



**First Presbyterian Church  
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# First Presbyterian Church

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

March 2, 2025

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”  
Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

The glory of God shines like a consuming fire.

***We have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.***

The voice of God thunders like a mighty storm.

***Out of the cloud, God speaks: This is my beloved Son!***

\* 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                    “Dead Man Blues”

\* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

Music                    “Dead Man Blues”

## **PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Exodus 34:29-35 (OT, p. 81)

A Time with Children

Anthem                    “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 (NT, p. 180)

Sermon: “Unveiled Faces”

Rev. Carter

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

- \* Hymn "Down By the Riverside"
1. Gonna lay down my sword and shield, down by the riverside...  
*Refrain: I ain't gonna study war no more...*
  2. Gonna try on my long white robe, down by the riverside...  
*Refrain*
  3. Gonna put on my starry crown, down by the riverside...  
*Refrain*
  4. Gonna talk with the Prince of Peace, down by the riverside...  
*Refrain.*

- \* Affirmation of Faith: 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.***

Offering

Offertory Music "Royal Garden Blues"

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer (Hymnal, p. 35)

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

*Today we will serve the bread and cup continuously.*

*Please eat and drink as you are served.*

Music during Communion "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Parade Hymn "When the Saints Go Marching In"  
*All are invited to join in the joyful parade!*

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

\* Postlude "Lead On, O King Eternal"

**The flowers** are given by Judy Cutler to the Glory of God and in honor of her daughter, Sarah.

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

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Liturgist	Jay Clymer
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Musicians	Jeff Leas, Mike Carbone, Tony Marino, Tyler Dempsey
Ushers	Bill Keller, Jack Pittman

### **Church Family Announcements**

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

Thank you for joining us for Worship.

- We gather at 10:00 a.m. in person or on our YouTube channel, (or stream the service on YouTube at a later time).
- Please use the red attendance pads to record your presence today.

This morning for our children:

- The Nursery is staffed regularly on Sunday mornings from 9:40 to 11:10 a.m. Located in room 208 (sanctuary level), it is furnished with a changing table, and age-appropriate toys and books for children ages 3 and younger.
- During Bible Time we will be listening to Jesus, learning about being a good neighbor, growing God's kingdom, celebrating, and being lost & found.

**Our Wednesday Adult Bible Study continues each week at 5:45.** The Bible study is called ***"An Acceptable Fast,"*** based on the Old Testament lectionary readings for the season of Lent. Want to be with a group that studies the Bible and enjoys one another? Come and join us!



**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: Hall, Ann, Tim, Bill, Mike, Jason, Bobby, Craig K., Gary K., Phil, Tucker, Frank, Cheryl, Kathy, Tim, Ray, Caleb, Jon, Char, Wayne, Susan, Jerry, Don, Roberta, Judy, family of Dr. Smeraldi, Evelyn, Wayne, Clark family, Candace, Jen, Terry, the Tolpa family, Edward, Sue, the Fitzgerald family, Joseph.

**The next Mobile Food Pantry** takes place Thursday, March 13. Pre-registration is required at [fpccsfoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:fpccsfoodpantry@gmail.com) or 570-586-6306.

**S-O-U-P-E-R BOWL UPDATE:** \$410 was raised to help tackle hunger.

Our next program in the **We Worship Together** series takes place today, **Sunday, March 2**, after worship for children through grade 6. We'll be talking about Lent. Have you wondered, "Why do we have to get ready for 40 days before Easter?" "What are we supposed to do during that time?" Join us after worship today!

**Lent is a time for reflection and prayer that begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5.**

As we enter this holy season, we encourage you to take time individually and as a family to explore the meaning of Lent. Families can pick up a Lent bag filled with devotions, activity and reflection suggestions, and more. There are two versions available, both for families with children and for those without. **Take your Lent activity bag home today.** (Please, 1 bag per household.)



**Pots of Tulips will be ordered for Easter morning.** The plants are \$9 per pot. Deadline to order is Sunday, March 16. Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church. To purchase tulips, complete the order form (found in the Presbyter or in the Narthex) and either place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office with payment.



Church of the Epiphany, 25 Church Hill Rd., Glenburn, is having a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on **Tuesday, March 4, 5-7 p.m.** All proceeds benefit the Dalton Food Pantry.

**2025 Flower calendar:** There are still several available weeks for individuals, families, and church committees to donate flowers for the worship service. Please email [office@fpccs.org](mailto:office@fpccs.org) or call 570-586-6306 and Karis or Rebekah Naehner will contact you.

## ARTS at First Presbyterian



**Sunday, March 16, 4 p.m., The Lyric Consort** presents Irish music for St Patrick's Day. This a cappella vocal group led by Chris Gallo was founded by Dr. Alan Baker in 1993 and performs beautiful vocal music for unaccompanied voices.

**Saturday, March 29, 7 p.m., a Tuba Recital** will be presented by renowned British tuba player Will Druiett. Mr. Druiett has appeared in recitals throughout Europe, USA, and Asia. Recently Will was invited to perform as a soloist as part of the 79th Vienna Philharmonic Ball in the Musikverein.

### **Saturday, April 5, 7 p.m., An Evening with the Seraph Brass**

"The next Canadian Brass" is how critics describe this quintet of the world's best brass players. Don't miss this outstanding ensemble as they return to NEPA. They will raise the roof!

## Can you help?

**Arts at First Presbyterian is looking for a host home or homes for two female musicians for the April 5 concert.** The host would need to house the individual(s) on Saturday evening and provide breakfast on Sunday morning. The host would also need to provide transportation from church to your home after the concert and back to church Sunday morning. The only requirements are a separate room and a pet-free and smoke-free home. If interested, please contact the webmaster at [webmaster@fpccs.org](mailto:webmaster@fpccs.org), or the office at 570-586-6306.

## This Week at a Glance

Sunday, March 2

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- Following the anthem, Bible Time
- 11:15 a.m., We Worship Together

Monday, March 3

Tuesday, March 4

- 9:30 a.m., Yoga, Room 111
- 6 p.m., OA, Room 210
- 7 p.m., Mission and Justice, Room 206
- 7 p.m., AA, Room 111

Wednesday, March 5

- 10:30 a.m., Prayer and Share, Room 209
- 5:45 p.m., Adult Christian Education, Room 206
- 7 p.m., Ash Wednesday Service
- 7 p.m., Adult Choir, Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m., AlAnon, Room 206
- 8 p.m., Adult Bell Choir, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, March 6

- 8:30 a.m., Men's Breakfast, Room 206
- 5 p.m., Finance, Room 209
- 5:30 p.m., Worship, Music, Arts, Room 206
- 7 p.m., Building & Grounds, Rm 209/Christian Ed., Rm 206

Saturday, March 8, **Daylight Savings Time:** Turn the clocks ahead 1 hour.

Sunday, March 9

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- Following the anthem, Bible Time
- 11:15 a.m., LIFT program, Fellowship Hall

## Looking ahead:

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