

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

**February 19, 2023**

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**

*Come, All Christians, Be Committed*

Setting by Don Hustad

**CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**WELCOME**

Jack Osteen

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Leader:* O come, let us worship the living God, let us kneel before our Maker.

**People:** We come in humility, opening ourselves to God's wisdom and strength.

*Leader:* We come to feast on the living bread that we might minister to the world's hungers.

**People:** We come to drink from the cup of salvation that we might minister to the world's thirst.

*Leader:* Let us worship the God we know in Jesus Christ, the source of every blessing.

**\* HYMN OF PRAISE 193**

*Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain*

UNSER HERRSCHER

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord, we come before you to confess our sins. You offer us the new life in Jesus, but we have listened to the offerings of this world instead. We confess the sin of pride: we stubbornly believe that we are better than other people. We confess the sin of envy: we constantly compare ourselves with others and want more. We confess the sin of anxiety: help us to trust you as the only audience of our life. We confess the sin of needing to control all things: we live seeking to win and fearing to lose any battle. Our lives don't look much like the life of Jesus. Forgive us. Help us to begin our lives again, and to walk in the ways of Christ. Hear our prayers, O Lord.

*(Silent Reflection)*

In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*Leader:* You, O Lord, have not dealt with us according to our sins, nor paid us back in full for our wrongs. You are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast kindness. Your grace redeems our sin. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**People:** Thanks be to God, who forgives our sins and loves us without end. Amen.

**\* GLORIA PATRI**

**\* PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

*Jesus Loves Me!*

Rev. Bob Brearley

*Following the Children's Moment, children preschool through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to Children in Worship. Parents can pick up their children from the third floor after worship.*

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Exodus 24:12-18

Cooper Hill

(Pew Bible, pg. 70, Old Testament)

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

Matthew 17:1-9

Rev. Bob Brearley

(Pew Bible, pg. 18, New Testament)

**SERMON**

*"Touching Holiness"*

Rev. Bob Brearley

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day, He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\* HYMN 511 (V.1 & 2)

*Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven*

LLANFAIR

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: We give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Communion this morning will be served by intinction. The congregation will come forward by the center aisle, receive the bread and the cup and partake at one of the stations and return to your seat by the side aisle. If you would rather partake in the pew, please raise your hand and Elders will come to you where you are seated.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.**

### GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Call to Giving

Offertory Anthem

*Gathered in God's Name*

Michael Burkhardt

\* Doxology

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures here below. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

***Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,***

***Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

***Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

\* Offertory Prayer

\* HYMN 192

*Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining*

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

#### BENEDICTION

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

***Shine, Jesus, shine: fill this land with the Father's glory.***

***Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.***

***Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.***

***Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.***

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Trumpet Voluntary*

Gordon Young

\* Please stand as you are able

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## WELCOME!

We especially welcome those of you who are guests today. We invite you to fill out a Welcome card found in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate as it is passed. We look forward to meeting you. If you have particular questions, please speak to Rev. Brearley.

### **ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING**

Elders: Jack Osteen, Glenn Woodrum  
Assisting with Worship: Jack Osteen  
Deacons: Lark Haynie, Susan W. Osteen  
Youth Liturgist: Cooper Hill  
Junior Ushers: Charlie Coulter, Harry Berger

### **ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY**

Elders: Dan Spencer, Bill Richardson  
Assisting with Worship: Dan Spencer  
Deacons: Matthew Berger, Harold Nixon  
Youth Liturgist: Nicholas White  
Junior Ushers: Ligon Ferguson, Caroline Thames

### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

The Session has called a congregational meeting this morning, for the purpose of electing a seven member Pastor Nominating Committee. The Session will place in nomination the following: Jessica Bettinger, Dee Dailey (Mrs.), Chuck Fienning, Karen Ingram, John Jackson, Kimberly Land, and Jack Osteen. Nominations from the floor will be accepted as long as the nominee has agreed to serve if elected.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OFFICERS BEING RECEIVED**

Recommendations for the office of Elder and Deacon are now being received from the congregation by the Congregational Nominating Committee. Forms can be found on tables as you leave the Sanctuary or on the Welcome Desk outside the Church Office. The deadline to receive recommendations is **Sunday, February 19**. Please return the form to the church office or a member of the Nominating Committee: Liza Cooper, Chuck Fienning, Gloria Coker, Billy Coulter, J.D. Dunn, Kathy Lyons, or Kay Smith.

### **EMERGENCY RELIEF OFFERING FOR TURKEY/SYRIA EARTHQUAKE**

We have had a request from a church member about an offering for Turkey/Syria in the aftermath of deadly earthquakes. Donations can be given through the church and the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance agency of the PCUSA. Checks may be written to First Presbyterian Church and marked "Turkey/Syria." We will then send a church check for the total amount received. Thank you.

### **AFTERNOON OF WORLD MUSIC**



**February 26 ~ 3:00 p.m.**  
**First Presbyterian Church**

*Presented by The Woman's Afternoon Music Club*



### **ONLINE GIVING**

Online giving can be accessed from the FPC website, [fpcsumter.org](http://fpcsumter.org) (press the red "Give" button), also from your mobile device (text FPCS to 73256). Follow the online instructions. You can also give online by using the QR code and your smartphone. Just hover over the QR code with the camera or scanner on your smartphone or tablet and click on the link that appears.

### **JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**National Healthcare:** Jackie Osteen

**Home:** Milo Abbott (Grandson of Norma Abbott), Robert Stage II (Son of Marta Stage)