# February 11, 2024 Transfiguration Sunday 11:00am — Sanctuary



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# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Welcome to First Presbyterian Church!

Thank you for joining us today! We're grateful for your presence and invite you to take part in our worship, mission, and programs. Please join us after worship for the chili cook-off in our fellowship hall, called McKay Hall. Just follow the crowd, and you cannot miss it! Livestreaming is available to watch via the website or YouTube, but we know this is no substitute for the community built through inperson connections. We're glad you're here!

-Rev. Dr. Anne Epling (she/her,) Rev. Carrie Winebrenner (she/her,) Rev. Dr. Youngsoo An (he/him,) and Rev. Ann Pitman (she/her)

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Please silence your cellphone as you enter this worship space.

\*Those who are able, please stand

Congregation responds in bold

# **GATHERING**

#### **Prelude**

Earth and All Stars All Things Bright and Beautiful Wayne L. Wold Thomas Hewitt Jones

# **Tolling of the Hour**

# **Call to Worship**

Come, praise the eternal God!

All you in the heavens, angels above—praise God!

Sun, moon, and stars in the sky—praise God!

Dolphins and whales, fish in the sea—praise God!

Lighting and thunder, snow and rain—praise God!

Mountains and hills, deserts and prairies—praise God!

Fruit trees and cedars, flowers and weeds—praise God!

All of humanity, young and old—praise God!

Let them all praise the name of God!

For God's glory shines over earth and heaven.

Let's worship God together!

#### \*Call to Confession

There is nothing, nothing, which can divide us—in life and death—from God. So let us confess our worst faults and eager failings, so we may be touched by the healing power of God.

#### \*Prayer of Confession

God of all things bright and beautiful, wise and wonderful.

We pray for change.

We pray for transformation.

We pray for transfiguration.

We pray that the world around us will be changed to suit our needs,

to agree with us, to be like the world we want.

We do not give space for God's work,

trying to control it, thinking we know best.

We pray for change—but only on our terms.

God of transitions and transfigurations,

forgive us for praying for everyone but us to change.

God, forgive us for thinking we know best.

God, be with us.

Strengthen us for the hard work of personal change,

for the difficult task of trusting you,

for the uneasy feeling that we might be wrong.

God of compassion and mercy,

be with us, and show us the way to new life. Amen.

# \*Assurance of Pardon

Jesus has come to heal our spirits and our souls. The demons of arrogance, indifference, and apathy are being cast out. New life is offered to us in Jesus Christ. Rejoice! Be glad! For God's love is poured out to us this day. **Amen.** 

#### \*Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

As you are comfortable, we invite you to take a moment to share the Peace of Christ with those around you with a smile, wave, or other signs of connection.

# \*Responsive Hymn No. 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me



# **HEARING THE WORD**

#### Time with Children

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

# **Old Testament Reading**

Psalm 148

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

# **Anthem** Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Healey Willan

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, thou, the true, the only Light, Sun of Righteousness arise, triumph o'er the shades of night. Dayspring from on high be near; Daystar, in my heart appear. Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee; joyless is the day's return till thy mercy's beams I see, till they inward light impart, glad my eyes and warm my heart. Visit, then, this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief; fill me, Radiancy Divine, scatter all my unbelief. More and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day. Amen.

#### **Gospel Reading**

Mark 5:1-20

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

**Sermon** "When Pigs Fly"

Rev. Carrie Winebrenner

#### \*Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God the Creator, who created and is creating everything: the universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us; each of us, unique, individual and beloved of God.

We believe in God the Christ, who saved and is saving everything: the universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us: each of us, unique, individual and beloved of the Christ.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who guided and is guiding everything: the universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us; each of us, unique, individual and beloved of the Spirit.

We believe that this one God in three persons is present among us, working directly in our lives and the lives of all who are born into this world, striving to bring us back into harmony with all creation and with God: forgiving, healing, never rejecting anyone this freely offered gift of love and grace and eternal life. Amen.

