

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

March 2, 2025



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PERRY, FL

P-PASTOR, L-LITURGIST, **BOLD-ALL**

GATHERING (W-3.0101 & W-3.0201)

PREPARATORY PRAYER (prayed upon entering the sanctuary) **Eternal God, help me to live in a way that glorifies you, Lord. Give me the willingness to be a blessing in someone's life today, and grant me the opportunity to point others to the freedom that only found in knowing Jesus Christ. Amen.**

PRELUDE & INTROIT (W-3.0101 & W-3.0201) *"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"*

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PASSING OF FRIENDSHIP PADS/SESSION SHARING

(W-3.0101 & W-3.0201)

We stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP (W-3.0202 & W-3.0203)

L We have seen the light of God; **on high mountains of celebration and in the ecstasy of a lover's embrace.**

We have seen the light of God; **through the bitter scorn of betrayal and the searing chasm of grief.**

We have seen the light of God; **with eyes that have been shaded, with eyes that have been opened, with eyes that have been blinded.**

We have seen the light of God.



1 Come, let us join our cheer-ful songs with an-gels round the throne;
2 “Wor - thy the Lamb that died,” they cry, “to be ex - alt - ed thus!”
3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re-ceive hon - or and pow’r di - vine;
4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name



ten thou-sand thou-sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
“Wor - thy the Lamb,” our lips re - ply, “for he was slain for us!”
and bless-ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.
of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON (W-3.0205)

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin. *(brief silence for reflection)*

Most holy and loving God, you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ’s ways. Amen.

KYRIE (W-3.0205)



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

P God proclaims these assuring words: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine.” In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

GLORIA PATRI (W-3.0205)



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
 on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
 Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
 For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY (W-3.0204)

P We pray: Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD (W-3.0301)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (W-3.0302)

L We pray: **O God of the covenant, the cloud of your splendor and the fire of your love revealed your Son on the mountain heights. Transform our lives in his image, write your law of love on our hearts, and make us prophets of your glory, that we may lead others into your presence. Amen.**

We sit.

FIRST READING **Exodus 34:29-35** (W-3.0303)

L 29 Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did

not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. 30 When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. 31 But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. 32 Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. 33 When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; 34 but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, 35 the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM **Psalm 99** (*we say responsively by whole verse*). (W-3.0304)

L 1 The Lord is king; let the people tremble. The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

2 The Lord, great in Zion, is high above all peoples.

3 Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome; God is the Holy One.

4 O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and fall down before God's footstool; God is the Holy One.

6 Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your name, O Lord, they called upon you, and you answered them,

7 you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

8 O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.

9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and worship upon God's holy hill; for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2 (W-3.0303)

L 12 Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, 13 not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. 14 But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. 15 Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; 16 but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

4:1 Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. 2 We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but

by the open statement of the truth, we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

We rise.

GOSPEL

Luke 9:28-36 (W-3.0303)

P The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke the 9th chapter:
Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit.

SERMON (W-3.0305)

“Put down the dogs!” Rev. Pr. J. David Bryant

We rise.

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Rul - er of the

na - ture, O thou of God to earth come
 wood - lands, robed in the bloom - ing garb of
 moon - light, and all the twink - ling, star - ry
 na - tions, Son of God and Son of

down, thee will I cher - ish, thee will I
 spring. Je - sus is fair - er; Je - sus is
 host. Je - sus shines bright - er; Je - sus shines
 Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o -

hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing,
 pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.
 ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

THE NICENE CREED (W-3.0306 & F-2.01)

L Let us profess the faith, saying: **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the (†) resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

We sit or stand.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (W-3.0308)

P With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

L *(brief silence)* O God, for your holy church, show us again and again your grace upon grace, that your church boldly testifies to your love. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

For the world and all creation, that you nourish your people like a watered garden, empowering us to nourish our creaturely companions. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

For victims of oppression, that you deliver peoples who suffer under oppressive regimes. Thwart the foolish plans of unjust leaders. Give wisdom to our elected officials. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

For all who suffer addiction, depression, anxiety, hopelessness, or other illnesses. For the sick and the recovering, and for all on our prayer lists and for those we name before you now aloud upon our lips or silently within our hearts. *(pause)* God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

For our congregation and its ministries, transform the way we have always done things into your new future for us. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

For all who have died, that their hope in you, is fulfilled in resurrection. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P Holy God, present in our midst yet beyond all comprehension, by your light, we see light; by your healing, we are made whole; by your mercy, we know your greatness. Turn your gaze upon our weakness and show us the way of your love that we may live with unveiled faces, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE (W-3.0411)

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

EUCCHARIST (W-30409--W-3.0411)

We sit.

