



## **First Presbyterian Church**

Service for the Lord's Day  
Mardi Gras Sunday / Transfiguration of the Lord

February 19, 2023

10:00 a.m.

*In preparation for worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.*

### **ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

Gathering Music "Basin Street Blues" Spencer Williams  
Concerns of the Church

Call to Worship 1 John 1:1-2

We declare to you what was from the beginning,  
***what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes,***  
what we have looked at and touched with our hands,  
concerning the word of life —

***This life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it,  
and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father  
and was revealed to us.***

\* Hymn 649 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"  
*Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.*

- \* Call to Confession
- \* Prayer of Confession

**God of all glory, beauty, and grace,  
we have tried to hide our faces from you,  
yet you have never hidden your love for us.  
We have tried to search for you  
in temples, in clouds, on mountaintops—  
yet you have already revealed yourself to us  
in the face of Jesus Christ.  
Forgive us, and transform us  
so that our lives may shine with your glory, beauty, and grace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

- \* Silent Confession  
Music: "Saint James Infirmary"

- \* Assurance of Pardon and Passing the Peace  
Music: "Amazing Grace"

### **PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination  
First Lesson: Exodus 24:12-18 (OT, p. 70)  
Psalter: Psalm 99 (OT, p. 552)

A Time with Children

Anthem "Down By the Riverside"

Second Lesson: Matthew 17:1-8 (NT, p. 18)  
Sermon: "Stepping into the Fire"

Rev. Carter

### **RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

- \* Hymn 835 "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"
- \* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (p. 35)

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.**

Offering

Offertory Music "Royal Garden Blues" Spencer Williams

- \* Doxology (606)
- \* Prayer of Dedication

## **GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\* Parade Hymn

“When the Saints Go Marching In”

*All are invited to join in the joyful parade!*

- 1. O when the saints go marching in... O Lord, I want to be in that number...**
- 2. O when the drums begin to bang ...**
- 3. O when the stars fall from the sky ...**
- 4. O when the trumpet sounds its call ...**
- 5. O when the saints go marching in ...**

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude Music

"This Little Light of Mine"

Spiritual

*If you are leaving before the postlude is finished, please do so quietly.*

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\* All who are able shall stand.

**The flowers** have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dave by Debbie Miller.

## **PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

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| Pastor                            | Rev. William G. Carter                                 |
| Coordinator of Children and Youth | Jana Schillinger                                       |
| Director of Music                 | Frank Jones  |
| Organist                          | Kay Ten Eyck   |
| Liturgist                         | Frank Garnecki   |
| Usher                             | Peter Moore  |
| Musicians                         | Jeff Leas, Tom Hamilton,<br>Tony Marino, Tyler Dempsey |

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## Church Family Announcements

*Our congregation worships God, equips God's people for ministry in the world, serves God in ways that are faithful to the Gospel.*

**Thank you for joining us for Worship.** We worship in two ways!

- **Join us in person at 10:00 a.m.**
- **Tune in online** for our service, which is broadcast live on [our video page on YouTube](#) and archived for later viewing on the same site.

**Large-print bulletins** can be found at the rear of the sanctuary.

**The Nursery is open** Sunday mornings from 9:40-11:10 a.m. for children ages 3 and younger in room 208. The nursery is staffed by Heather Lyons.

**The 2023 flower calendar** is hanging in the hallway. If you wish to provide sanctuary flowers in 2023, please sign up. You will be contacted for details.

**They are back!** Next time you sit in one of our pews, look for **the red attendance pad**. After you see it, please fill out your name and pass it to the next person across the pew. We are trying to do a better job keeping track of those who come to worship.

**Tell us your prayer concerns.** Prayer Request Cards are in the pew racks. Pass them to the center aisle to be collected during the first hymn.

**Please pray for:** Barbara, Hall, Nancy, Ellen, Susannah, Janice, Kate, Leonard, Janet, June, Janet, Donna, Maura, Tina, Chuck, Jane, Morse, Rachel, Wayne, Alice, Carolyn.

