

FEBRUARY 19, 2023  
11:00AM — SANCTUARY  
TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD



*The Transfiguration*, By Mimi Ess



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WEST WAYNE STREET

## WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

We're so glad that you are here! If you would like to learn more about us, please fill out the information on the Get Connected card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. You are also more than welcome to contact any of our pastors over the phone or by email. God's peace to you today.

— Rev. Dr. Anne Epling, Rev. Dr. Youngsoo An, Rev. Carrie Winebrenner,  
Rev. Ann Pitman and Resident Pastor Maxwell Michaels

†*Those who are able, please stand*

*Congregation responds in bold*

### GATHERING

**PRELUDE** Plein jeu et Offertoire sur les grands jeux

François Couperin

**TOLLING OF THE HOUR**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

The mountain top,  
the shining face,  
the glowing clothes,  
the voice of God speaking from the cloud,  
the commandments etched in stone.

**Sometimes, God shows up  
in a place we can go,  
a light we can see,  
a voice we can hear,  
a stone we can touch,  
in ways we cannot deny.**

Sometimes.

**Sometimes,  
there is the veil,  
the overshadowing, terrifying cloud,  
the questions,  
the appearing and disappearing,  
the excitement,  
the wondering,  
the silence.**

Sometimes, God shows up  
in ways we cannot deny.

**Always, God shows up,  
somehow.**

So we have shown up here, now.  
May God give us eyes to see.

†**HYMN No. 193** Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

UNSER HERRSCHER

†**INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

In the transfiguration story, Jesus' clothes became dazzling white, a sign of resurrection out of the violence the world inflicted upon him. Resurrection reminds us that the sins of the world and of our lives will not have the last word. God's love, compassion, and justice will be established on earth. So let us confess before God and one another.

†**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, even when we see your justice transfigured before us, we cower in fear of following your way in our world. We wonder what it might cost us to walk in the way of Jesus. Help us to listen. Empower us to be formed by the life of Jesus Christ. Restore in us the confidence to be disciples of Christ. Amen.**

†**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Just as a cloud overshadowed the disciples in the transfiguration story, and they heard a voice say that Jesus is the beloved of God, so too we are God's beloved people. Be forgiven and restored to our right standing as God's beloved. Amen.

†**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

†**RESPONSIVE HYMN NO. 582** Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me **GLORY TO GOD**  
*(Children are welcome to come forward for the "Time with Children" as we sing the responsive hymn.)*

The musical score is written on three staves. The first staff is in treble clef and contains the melody for the first line of the hymn. The second staff is in bass clef and contains the melody for the second line. The third staff is in treble clef and contains the melody for the third line. The lyrics are written below the staves, with some words in italics. The lyrics are: "1. Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me, and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free. As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men." The lyrics are written in a way that they align with the notes on the staves. The first staff has two lines of lyrics: "1. Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has" and "2. World with - out end, with - out end. A - men. World with - out end, with - out". The second staff has two lines of lyrics: "par - doned me, and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free. As it" and "end. A - men. World with - out end, with - out". The third staff has one line of lyrics: "was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men."

## HEARING THE WORD

### TIME WITH CHILDREN

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

EXODUS 24:12-18

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### ANTHEM O Praise Ye the Lord

Parry/Lowenberg

#### *Chancel Choir*

*O praise ye the Lord! praise him in the height; rejoice in his word, ye angels of light; ye heavens adore him by whom ye were made, and worship before him, in brightness arrayed. O praise ye the Lord! praise him upon earth, in tuneful accord, ye sons of new birth; praise him who hath brought you his grace from above, praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love. O praise ye the Lord, all things that give sound; each jubilant chord re-echo around; loud organs, his glory forth tell in deep tone, and, sweet harp, the story of what he hath done. O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song to him be outpoured all ages along; for love in creation, for heaven restored, for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!*

### GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 17:1-9

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### SERMON

“Moral Courage”

Rev. Dr. Anne Epling

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### †AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

O Holy One,

on mountaintops and valley floors

you reveal to us the light of your love.