# **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*Hymn No. 181 Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit

**EBENEZER** 

#### **Announcements**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

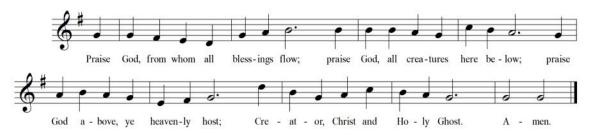
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

# Invitation to the Offering

Offertory All Things Bright and Beautiful

Keith Kolander

\*Responsive Hymn No. 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



# \*Prayer of Dedication

God of all creation, in your mercy you provide every good thing for us. Receive these offerings as signs of our commitment to serve you all our days. Transfigure our hearts once more as we give ourselves in the name of Christ. Amen.

# **SENDING**

**\*Hymn No.** 815 Give to the Winds Thy Fears

**FESTAL SONG** 

\*Postlude Festal Flourish

Gordon Jacob

# **CHANCEL FLOWERS**

The Chancel Flowers are given in loving memory of Max and Carol Achleman by William L. Fish

<sup>\*</sup>Benediction

# **Assisting with Worship this Morning**

Pastors: Rev. Dr. Anne Epling, Rev. Carrie Winebrenner

Elders of the Month/Greeters: Terri Lindvall, Vernell Fettig

Ushers: Eric Evans, Anita Wolfe, Linda Yount, David Beer, Ashley Lassiter

Director of Music Ministries & Organist: Brent Neuenschwander

**Assistant Organist:** Kathryn Miller

**Chancel Choir** 

**Live Stream Operator:** Dick Florea **Sound Board Operator:** Jeff Slater

# ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES February 14, 2024 12PM and 6:30PM

# MINISTRIES FOR OUR YOUNGER DISCIPLES



Join us for Sunday School with Miss Rachel and Friends! We'll all start in worship together, and then head to our SS room as a group. We hope you'll join us for a lesson, craft, and, of course...Bible Bucks! YAY! Grown-ups, please pick your children up after worship.



Jesus loves the little children, and we do, too! But should you decide that today would be a good time to explore the nursery, your child is always invited to drop in. Ask an usher for assistance.



for little hands and minds to focus, so you are invited to "check out" a fidget toy-filled Busy Bag or a book from our Littles' Library, located in the narthex!

Worship isn't always easy

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRES THIS WEEK

#### Sunday, February 11, 2024

9:30am HeBrews, YL

10:00am The Wired Word, PR

10:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal, SB

10:30am Childcare, NR

11:00am English Worship Service, SC

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11:00am Korean Worship Service, CH

11:00am Sunday School, 210

12:15pm Chili Cook-Off, MH

#### Monday, February 12, 2024

1:30pm 3B Exercise Class, MH

3:00pm Faith, Fibers, and Fellowship, 302

#### Tuesday, February 13, 2024

10:00am Staff Meeting, SR

11:00am Counter Team, FO

11:05am Staff Worship Planning, SR

#### Wednesday, February 14, 2024

10:00am Table Talk, ZM

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10:30am Day School Chapel, CH

12:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship, CH

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1:30pm 3B Exercise Class, MH

6:30pm Ash Wednesday Worship, CH

# Thursday, February 15, 2024

5:30pm Handbell Rehearsal, 201

6:30pm Choir Social Time, PR

7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, MR

#### Friday, February 16, 2024

9:30am Day School Music Class, MR

10:00am Men's Bible Study, ZM

1:00pm Women's Bible Study, ZM

# Saturday, February 17, 2024

No events

# Sunday, February 18, 2024

9:30am Handbell Rehearsal, SB

10:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal, SB

10:00am The Wired Word, PR

11:00am English Worship Service, SC

11:00am Korean Worship Service, CH

11:00am Sunday School, 210

12:00pm KLM Fellowship, FH

12:00pm Nominating Committee, SR

12:30pm Green Team meeting, 302

# **Campus Room Abbreviations**

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