FIRST IN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 14, 2021

Transfiguration Sunday

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

Prelude

Voluntary in G Minor and A Minor

John Stanley

Set 1 #7, Set 3 #8

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 50

Leader: O God, you are my God.

People: I seek you, my soul thirsts for you.

Leader: I have looked upon you in the sanctuary. People: I have beheld your power and glory.

Leader: Because your steadfast love is better than life,

People: My lips will praise you.

Leader: I will bless you as long as I live.

People: I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

*HYMN No. 464 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans.

We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait.

Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God's compassion knows no boundaries;

God's grace is greater than all our sins.

Friends, hear the good news of our salvation:

People: In the name of Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be

to God!

*Gloria Patri

Hymn No. 579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen, Amen.

*THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

ANTHEM *Christ, Upon the Mountain Stands*

Lehman

Christ, upon the mountain stands, vision of the Father's blessing; blazing forth to all the lands, saints and angels now professing.
Radiant Son of God divine; Jesus, now in glory shines!

Law and prophets have their place in the cloud of wondrous glory; chosen witnesses of grace, there to see and tell the story. Radiant Son of God divine; Jesus, now in glory shines!

God, in majesty, descents, then proclaims to all before him: This is my beloved Son! Nations, come now and adore him. Radiant Son of God divine; Jesus, now in glory shines!

Faithful hearts we lift on high, joyful strains, our voices raising for this vision's mystery, songs of wonder, hymns of praise.

Radiant Son of God divine; Jesus, now in glory shines,

Jesus in glory shines!

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 9:2-9

SERMON

Beloved

Rev. Sherard Edington

Mark 9:2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified.

Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*Affirmation of Faith

THE 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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER *DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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SENDING FORTH

*Hymn No. 438

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

*Charge and Benediction

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*Postlude

Triumphal March

Theodore Dubois

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us this morning. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to become a member of First Presbyterian Church. For more information, please speak to the pastor at the close of the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

February 17, 6:00 p.m.

Gumbo, Potato Salad, Bread Pudding

To make a reservation, please call the church office at (615) 444-1360 by Tuesday.

THE PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY of the congregation are extended to Nancy Buhler and family on the death of her husband, Fran Buhler, on February 9 in Tallahassee. Fran is the brother-in-law of Judy Denney.

Souper Bowl of Caring Food Drive collected 1,315 food items and \$645 dollars. This year we collected more food items than we collected the last ten years combined! Thank you so much to all who donated. The staff at the Wilson County Community Help Center were so thankful for our donation.

LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE – Join us Mondays at 6:45 p.m. during Lent for a weekly prayer service. Each week we will focus on a new spiritual practice which can bring us closer to God. To participate, login to Zoom using the same information you use to login to worship (the prayer service will **not** be live-streamed on Facebook).

YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP $(5^{th}$ -12th grade) – Youth Group will meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Youth group is open to ages 10 and up.

WINTER WONDERLAND FESTIVAL – Snow in February? There is a high probability that it might appear on February 24 at 6 p.m. Join us that evening for our Winter Wonderland Festival. It will be a night of fun and fellowship which includes an interactive Bible lesson. This event is open to all ages.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today		Wednesday	
10:00 a.m.	Worship	12:00 p.m.	Drive-Thru Ashes
11:10 a.m.	Winter Book Club	5:30 p.m.	Drive-Thru Ashes
12:30 p.m.	Session Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Take Out Meal
Monday		6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Tuesday		7:00 p.m.	Ash Wed. Service
9:00 a.m.	Preschool	Thursday	
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		Friday	
		Saturday	

ELDERS Class of 2021 Class of 2022 Class of 2023 Suanne Bone Becky Burris Max Carter Don Goodwin Jessica Fain Anne Donnell

Adrienne Johnson Mickey Stueck Frank Reeves
David Howell

DIACONATE

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Sandra Patton Laura Simmons
Emily Peyton Margaret Ann Trail

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Children
Nursery
Adult
Atypical Class
Preschool – 1st Grade
Elementary Class
Elementary Class
Middle School Class
High School Class
Women's Class

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