Our hearts' desire is to bask in the amazing glory  
of the divine presence.

With each encounter we are changed and transformed.

Draw us nearer

that we might receive a double portion of your Holy Spirit.

Help us, O Holy One, to live our lives as a reflection of divine glory.

May we walk among our brothers and sisters as a blessing,

bearing light into dark places,

hope to displace despair,

and love that casts out hate.

Our world is hurting,

and we need the followers of Jesus to follow more closely.

Maybe then we will hear your voice speaking to us and saying,

... “listen to my Child, the Beloved!” Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL PRAYER 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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY When Morning Gilds the Skies

Cheryl Sutton Baker

*Handbell Choir*

†DOXOLOGY HYMN 605 Praise to God Almighty

DA N'ASE



Praise to God Al - might - y; praise to the Ho - ly One; praise to God the  
Spir - it: praise to the Three - in - One. Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on  
high. \_\_\_\_\_ Praise to God Al - might - y; praise to the Ho - ly One.

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We give you thanks, O God, for the gifts we have received from your good creation. We now ask your blessing upon the gifts we offer here today so that they might be a sign of our commitment to serve you in all that we are and do. Amen.

SENDING

†HYMN No. 189 O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

DEO GRACIAS

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE Festal Flourish

Gordon Jacob

## SERVICE NOTES

Hymn 193: Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain - Some version of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-9/Mark 9:2-9/Luke 9:28-36) is always read on the last Sunday after Epiphany. In this text that foretaste of Christ's glorification helps to prepare Peter, James, and John for their roles as proclaimers of "God's beloved Son."

TEXT: Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1991

MUSIC: Joachim Neander, 1680; harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863, alt

Hymn 11: Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud – These scriptural names and images of the Triune God express a theological view reinforced by the structure: the stanzas deal, in turn, with each Person of the Trinity and the refrain affirms their unity. The swirling patterns of the Welsh tune add much energy to the text.

TEXT: Thomas H. Troeger, 1986

MUSIC: Joseph Parry, 1876

Hymn 189: O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair – This translation of a 15th-century Latin devotional text is set here to a majestic 15th-century tune celebrating the victory of an English king; they combine to evoke the awe and wonder of that moment of revelation the three disciples experienced in Christ's Transfiguration.

TEXT: Latin, 15th cent.; trans. John Mason Neale, 1851 alt.

MUSIC: "The Agincourt Song," c. 1415; harm. *The Hymnal*, 1933

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

*Monday-Thursday, 9:00am — 3:00pm*

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Phone: 260-426-7421, *press 5 for the Staff Directory*

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**Prayer List or to Request Pastoral Care:** If you or a loved one is hospitalized and would like to be added to the prayer list or are seeking pastoral care, please contact the church office at 260-426-7421. Please let us know if you would like a visit.

**Hospital Stays:** Hospitals are unable to give us information when a member is admitted. Please be sure to ask someone to contact the church office so that a Pastor may attend to the member in need.

## ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP THIS MORNING

**Greeters:** Heidi Schulenberg, Terri Lindvall

**Ushers:** Anita Wolfe, Dave Beer, Eric Evans, Linda Yount

**Director of Music Ministries & Organist:** Brent Neuenschwander

**Assistant Organist:** Kathryn Miller

**Chancel Choir**

**Handbell Choir**

**Live Stream:** Dick Florea

**Sound:** Marj Sapp

## CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of  
George E. Smith and Marcella (Smith) & Lester Merica  
by Anita Wolfe and family.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FEBRUARY 19, 2023

**Thank you for joining us today!** We hope you'll return for Sunday, February 26, 2023, at the 11:00am English service in the Sanctuary (also available to watch via Livestream, website or YouTube); or for the 11:00am Korean service in McMillen Chapel (which is also available to watch via website or YouTube).

