm in the sanctuary, focusing on the Lord's Prayer and God's work and will in our lives. **NOTE:** Greeters, ushers, and a liturgist would be welcome.

LITURGY AND LUNCH SCHEULE: Join us for a brief service and lunch at local churches at 12 pm on Wednesdays during Lent. The services will be led by pastors of the churches with assistance by other local ministers. Each church will serve a soup and bread lunch (with dessert) after the service.

Feb. 21 First United Methodist, 200 State Street

Feb. 28 Lynwood Lutheran, 900 Washington Road

Mar. 6 Fells United Methodist, 1268 Fells Church Road

Mar. 13 First Presbyterian (here)

Mar. 20 Rehoboth Presbyterian, 442 Rehoboth Road

Lenten Praise, Study, and Prayer

I hope you will join me this Lenten season as we journey through the Gospel of Luke. Each day we will read a portion of the gospel, as listed, roughly four chapters per week. **On Mondays beginning Feb. 19th through March 25th, we will meet at the Parish House at 1 pm and/or 6:30 pm** to praise God, explore the verses read that week, and then to enter into a time of prayer. The sessions will be available on Zoom, as well, for those who cannot attend in person.

Zoom: Call 1 929 205 6099 (phone) or log in on the Zoom app on your computer: Meeting ID: 818 3672 6212, Passcode: 123456

Date	Verses	Notes
2/14	1:1-25	
2/15	1:26-56	
2/16	1:57-80	
2/17	2:1-38	
2/18	2:39-3:14	
2/19	3:15-4:13	
2/20	4:14-44	
2/21	5:1-26	
2/22	5:27-6:16	
2/23	6:17-42	
2/24	6:43-7:23	
2/25	7:24-50	
2/26	8:1-25	
2/27	8:26-56	
2/28	9:1-27	
2/29	9:28-62	
3/1	10:1-24	

Date	Verses	Notes
3/2	10:25-11:4	
3/3	11:5-36	
3/4	11:37-12:3	
3/5	12:4-40	
3/6	12:41-13:9	
3/7	13:10-35	
3/8	14:1-24	
3/9	14:25-15:10	
3/10	15:11-32	
3/11	16:1-31	
3/12	17:1-37	
3/13	18:1-30	
3/14	18:31-19:10	
3/15	19:11-40	
3/16	10:41-20:19	
3/17	20:20-47	
3/18	21:1-33	
3/19	21:34-22:23	
3/20	22:24-46	
3/21	22:47-71	
3/22	23:1-25	
3/23	23:26-56	
3/24	24:1-27	
3/25	24:28-53	

PRAYER LIST

Please remember the following people in your thoughts and prayers.

Please call the office with prayer needs, updates, and questions
or e-mail the church at.

† Lisa Aten † Kaiden Bane † Nuncio Battista † Dolores Beatty †
Bill Behrens † Joann Bellora † Mary Lou Berish † Bob & Carol
Berish † Carl Boone † Frank Britton † Cameron Burnardza † Joe
Burnsworth † Colin † Sally Callaway † Sally Campbell † Carol
Carcella † Milana (Berish) Cerniga † Chloe Chachaula † Rev. Ian
Chikoti † Nancy Craig † Glenn Crossover † Tena Crutcher † Sue
Currie † Rich & Kathy Davies † Sandy Davis † Carol Driver † Sandy
Elder † MaryAnn Falk † Norm Floyd † Howard Forsyth † Janis
Garofalo † Louise Gerber † Glenn Hart † Sarah Hepple & Baby †
Brittany Heckathorn † Wayne Helster † Frieda Hilman † Patti Huyck †
Diane Johnston † Zoey Johnson † Janet † June Kefover † Donna
Kearns † Cameron Kennedy † John Kushner † Irene Leyda †
Mike Lemley † Gordon Lucas † Ronnie Lynn † Laura Martin †
J.T. Mateka † Taylor McGee † Bruce Merritt † Dean Migliori †
Phil Morrow † Lynette Murray † Betsy Neel † Jim Palfrey †
Scott Palfrey † Marguerite Patterson † Marge Pawlaski † Kim Pierce
† Helen Pulgino † Kaylee Rabon † Lucille Rapchak † Dennis Raymer
† Dorothy Rogers † Alina Shaw † Linda Shuler † Chris Sicora †
Rose Smarachek † Toi Smith † Walter Smith † Gianna Smoyer †
Candy Sokol † Lewis Stiltner † Ginger Thorp † Jerry Tregembo †
Sandy Walters † Joseph Waywood †

**Pray for the safety and protection of First Responders
(police, fire, EMTs), Military Personnel, Medical Personnel,
Caregivers who deplete themselves caring for others,
those affected by senseless violence and war,
and those affected by natural disasters.**

*(If you have a prayer concern or to update the list, please call the office at
724-929-7616 or fill out a prayer card and place in the offering plate)*



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E L D E R S

Class of 2024 Lori Lamberski Carol Tragesser David Burdis Linda Aten	Class of 2025 Fred Exley Doug Cole Jack Backo	Class of 2026 John Conger Sharon Zunic
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D E A C O N S

Class of 2024 Jessica Phillabaum Dave Neel Kay Conger Brenda Kennedy	Class of 2025 Susan Aten June Exley Barb Moskala	Class of 2026 Patty Gillon Eileen Kunca
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We live and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through worship, service, and witness.

As a Christ-centered church empowered by the Holy Spirit, we seek God's plan for each of us and all of us. We welcome everyone to journey with us as we strive to grow in love, faith, trust, and discipleship.

(Adopted October 10, 1998; revised February 2, 2013)