# **GATHERING**

**PRELUDE** "Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory" arr. George Day

## CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT "Laudate Dominum: Sing, Praise, and Bless the Lord"

Chancel Choir Jacques Berthier

#### +CALL TO WORSHIP

God of the mountaintop, you call us to journey with you.

Shine upon us; grant us sacred illumination; dazzle us with your beauty and glory.

In the midst of our weary souls and exhausted bodies,

Transfigure our imaginations and reveal to us what is possible. In the face of unceasing violence and endless wars,

Transfigure our imaginations and reveal to us what is possible. In the midst of crushing disasters, natural and humanmade,

Transfigure our imaginations and reveal to us what is possible.

Move us from scarcity and cynicism and transfigure our lowly visions to reveal the abundant life of your realm.

Help us to keep watch so that we might leave the mountaintop inspired to do the work of transformation

in the valley below. Amen

**+HYMN #12** *"Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise"* ST. DENIO

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Lord,

we confess that we do not always seek the light of your way.

We are satisfied to dwell in darkness,

holding fast to the comforts of material fortune.

We ignore the needs of others, and selfishly look the other way when our neighbors are oppressed.

In your merciful way, help us to establish your equity in the world. Move us to protect creation and ensure equality,

that all of our siblings may have a share in your abundance and the safety of your peace,

and that the light of your face may shine upon all creation.

(Silent Confession)

## **KYRIE #551**

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy upon us.

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The Lord our God answers our prayers.

The Holy One forgives us of our sin.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God.

## +RESPONSE #581 GLORIA PATRI

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.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

# THE WORD

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 99

Pew Bible Page 552

**ANTHEM** "The Majesty and Glory of Your Name" arr. Tom Fettke Chancel Choir

# **NEW TESTAMENT READING** Luke 9:28-36

Pew Bible Pages 69-70

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God.

**SERMON** 

"Divine Presence"

Len Sparks

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**+UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** 

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 #193 "Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain"

**UN SER HERRSCHER** 

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

# THE OFFERTORY

There are multiple ways to contribute to the ministries of First Presbyterian Eufaula: An offering plate is located in the rear of the sanctuary or you may mail your contribution to First Presbyterian Eufaula at 201 N. Randolph Ave, Eufaula, AL 36027, drop it by the church office, or give online at <a href="https://www.firstpresbyterianeufaula.org/give">www.firstpresbyterianeufaula.org/give</a>.

## +DOXOLOGY

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

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

# **SENDING**

+CLOSING HYMN #546 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" SICILIAN MARINERS

#### +BENEDICTION

**+POSTLUDE** "Deo Gracias"

arr. G. Sikes

+ Congregation Standing

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WELCOME:** We welcome back to our pulpit today a devoted friend of our congregation, Mr. Len Sparks.

We warmly welcome you to worship this morning and ask that you please sign the Friendship pad in your pew. Christian worship joyfully ascribes all praise and honor, glory and power to the Triune God. In worship we acknowledge God, who is present in the world and in our lives. As we respond to God's claim and redemptive action in Jesus Christ, we are transformed and renewed. In worship, we offer ourselves to God and we are equipped for God's service in the world.

**Visitors:** We extend a special welcome to those who are visiting with us this morning. We invite you to come back and worship with us as often as possible. If you would like more information about our church, please see one of our Elders.

**WOW** Dinner at 5:15 on Wednesday with Bible Study afterwards.

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE:** First Eufaula will host an Ash Wednesday service with the Imposition of Ashes Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Rev. Dr. Daniell Hamby and musician Gray Mitchell will lead us in this important service. We hope that you will come and bring a friend.

**Giving Fence** needs gently used items. If you have anything that you don't need or want and think it is in good shape, please donate it for our Giving Fence.

**Can Cross** needs food items. Please give what you are able to help those who need food in our community. Please place your items in the Can Cross in Fellowship Hall.

**Wednesday Noon Prayer Service** will meet at the front of the sanctuary at noon.

Large print editions of the **Glory to God Hymnal** are available for use and can be obtained from an usher.

**Offering:** You may now give online if you prefer using your debit/credit card. Go to <a href="https://firstpresbyterianeufaula.org/give">https://firstpresbyterianeufaula.org/give</a> on your phone and the website will direct you.

Cares and Concerns: Teresa Barrett, Kaitlin Hoover Black, Betty Suddath, Judy Umstattd, Eden Coates, Jada Register, Fred McWaters, Carter McDonald, Jay Knorr, James Thompson, Legary McBride, Darryl Kornegay, Reverend Dr. Joe Johnson, Clarence Diggs, Reverend Dr. Ralph Wooten, Gloria Melton, Melissa Scholl, Frankie Ammons, Cathy Childree. Please pray for our church and the Pastor Nominating Committee, specifically during their regular meeting on Thursdays at 4:00. At this time, please stop what you are doing and pray.

Worshippers at Home: Pegge Abraham, Jane Price

Military Members: Nicole Barrett, Lamar Flowers

**College Students:** Jake Cournoyer, David Dixon, James Dixon, Haley Helbing, Benjamin Powers, Jake Taylor, Tabetha Taylor, Hailey Beard

# Weekly Calendar

# Sunday, March 2nd

10:15 AM - Coffee and Fellowship 11:00 AM -Worship with Guest Speaker Len Sparks

# Wednesday, March 5th

12:00 noon – noon prayer
4:30 p.m. – Worship and Education Meeting in Session Room
6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service with Imposition of Ashes with Rev. Dr.
Daniell Hamby; Guest Musician Gray Mitchell

#### Thursday, March 6th

4:00 PM - PNC meeting

Wine to Water Event Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> 6:00PM at the Eufaula County Chamber of Commerce

# Sunday, March 9th

10:15 AM - Coffee and Fellowship 11:00 AM - Worship with Rev. Dr. Daniell Hamby

#### **SESSION**

Class of 2025Class of 2026Class of 2026Edie FiquettCallie StricklandArnie CutchenEmily ParrishDoug WinkleblackGinny Hornsby

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