### LENT 2023

**“Seeking: Honest Questions for Deeper Faith”:** The scripture passages this Lent offer us many stories of Jesus encountering people who are seeking: He encounters Nicodemus who comes to him in the veil of night, he approaches a Samaritan woman at a well, he heals a man born without sight. In these stories, each person is seeking a new beginning, a different life, a deeper faith. What unfolds is an exchange filled with questions and exploration. Often, an unveiling occurs —assumptions are disrupted, a new perspective is revealed, mystery grows. Like the characters in our Lenten scriptures, we are also seeking many things: clarity, connection, wonder, justice, balance. We are seeking our calling, the sacred, and how to live as a disciple. Throughout the turbulence of the past few years, many of us are asking big questions about our lives and our faith. We hope this series will help us unpack some of those big questions in ways that are honest and faithful. Throughout this season, we hope you will continually ask yourself: what am I seeking? What is God seeking? **Join us for the beginning of Lent and worship on Ash Wednesday, 7:00pm, in the Chapel.**

### MISSIONS

**Monthly Food Pantry Collection:** We will be collecting food today. You can place food on the table in the narthex or you can drop off items during church office hours (Mon-Thurs. 9:00am-3:00pm and on Fridays, 9:00am-12:00pm) or on Sunday mornings. If you are still participating remotely, you can continue to send monetary donations to the financial office. The address is:

First Presbyterian Church  
Attn: Financial Office – Hunger Relief  
300 West Wayne Street  
Fort Wayne, IN 46802

**St. Joseph's Mission Meal:** It is wonderful to learn that in 2022 the St. Joseph's Mission for Women was able to provide safe, warm shelter for 157 women who had nowhere to turn. We are grateful to be a part of this mission. Our monthly meal will be on Monday, February 27th. Sign-up for food prep will be in the small dining room on next Sunday - the 19th. Be sure sign up on your way to get chili in McKay Hall.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

## FELLOWSHIP - STUDIES

### **“λόγος (LOGOS): Exploring Our Theology with the FPC Ministers Midweek Study”:**

Hey Everybody! After speaking with many of you and hearing about your interest, I am pleased to announce that **we are moving the new Logos class to Wednesday night** as a midweek study! This class will run for five weeks exploring the book *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* by Dr. James H. Cone and act as a type of Lenten series. We will explore challenging topics and ask questions about ourselves, our faith, and how we feel about our connection to God. This class will now meet starting on March 1, 2023 in the Parlor from at 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. We will begin with a midweek meal, followed by our study at 6:30 pm. You can register for the class by either notifying Pastor Max ([mmichaels@firstpresfortwayne.org](mailto:mmichaels@firstpresfortwayne.org)) or signing up on Realm. Please register ahead of time so that we can get a copy of the book to you! This study is an excellent opportunity for fellowship, reflection, and learning alongside other community members. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Table Talk 1:** the women’s book study will begin a new book on **Wednesday, March 15, 2023**. The group meets via Zoom at 10:00 am. We take turns “reading around the table,” so no homework is assigned. We will be reading *The Testament of Mary: A Novel*, by Colm Toibin (2012). ACPL describes it as: “A provocative imagining of the later years of the mother of Jesus finds her living a solitary existence in Ephesus years after her son's crucifixion and struggling with guilt, anger, and feelings that her son is not the son of God and that His sacrifice was not for a worthy cause.”

You are welcome to check the public library or purchase the book on your own online or at a used book store. If you would like to have us order a paperback copy for you, please contact Marcie Weissner (312.5733 or [marcie5073@aol.com](mailto:marcie5073@aol.com)) **by March 7, 2023**. The maximum cost will be \$12.83, but there may be a reduced price, so we will let you know for sure when the books arrive. (You can reimburse Marcie in cash or by personal check made out to Marcie Weissner.) If you have any other questions, please contact Marj Sapp at 260.413.2639 or Marcie Weissner as above.

