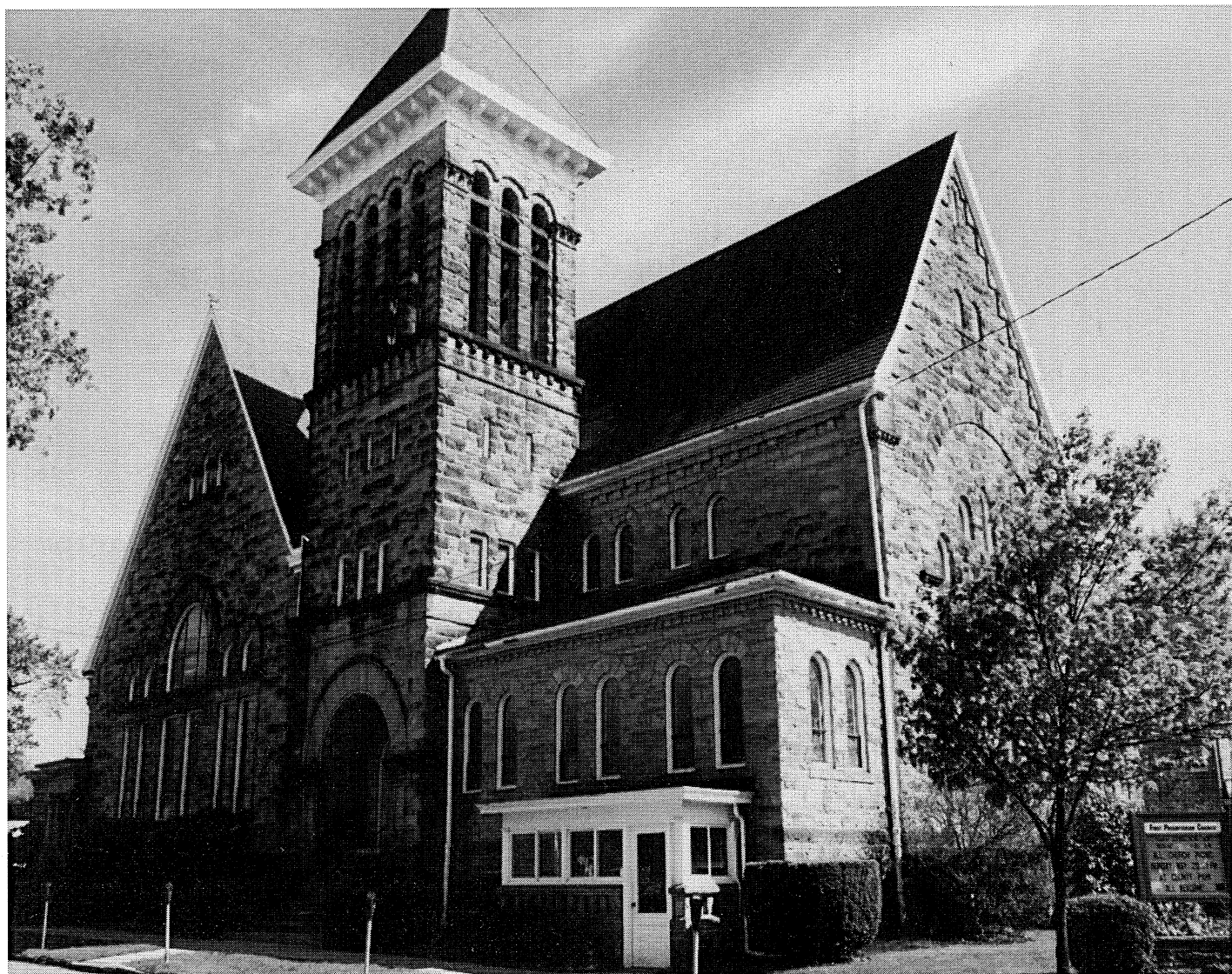


# *First Presbyterian Church*

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*Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday*  
*February 11, 2024*



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**We come together to worship, grow, and serve as disciples of Christ.**

# We Gather in God's Name

(Tune your car radio to 88.7 FM)

## Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday

### Welcome and Announcements

Lector, Elaine Matticks

We silently shift our focus to God and prepare to worship.

### Prelude

*St. Anthony Chorale*

Johannes Brahms

### Chiming of the Trinity

### Introit

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

Kathleen Thomerson

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

### Call to Worship

It is God who gathers us here. It is not our denomination that gathers us, or our church staff or family, or our political parties.

