



# First Presbyterian Church

*Growing in Faith and Love*

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Transfiguration Sunday

March 2, 2025

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

*The music of the Opening Voluntary draws us from the outside world into the presence of God. In preparation for worship, you are invited to use this time for prayerful reflection.*

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

Concerto in a minor, mvmnt II: *Adagio*; BWV 593

Antonio Vivaldi, arr. Johann Sebastian Bach

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*[Please pass the friendship register down the row for each person to sign.]*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather because we have seen:  
the bush was aflame,  
**and yet it was not consumed.**

There were just five small loaves,  
**and yet there was bread leftover.**

We gather because we have heard  
God's voice in mighty thunder,  
**and in sighs too deep for words.**

God called Jesus "Beloved" on a mountaintop,  
**and God has called our names.**

We have seen. We have heard.

**God is here. Let us worship God together!**

### + HYMN 662

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

RATISBON

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Brothers and Sisters, why do we confess our sin?

**Because all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God.**

But why do we do it together?

**Because we are a community, a covenant people.**

*[+You are invited to stand. For each hymn, please stand as the last line of the introduction is played.]*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, your reign is marked by justice and peace;  
you are on the side of those who are oppressed.

**Our lives are marked by comfort and avoidance;  
we choose what is fair instead of what is just.**

You seek transformation and compassion in this world,  
yet we are content to wait for the promise of heaven.

**Forgive our failings, Lord, and convict us by your Spirit.**

**Move us beyond our shallow faith to know  
the depth of your life among us.**

**Hear us now as we make our silent confessions...**

*(time for silent prayer).*

Forgive us, we pray, for the sake of Christ who came  
to bind up the wounds of the one beside the road.

**Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the Good News!

Our sins and mistakes and shortcomings  
are not the last word about us,  
and they do not define who we are.

God has called us "Children,"  
and together we are the family of God.

God has promised that if we confess our sin,  
that God is faithful and will forgive our sins  
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God!**

## + GLORIA PATRI (581)

GREATOREX

***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.***

## + PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

*Children are invited to come forward, place their offerings in the plate,  
have a short message and prayer with the minister, then go to Room  
208 for their worship service called Worship and Wonder.*

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 9:28-36  
*Pew Bible, NT, p 69-70*

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

### SERMON

"A Glimpse of the Truth"

Jim Morgan

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### + HYMN 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

### + 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.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP AND GENEROSITY

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Beautiful Savior*

Fredrik Melius Christiansen

*Fair are the meadows, fairer the woodland,  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing,*

*Beautiful Saviour! Lord of the nations!  
Son of god and son of man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
Now and for ever more be Thine!*

**DOXOLOGY (606)**

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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.*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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.

**WE GO IN GOD'S NAME**

**HYMN 450**

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

**CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

*Dir, Dir, Jehovah, will ich singen*

Max Drischner



*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God*

**Leading in Worship**

Jim Morgan, Parish Associate

Dan Lewis, Senior Pastor

Tracey Daniel, Associate Pastor

Benjamin Horrell, Choir Director

Kira Conner, Music Assistant

FPC Chancel Choir

**THANK YOU** to all of you who have joined us for worship this Sunday, here and at home. We hope that you find your experience of worship to be uplifting and meaningful. Any usher (designated with a name tag) will be glad to assist you and answer your questions. If you need a large print copy of today's bulletin and hymns, please notify an usher. A special welcome to any visitors worshipping with us this morning. If you would, please let us know you were here with us by signing the Friendship Register in the pews or by emailing our church office at [hello@firstonthird.org](mailto:hello@firstonthird.org).

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH:

Contact Natalie Raygor ([natalie@firstonthird.org](mailto:natalie@firstonthird.org)) for more information

**Nursery** care is provided for infants and toddlers during the Sunday School hour and Worship Services.

**Worship And Wonder:** Children are invited to come forward during the children's time in the service, place their offerings in the plate, have a short message and prayer with the minister, then go to Room 208 for their worship service called Worship and Wonder.

**Growing in Grace Children's Sunday School Class** – Meets at 9am in the Grace Space, at the foot of the stairway to Gilmour Hall.

**Children's Choir** – Most Sundays at 11:15am in room 301

**Top Dogs (3rd-5th grade)** – Meets monthly

**Youth Group (6th-12th grade)** - meets most Sundays at 5:30 at FPC or off campus

## WEEKLY E-NEWS AND SOCIAL MEDIA:

Are you subscribed to the Weekly E-news? This Friday email publication is a great way to stay informed about what is happening at First Presbyterian Church. Reach out to Melissa in the office ([melissa@firstonthird.org](mailto:melissa@firstonthird.org)) for help subscribing. Following our Facebook and Instagram pages is another great way to stay in touch with what is going on each week.

## STEPHEN MINISTRY

First Presbyterian is a Stephen Ministry congregation. If you would like to receive support from a **Stephen Minister**, please call one of our pastors at 910-762-6688.

## ONLINE GIVING

Use this QR code to give securely to the general fund. Looking for other ways to give? Visit the website, [firstonthird.org/give](http://firstonthird.org/give) for more information. 2024 Statements have been emailed. If you need help with yours, contact the office.



## REALM

We are using this app to streamline our church communications and to make it easy to sign up for events and opportunities! Please reach out to Melissa in the office ([melissa@firstonthird.org](mailto:melissa@firstonthird.org)) for help signing up, or call the office at 910-762-6688.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES — 9AM SUNDAY MORNINGS

**"Bible 101"** meets in room 101

**Journey Class** meets in room 303

**The Village Class** meets in the Session Room

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Session has called a congregational meeting for today, Sunday, March 2nd, in the Sanctuary immediately following the 10AM worship services. The meeting will serve as our annual meeting, and will include proposed changes to pastors' terms of call, as well as a brief presentation on the 2025 budget.

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### **Sunday, 3/2:**

9am	Sunday School Classes	Various rooms
10/10:10am	Worship	Sanctuary/Gilmour Hall
11am	Confirmation Class	300
11:15am	Children's Choir	301

### **Monday, 3/3:**

6pm	Cub Scouts	Boney Hall
7pm	Boy Scouts	Boney Hall

### **Tuesday, 3/4:** *Committee Meetings*

### **Wednesday, 3/5: Ash Wednesday**

11am	Women on Wednesday	303
5:30pm	StepUp	Boney Hall
6pm	Ash Wednesday Service	Chapel

### **Thursday, 3/6:**

7:45am	Men's Bible and Breakfast	Cape Fear Club
5:30pm	Grandparent's Support Network	Cameron Center
7:15pm	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

### **Friday, 3/7:**

6pm	Children's Movie Night	Cameron Center
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### **Saturday, 3/8:**

9-11am	Women's Lenten Petite Retreat	
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### **Sunday, 3/9: Daylight Savings — Spring forward!**

9am	Sunday School Classes	Various rooms
10am/10:10am	Worship	Sanctuary/Gilmour Hall
11am	Confirmation Class	300
11:15am	Children's Choir	301
5:30pm	Youth Group	Off-campus