**Chili Cook-Off:** Don’t forget to join us in McKay Hall after the service today for the Chili Cook off! Everyone is welcome to sample, judge and enjoy the best chili in Indiana right here at First Presbyterian! Win, lose or draw all of us are winners because we are eatin’ good today! We will be blessed by some warm food, wonderful fellowship, and deserving awards to hand out. See you there!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

### THE ARTS

**New Gallery Exhibit:** The third exhibit of the 2022-23 FPC Gallery Series, Knife's Edge—Papercutting. The exhibit features the art of Lou Hii, originally of Brunei, Borneo, now living in Indianapolis, and Janice Furtner of Fort Wayne, Indiana. A selection of photographs from Taizhou, China, a Fort Wayne sister city, is also on exhibit.

**Theatre:** Season Tickets are now on sale for First Pres Theater's 2023/24 Season of Love! The ambitious productions include four Fort Wayne premiers, and a collaboration with Fort Wayne Youtheatre. FPT will present *Bedroom Farce*, *Head Over Heels*, *Almost Maine*, *The Prom* (with Fort Wayne Youtheatre), and *The Father*. Season tickets available through ArtsTix by calling 260-422-4226 or online by visiting [www.artstix.com](http://www.artstix.com).

### CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

#### **Family Day with First Pres – Saturday, February 25, 12-2PM**

Families = Fun! So, your family is hereby invited to join us for a ton of fun at our very first ***Family Day with First Pres*** on February 25, from 12-2PM, at the Headwaters Park ice rink! Whether your family has been members for years, or if you and your children have been visiting with us off and on, we'd LOVE for you to be there! As our special guests, your family will be treated to free admission and skate rental! All you have to bring is the joy, joy, joy, joy down in your heart! Come play, get to know each other, and strengthen your connection to the First Pres Family!

Please contact Pastor Carrie with any questions, and to RSVP

#### **Sunday School Today! – During our 11am Worship**

Calling all kids between kindergarten and 5<sup>th</sup> grade! Join us for Sunday School with Miss Rachel and Friends! We'll all start in worship together, and then after the Time with Children, we'll all head to our SS room as a group. We hope you'll join us for fun, fellowship, learning, and...of course...Bible Bucks! Woohoooo!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

**Nursery Available for Infants thru Pre-School:** Jesus loves the little children, and we do, too! Should you decide that today would be a good time to explore the nursery, your child is always invited to drop in. Ask the office volunteer for a key fob and directions, and our skilled child care employees will be excited to welcome your child while you worship.

### ADDITIONAL NOTES

**Ordination Service of Maxwell Michaels:** on February 26th at 4 PM, I will be ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament! This service will be held at my home church, New Hope Presbyterian Church, in Gastonia, North Carolina. Unfortunately, this means it will not be here; however, it will be live-streamed! Keep an eye out for the link to access the service; it will be on my home church's Facebook page. If there is enough interest, we may be able to set up a watch party of sorts in McKay hall. I want to thank everyone here for being a part of this journey thus far and helping shape and mold me into the Minister that I am! You all have been such a big part of this journey for me, welcoming my wife and me and letting us be a part of this community. Hopefully, you are able to watch the service and continue to support in Spirit! - Blessings, Max

**Card Shower:** Jubilee member Hilda Seybert is celebrating her 100th Birthday Feb 22, 2023! Let's make this the most memorable one yet! Everyone is invited to shower the birthday beauty with a card wishing her well. Cards may be addressed to:  
Hilda Seybert  
10132 Woodland Ridge W.  
Fort Wayne, IN 46804

**Be sure to look for your favorite ongoing class or activity in the calendar on the back page! Bible studies, faith and fibers, table talks, exercise, will be listed there every week.**

**Hearing Loop:** To use the "Hearing Loop" during the service, please switch your hearing aid or cochlear device to the "T," T-Coil or telephone position. For questions, please call Bill Patterson at 260-609-9696.