**It is God who gathers us in.**

We find ourselves on the mountain this Transfiguration Day,

**Witnessing a last flash of glory before a forty-day journey.**

It is not about us;

**it is all about Jesus Christ.**

From the river Jordan to this place,

**It is all about Jesus Christ.**

From Ash Wednesday toward Easter,

**It is all about Jesus Christ.**

Let us worship God!

✦ When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

### ✦ Hymn No. 192

*Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining*

Text & Music: Kendrick, 1987

### ✦ Call to Confession

Scripture says if we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But, if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. So, in humility and faith, let us confess our sins to God.

### ✦ Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**God of transformation, you make new life where there was old, dazzling light where there were shadows, peace where there was violence, and friends where there were enemies. Forgive us, O God, when we stand in the way of your transformative love. Forgive us when we do not live as people who have been changed by your grace. Call us to the mountain once more, and send us to be witnesses of your transformative grace. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

### ✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

Hear the Good News! This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He, himself, bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that's good.

Friends, believe the Good News:

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

**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

### ✦ Gloria Patri

## We Share God's Word

### Time with the Children

Rev. Rebecca Mihm

### Prayer of Illumination

Elaine Matticks

**First Scripture** Psalm 50:1-6 (p. 519)

**Second Scripture** Mark 9:2-9 (p. 44)

The words of scripture, inspired by God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** "Sneak Peek" Rev. Rebecca Mihm

**Organ Interlude**

♠ **Hymn No. 189** *O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair* Text: Latin, 15th cent.  
Music: "The Agincourt Song," c. 1415

## We Give Thanks to God

**Call for the Offering**

**Offering and Offertory** *Rise, Shine, Little Light* Sally K. Albrecht

♠ **Doxology**

♠ **Prayer of Dedication**

**Reaffirmation of Baptismal Covenant—Rebecca Baldwin**

*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.

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

## We Go Forth to Serve

♠ **Hymn No. 193** *Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain* Text: Vajda, 1991  
Music: Neander, 1680

♠ **Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude** *Grand Choeur* Cesar Franck, arr. Ellen Jane Lorenz

### 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.

### 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.

### POSTLUDE

Please remember at the close of the service, the Postlude is a time to silently reflect on God and the mission to which we are called. We ask that you please remain silent and seated until the music has ended.

## WELCOME VISITORS

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church. We are glad to provide hybrid and virtual worship services for this Sunday. Services are currently livestreamed on our Facebook page (First Presbyterian Church of Clarion) in real time, then archived to our website and Facebook page.

At First Presbyterian Church our mission is to worship, grow, and serve as followers of Jesus. From our youngest to our oldest, we seek to worship God in our actions, grow in God's love, and serve God's people in our community and around the world. We hope that you will come join us so we may personally extend a warm welcome. If you have any questions or particular prayer needs, please feel free to contact the church office at 226-8145 between 9 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

For more information visit our website at [www.clarionfirstpresby.org](http://www.clarionfirstpresby.org).

Find us on Facebook! (First Presbyterian Church of Clarion)

Radio Broadcast-WWCH 94.1 FM every third Sunday of the month at 11:00 a.m.

Video recordings of past sermons may be viewed by clicking the "Worship" link on our home page at [www.clarionfirstpresby.org](http://www.clarionfirstpresby.org) or a phone app is available at [sermon.net](http://sermon.net) (look for First Presbyterian Church—Clarion.) You can also choose to listen to an audio version. Simply pick the option that works best for you. Videos of Sunday worship are also posted on our Facebook page (see above).

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## CHURCH STAFF AND LEADERSHIP

**Pastor:** Rev. Rebecca Mihm  
**Organist:** Jean Mitrosky  
**Director of Music:** Bonnie Champion  
**Treasurer:** Brenda Nesbitt  
**Secretary:** Debra Owens  
**Sexton:** Mike Hetrick  
**Sound Engineer:** Josh Deitz  
**Video Engineer:** Dan Willy

### Ruling Elders:

<u>Class of 2024:</u>	<u>Class of 2025:</u>	<u>Class of 2026:</u>
Kathy Larimer	Jeff Deitz	Norma Kooman
Elaine Matticks	Jeff Kapp	Dave Larimer
Pam Reid	Kurt Nesbitt	Cindy Stants

### Deacons:

<u>Class of 2024:</u>	<u>Class of 2025:</u>	<u>Class of 2026:</u>
Bonnie Champion	Kim Lewis	Robin Cable
Marianne Reynolds	Lee Seitz	Tamalyn Goble
Mary Swanger	Lori Smith	Joey Kunselman