OFFERTORY (W-3.0411)

L Freely you have received, freely give. Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (W-3.0411) *“Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness”*

DOXOLOGY (W-3.0411)

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures
here be-low; praise *him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise
Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

OFFERTORY PRAYER (W-3.0411)

L God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our

abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. **Amen.**

We sit or stand.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE (W-3.0412)

P The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (W-3.0412)

P The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us (✚) gathered here, and (✚) on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

LORD'S PRAYER (W-3.0304)

(SUNG TO THE MALOTTE TUNE)

As Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

OUR LORD PRAY MALOTTE Malotte

Our Fa-ther, which art in heav-en, hal-low-ed be
Thy name. Thy king-dom come, Thy will be
done on earth as it is in heav-en.
Give us this day our dai-ly bread, and for-give us our debts as
we for-give our debt-ors. And lead us not in-to temp-ta-ion, but de-
liv-er us from e-vil, for Thine is the King-dom and the
Pow-er and the Glo-ry, for-ev-er. A - men.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD (W-3.0413)

P The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

LAMB OF GOD (W-3.0414)



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION (W-3.0414)

P Come for all is now ready.

COMMUNION HYMN (W-3.0304)

Come, Let Us Eat

GTG 528

Choir sings v.1, All sing v. 2-4



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread;
 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured;
 3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest;
 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word;

(C) (Fmaj7) (G7) (F) (C)(Dm7)
 F B^bmaj7 C7 B^b F Gm7



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(C) (F) (Dm) (Am) (Dm7)(F)
 F B^b Gm Dm Gm7 B^b



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er;
 Je - sus' blood poured, let us drink to - geth - er;
 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er;
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom;

(C) (F) (C)
 F B^b F



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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (W-3.0414 & W-3.0501)

L *We pray:* We thank You, Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, for having been pleased, through no merit of our own, but of Your great mercy alone, to feed us. **Amen.**

SENDING (W-3.05)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (W-3.0501)

P The blessing of the † holy, triune God, be with you now and always.
Alleluia!

SENDING HYMN (W-3.0501) **Arise, Your Light Is Come** GTG 744

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

DISMISSAL (W-3.0503)

L Go in peace. Shine with the love and light of Jesus. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Leading Worship: Rev. Pr. J. David Bryant, Minister; Susan Lincoln, Liturgist; Leah Metzger, Accompanist & Director

Notes & Announcements

- **Ushers** for March 9th: David Culpepper, Jeanne Hilgendorf, Warren Hilgendorf, Dianna Sandonato, Marilyn Culpepper
- **Liturgist** for March 9th: Bob Bell
- **FPC website** www.firstpresperry.org
- Send **prayer requests** to prayer@firstpresperry.org or contact Jeanne Hilgendorf



FAT TUESDAY
March 4, 2025

The Fellowship Committee invites you to a Fat Tuesday Dinner in the fellowship hall on Tuesday, March 4th, at 6:00 pm, as we prepare for the season of Lent.

The dinner will include fresh pancakes, breakfast casseroles, and king cake. The evening will conclude with a brief Dedication and Burning of the Ashes. Come and enjoy an evening of food and fellowship!

ASH  WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday worship service is March 5th at 7pm



Lenten Supper & Devotion

In keeping with the penitential season of Lent, Wednesday suppers will be a simple meal of soup and

bread. Pastor John David Bryant will lead a short Lenten Devotional during these evenings. Wednesday night suppers during Lent will be March 5th, March 19th, March 26th, April 2nd, and April 9th. Come at 5:45 pm for a time of fellowship and the meal will be served at 6:00 pm.

Dear Pastor Bryant, Harriet, and First Presbyterian friends,
I suffered a serious brain injury that started around my birthday in mid-December and continued into mid-January. Treatment and time was spent in ER's, hospitals and rehab facilities in Perry, Gainesville and Tallahassee. I am now finishing a therapy program.

I was blessed to be able to attend the special Christmas program, but, more than that, you covered Peggy and me with prayers, cards, and visits. That was a wonderful blessing at a time of need. Also, being able to view the live-streamed Sunday Worship services was up-lifting.

Thank you all for your God-inspired expressions of love for us.

In Christ,
Chuck Eckel



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS MARCH 9TH

FPC PRAYER LIST

TOGETHER, WE PRAY FOR:

CATHY WIGGINS

JEANNE RAULERSON

DIANNA SANDONATO, FLU

CHERYL EVERETT, BACK

ROMMES FAMILY

PRAISE FROM HELBERG'S

TRAVELLING MERCIES FOR MEMBERS

NURSING HOME, LOCAL

GOVERNMENT

SANDI HILGENDORF

TEACHERS

MARGIE RAWLS

BLUE CREEK CHURCH

PRESBY BIBLE STUDIES AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUPPER TEAMS

JOHN DAVID & HARRIET BRYANT

THE HOMELESS

CULBREATH'S

CHERYL RICKETSON, REHAB

RITA BENOIT, OPTIONS

RON POPPELL, ONGOING

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING FOR OUR CHURCH