### **Put on Your Blue Shirts for Sunday, February 26.**

The first Sunday of Lent is an opportunity to begin our special campaign for One Great Hour of Sharing. [Blue shirts](#) are the symbol of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), one of the beneficiaries of this special offering. It takes on all the more significance as PDA reaches out to provide relief to the earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria.

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## Our next Arts Event: Songs, Old and New

Our area's top vocalists will perform on **Sunday, March 5 at 4 pm** at the **First Presbyterian Church in Clarks Summit** as part of the church's 2022-23 concert series. The concert titled **"Songs, Old and New"** will feature a program of art songs, arias, spirituals, show tunes and other types of vocal music.

These talented singers will be accompanied by **Dr. Rick Hoffenberg**. **Dr. Jennifer Cowgill**, Associate Professor Voice at Marywood University, is organizing the program and will serve as one of the vocal soloists. It will be a glorious afternoon of song. Come to this free concert – and invite your friends!



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## Lent is coming

A season of forty days before Easter, Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 22**. All are invited to a simple worship service that evening at 7:00 p.m. Many of our worship services will focus on the rich stories of the Gospel of John.

After Ash Wednesday, we begin **an adult education series on "Exclusion and Embrace."** Each Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m., the class will discuss a brief video that explores our relationship to those who have frequently been excluded from our circle of faith. These include gays and lesbians, the Jews, those who practice other religions, and people of other nations. Some of these videos are already posted online, so we will share those links in our weekly emails.

**Can you help?** We are seeking volunteers to replenish our committees and assist with brief but important tasks around the church.

- Can you assist with serving meals at one of our funeral luncheons? Let our Deacons know.
- Interested in volunteering in the office on a regular weekday morning? Notify Nancy Owens.
- Can you serve on the Christian Education and Growth committee? Let Jana know.
- Could you serve on the Worship, Music, and Arts committee, or on the Arts planning team? Tell Jan Thyren or Robin Pinches of your interest.

Thanks for considering this invitation. This church depends on volunteers!

**Needed...35 Bags of Groceries:** As part of our church's many efforts to recognize and battle hunger in our community, we serve a free lunch at Hickory Street Presbyterian on Saturday, March 25. The menu is posted in the narthex for those who can make the entree, prepare desserts, and serve the meal that day. In addition, we need 35 bags of groceries for distribution. As we continue to do this project twice each year, accumulating that big supply of groceries is proving to be the most difficult portion of the work. So please start now to help us fill those grocery bags. Shopping lists showing what is needed for each bag can be found below. You can shop for the complete bag or contents or just focus on some of the individual items.

### Shopping List

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| 1 box of cereal                         | 1 box of pasta          |
| 1 can or plastic jar of spaghetti sauce | 1 box of mac and cheese |
| 1 or 2 cans of vegetables               | 1 can of fruit          |
| 1 can of tuna                           | 1 box pop tarts         |
| 1 4-pack of jello or pudding cups       | 1 bag of candy          |
| 1 plastic jar of peanut butter          | 1 plastic jar of jelly  |

### This Week at a Glance

Sunday, February 19

- **10 a.m.**, Mardi Gras Sunday, Sanctuary and online
- **11:15 a.m.**, Introduction to the Lenten Season, Fellowship Hall

Monday, February 20

- The Church Office is closed in observance of Presidents' Day
- **5 p.m.**, Girl Scouts, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, February 21

- **10 a.m.**, Women's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, February 22 – **Ash Wednesday**

- **10:30 a.m.**, Prayer and Share, Room 209
- **6 p.m.**, Adult Bible Study, Room 206
- **7 p.m.**, Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary
- **Approx. 7:30 p.m.**, Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft
- **Approx. 8:15 p.m.**, Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, February 22

Sunday, February 26

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online