## WORSHIP NOTES

**Pastor:** Rev. Rebecca Mihm  
**Lector:** Elaine Matticks  
**Time with Children:** Rev. Rebecca Mihm  
**Director of Music:** Bonnie Champion  
**Organist:** Jean Mitrosky  
**Sound Engineer:** Josh Deitz/Jeff Kapp  
**Video Engineer:** Dan Willy/Kurt Nesbitt  
**Acolytes:** Gavin Kunselman, Clara Stants, Jeremy Willy  
**Ushers in Charge:** Robin Cable, Bill Champion, Cindy Stants

The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God, and in memory of Robert Henry, by Pauline Henry

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

9:00 a.m. Choir Practice  
 10:00 a.m. Worship  
 11:00 a.m. Souper Bowl Sunday, Social Hall  
 No Sunday School, Confirmation Class, or Choir Practice

## WEEKLY DEPOSIT SUMMARY

2/4/2024

### Weekly Contributions

Envelope Contributions	\$2,445.00
Miscellaneous Cash Contributions	\$144.00
Per Capita	\$117.40
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$2,706.40</b>

### Weekly Donations

Food Bags	\$425.00
Blessing Box	\$300.00
Men's Fellowship	\$120.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$845.00</b>

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,551.40</b>
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### Online Donations Jan 2024, Deposited Feb 2024

Offering Contributions	\$572.45
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$572.45</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$4,123.85</b>

**Monday, February 12**

6:00 p.m. Mission Team, Ministry Central

7:00 p.m. Worship, Chapel

**Tuesday, February 13**

6:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous, Step Down Room

**Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday**

7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship

8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous, Step Down Room

**Thursday, February 15**

10:00 a.m. Morning Circle

5:00 p.m. Echoes of Joy Practice

6:00 p.m. Joyful Bells Practice

**Saturday, February 17**

8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Social Hall

**Next Sunday, February 18 First Sunday of Lent****Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Blue T-Shirt Sunday**

9:00 a.m. Choir Practice

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Confirmation Class

11:00 a.m. Deb's Moving Shower, Social Hall

No Choir Practice after worship

**The Men's Fellowship** will be hosting a breakfast on February 17th at 8:00 a.m. in the Social Hall. Elaine Matticks will talk to us about the Food Bag Ministry. If you plan to attend please contact Bill Champion at 814-764-3886. Come and enjoy good food and fellowship.

**Blue Shirt Sunday is coming up, February 18th!** To wear your PDA T-Shirt on Blue T-Shirt Sunday is to celebrate the volunteers and ministries of the church. And celebrate efforts through the One Great Hour of Sharing offering." —Presbyterian Disaster Assistance FaceBook Page.

**Deb's Moving Shower will be in the Social Hall immediately after worship, Sunday, February 18th.** Bring a covered dish to share and come join us.

**One Great Hour of Sharing turns 75!** For 75 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has connected us in God's healing, tending and growing to create a world where all needs are met. Repairing the breach, providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry and support for the poor and oppressed, your gifts are shared with the ministries of the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. You may give from February 14 through Palm Sunday. Envelopes and brochures will be in next week's bulletin. To learn more about how your gift makes a difference visit [pcusa.org/oghs](http://pcusa.org/oghs).

**Roma Kline & Wayne L. Fulton Scholarship Fund** applications are now available in the church office and on the Resources page of our website. The deadline to apply is March 31. The Fulton Scholarship is available to church members and children of church members who are full time students pursuing a bachelors or associate degree at an accredited college or university; both first year and subsequent year students. Applicants must have a 3.0 GPA or higher in high school or during their previous year of enrollment. Applicants are eligible to receive this scholarship twice. Donations to the Fulton Scholarship Fund are always accepted. Please make checks payable to "The Presbyterian Foundation", designate Fulton Scholarship Fund on the notation line and send to the church office.

**2024 Sunday morning memorial/honor flowers:** The sign-up calendar is in the Ramp Room. Select the date(s) you want and indicate the person(s) you wish to remember/honor. Please be aware that the cost has increased from \$25 to \$30. The delivery fee remains \$8. There is an opening on March 24. Call or email the church office.

**Mission's Coat Project continues.** The coat rack is on the walkway between the Ramp Room and the CE Building. Coats hung on the rack are for anyone who needs a coat. If you need a coat, please take one. If you have a coat or two that are new or still in great shape, hang them on the rack so someone else may be blessed with their warmth this winter. New or gently-used boots are also needed. The Coat Project will run from now until spring.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today we will welcome a new member to our church family.** Please introduce yourself and extend your personal welcome to: Rebecca Baldwin

**Souper Bowl of Caring is Today!** Join us in the Social Hall immediately after worship for soup, bread and dessert. Donations will benefit the Food Bag Ministry.