# HERE IS WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRES THIS WEEK!

*Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00am — 3:00pm and Friday, 9:00am — 12:00pm*

## SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19, 2023

- 9:00am Handbell Rehearsal, SB
- 9:30am Nominating Committee, SR
- 9:30am Childcare, NR
- 9:30am HeBrews Book Study, 300
- 10:00am Wired Word, PR
- 10:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal, MR
- 11:00am Worship Service, SC
- 11:00am Korean Worship Service, CH
- 11:15am Sunday School, 210
- 12:15pm Chili Cook-Off, MH

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2023

- 1:30pm 3B Walking and Exercise Class, MH
- 3:00pm Faith, Fibers, and Fellowship, 302
- 4:30pm Youtheatre “Baghdad Zoo” Rehearsal, TH
- 7:00pm “Godspell” Rehearsal, FH

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023

- 10:30am Soccer Shots, FH
- 4:30pm Youtheatre Rehearsal “Baghdad Zoo,” TH
- 6:30pm Session Meeting, SR
- 7:00pm “Godspell” Rehearsal, FH

## WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2023

### ALL DAY ASH WEDNESDAY

- 10:00am Table Talk, ZM
- 10:30am Day School Chapel, CH
- 1:30pm 3B Walking and Exercise Class, MH
- 2:30pm Memoirs Class, ZM
- 4:30pm Youtheatre Rehearsal “Baghdad Zoo,” TH
- 6:00pm (Music Together), MR
- 6:30pm Choir Warm Up, CH
- 7:00pm “Godspell” Rehearsal, FH
- 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service, CH

## THURSDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2023

- 10:00am (Music Together), MR
- 10:00am Day School to the Library, OS
- 4:30pm Youtheatre Rehearsal “Baghdad Zoo”, TH
- 5:00pm Sister City Committee Art Talk, GL
- 5:30pm Handbell Rehearsal, 201
- 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, MR
- 7:00pm “Godspell” Rehearsal, FH

## FRIDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2023

- 9:20am Day School Music Class, MR
- 10:00am Men’s Bible Study, ZM
- 11:30am (Toastmasters), 304
- 1:00pm Women’s Bible Study, ZM
- 4:30pm Youtheatre Rehearsal “Baghdad Zoo,” TH

## SATURDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2023

- 9:00am Mensa Testing, 304
- 12:00pm Family Day with First Pres, OS

## SUNDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2023

- 9:30am Nominating Committee, SR
- 9:30am Childcare, NR
- 9:30am HeBrews Book Study, 300
- 10:00am Wired Word, PR
- 10:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal, MR
- 11:00am Worship Service, SC
- 11:00am Korean Worship Service, CH
- 11:15am Sunday School, 210
- 12:00pm Youtheatre Rehearsal “Baghdad Zoo,” TH
- 12:15pm Hospitality Time, MH
- 12:15pm KLM Fellowship, FH
- 4:00pm Ordination Service for Maxwell Michaels, OL
- 5:30pm “Clybourne Park” Auditions, MH
- 7:00pm “Godspell” Rehearsal, FH

### ROOM ABBREVIATIONS

CH	Chapel	MH/E	McKay Hall East	PR	Parlor
CL	Chapel Lounge	MH/W	McKay Hall West	SB	Sanctuary Balcony
CN	Chapel Narthex	MF	McKay Foyer	SC	Sanctuary
CY	Courtyard	MH	McKay Hall	SDR	Small Dining Room
DS	Day School	MR	Music Room	SM/O	Stephen Ministry Office
FH	Fellowship Hall	NP	North Parking Lot	SR	Session Room
FO	Front Office	NX	Narthex	TH	Theater
GL	Gallery	NR	Nursery	YL	Youth Lounge
KT	Kitchen	OS	Offsite	ZM	Zoom