Mason Martin (the young man who is "Mason Strong") had a birthday on February 9. If you wish to send him a card to help him celebrate, here is the address: Mason Martin, c/o Children's Hospital, Floor 7D Room 777, 4401 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15224.

**Please pray for:**

- *Members with known health concerns:* Ruth Ann Minich, Randy Cable, Margy Port, Don McCord, Rick Goble, and those who are homebound.
- *Our family and friends in need of prayer:* Shirley & John McKinley's relatives: Mary Biser, Charlotte Hartman, Kenneth Daugherty Jr., Ben McKinley, and David Mahle; Kristen Maze's neighbor, Laurie Dickey; Beverly Wentling's daughter, Rebecca Irwin; Bert Louder's grandson, Anthony Louder; Jim & Pat McConnell's friend, Pat Hargest and Jim & Pat's son Michael; Marianne Reynolds' mother, Alice Davis; Jeff Deitz's friend, Alexandra Sharrar; Peggy, Dee Wenner's sister-in-law; Dr. Shannon Penland; Mary Kay Arth, Carolyn McFarland's friend; Kay Fye, Tamalyn Goble's mother; Tracey & Jody Hall, Stu & Stacy Hoffman's daughter and granddaughter; Tom Minich, Bill Champion's friend; Doris Mintz, Deb Owens' aunt; the family and friends of Janelle Moore; the family and friends of a Keystone junior who took his life; Dawn Reed and family; Mason Martin and his family; Angelo Gehenio; Jeri Reddinger; Joe Amato; and someone who just had surgery.
- *Everyone serving in the US Military.*
- *Our faith partners: Gitwe Congregation in Rwanda.*

**Homebound Member of the Week:**

Please remember Dorothy Jean Foreman, Clarion Health Care & Rehab, Rm 207, 999 Heidrick Street, Clarion, PA 16214. Her birthday is February 19.

NOTES:

FEBRUARY 11, 2024  
TRANSFIGURATION  
OF OUR LORD



*Disciples humbly grow in their understanding of Jesus.*

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Mark 9:2-9	Transfiguration of Jesus
Monday	2 Kings 2:1-12	Elijah is taken into heaven
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	Proclaiming Jesus as Lord
Wednesday	1 Peter 2:1-10	A chosen people
Thursday	Colossians 1:3-14	A prayer of thanks
Friday	Hebrews 5:11-14	Warning against turning away
Saturday	Psalms 50:1-6	God shines brightly
Sunday	Mark 1:9-15	Temptation of Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Mark 9:7 (NRSV)*

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

**A Prayer for the Week:**

Awesome God, help us humbly to live a life that reflects your power and glory meant for us and all the world through Jesus Christ, your Beloved. Amen.

**Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, help us to see in this meal your power and glory that shines brightly; give us thankful hearts for this food provided for us by your love. Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:**

May God bless you with faith in Christ.

FEBRUARY 11, 2024  
HYMN OF THE WEEK

Seek Ye First



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What is something you want to learn more about?
- What questions would you like to ask Jesus about his life?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Mark 9:2-9.

Transfiguration Sunday serves as a bridge between Epiphany and Lent. Epiphany includes many stories revealing who Jesus is through his teachings and miracles. Lent is the season that reflects on being a follower who is true to Jesus as Savior and Lord. The transfiguration story in Mark 9 comes amid three accounts of Jesus' suffering and death (Mark 8:31-33; 9:30-32, and 10:32-34). The transfiguration story ends by pointing to Jesus rising from the dead. On the mountain, Elijah and Moses appear with Jesus. This is a scene that perceives the end of history when Elijah and Moses were expected to return. It is a defining moment for Jesus. Peter, James, and John were terrified, and Peter spoke but did not really know what to say. The disciples were to be silent and listen to Jesus. When we think of Jesus' journey to the cross, we, too, as Jesus' disciples are asked to reflect, listen, and humbly grow in our understanding of who Jesus is as the Son of God and the Beloved.

Discuss: How do you think the transfiguration of Jesus made a difference for Peter, James, and John?

Pray: **Ever-present God, help us to see and trust that your saving work is with us so that we may not fear, complain, or forget your goodness to us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you help someone grow in the Christian faith?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The church season of Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday, February 14. There are 40 days in the season of Lent, a time to refocus our lives on God. One spiritual practice that Christians emphasize during Lent is prayer. Make this Lent a time of prayer for others. Use separate pieces of paper to write the name of a person you can pray for during Lent. Place these papers into a prayer box. Each day in Lent, pull out a slip of paper from the prayer box and ask God to care for and bless the person named. Add names to the box throughout Lent.



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