



Transfiguration Sunday

February 14, 2021

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

GATHERING MUSIC *Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices* Walter L. Pelz
Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor BRYN CALAFARIA
We Shall Behold Him Mark Hayes

PRELUDE *I Stand Amazed in the Presence* Charles H. Gabriel

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP adapted from Psalm 50

The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from
the rising of the sun to its setting.

Shine, Jesus, Shine!

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

Shine, Jesus, Shine!

Our God comes and does not keep silence.

Shine, Jesus, Shine!

God calls the heavens above and to the earth.

Shine, Jesus, Shine!

HYMN 191 (stanza 1 & 3) *We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding* BREWER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION by Roger Gench of the *Presbyterian Outlook*

Merciful God, even when we see your love and justice transfigured
before us, we cower in our fear of what it would mean to follow your
way in the world. We wonder what it might cost us to be disciples of
Jesus. Help us to listen to Jesus. Empower us to be formed by his life.
Restore in us the confidence to be Jesus' disciples. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE 190 *Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory*

Lord, transfigure our perception with the purest light that shines, and recast our life's intentions to the shape of your designs, till we seek no other glory than what lies past Calvary's hill and our living and our dying and our rising by your will.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Neeley Rentz Lane

ANTHEM

I Will Listen
Krista Firkus

Twila Paris

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 9:2-9

SERMON

The "In-Between" Time

Rev. Neeley Rentz Lane

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN 193 (stanzas 1,3,5) *Jesus, Take us to the Mountain* UNSER HERRSCHER

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from Confession of Belhar

We believe

- that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another;
- that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain;
- that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted;
- that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope.

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

RESPONSE 612

We Praise You, O God

KREMSER

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring. We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of dazzling beauty and overshadowing majesty, in Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, we glimpse the image of your glory. Teach us to listen to Jesus so that we may hear your voice and follow your holy way in and through all time. May our gifts today to bring glory to you. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

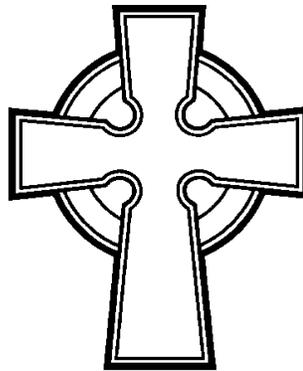
HYMN 192 *Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining* SHINE, JESUS SHINE

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Carillon-Sortie

Henri Mulet



Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, February 14, Last Epiphany

9:45 Adult Sunday School—link below
 10:00 Youth Sunday School—link below
 11:00 Worship Service
 (Livestream link provided the in Weekly Enews)
 7:00 Jammies and Jesus (link below)
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82191056781>
 Meeting ID: 821 9105 6781

Wednesday, February 17, Ash Wednesday

12-1:00 Lent drive through
 5:00-6:00 Lent Drive through
 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service at First Methodist Church (will be livestreamed on FPC Facebook page)

Sunday, February 21, Epiphany 5

9:45 Adult Sunday School—link below
 10:00 Youth Sunday School—link below
 11:00 Worship Service
 (Livestream link provided the in Weekly enews)
 7:00 Jammies and Jesus (link below)
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Christian Education

Adults - Adult Sunday School is a casual time of conversation and fellowship. Each week is a stand-alone lesson, so if you miss a week, come back the next! Adult Sunday School meets on Zoom at 9:45am. The Zoom link for Adult Sunday school will be the same for the next two months: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83852010376> Meeting ID: 838 5201 0376

Youth - Youth Sunday School is led by Pam and Jim Stillerman and offers a time of connection and of studying scripture. Youth Sunday School meets on Zoom at 10:00am. [Click here](#) to join Zoom. Passcode: AlcovyFit1

Children - Pre-recorded on Facebook on Saturdays by Dan and Perri Walden or you can find them on our children's webpage: <https://www.fpccov.org/children.html> Be sure to tune in to hear their message.

Anti-Racism Book Study

Our book study is Martin Luther King, Jr.'s *Where Do we Go From Here: Chaos or Community*.

Facilitated by Dan Walden

Wednesday evenings 7pm-8pm

Continues on Feb. 24 & March 3

If you would like the church to order you a book please email info@fpccov.org by February 2. Cost per book: \$12

All Things Lent

Lent in a Bag Drive Through will take place on Brown Street on Wednesday, February 17, at both noon—1:00 and 5:00-6:00. There will be materials for Lenten meditation and study for children, teens and adults. Drive by at whichever time is suitable for your family and pick your study materials for Lent.

Ash Wednesday Service: 7:00pm on Wednesday, February 17, at First United Methodist Church. The service will also be available on our FPC Facebook page.

***Prayer Partners** Our Pastoral Care team offers Prayer Partners this Lent. We will be providing a prayer bracelet for you to wear during the 40 days of Lent. Our hope is you will spend intentional time in prayer for members of our church family.

* **Morning Prayer** Join Neeley on Monday mornings throughout Lent for a time of prayer at 8:00am. We will participate in centering prayer, guided meditations, the gift of silence, and corporate prayer. You may join for Monday or all Mondays during the season of Lent starting February 22nd through March 29th. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88476245670>

Worship Mouse



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Neeley Rentz Lane	<i>Senior Pastor</i>	Peni Kehoe	<i>Church Administrator</i>
Krista Firkus	<i>Music Director</i>	Danielle Schubert	<i>Nursery</i>
Alice Walker	CAGO, AAGO		
	<i>Organist/Ambassador Choir</i>		

MEMBERS OF SESSION

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 Cy Wolverton

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 Aubrey Evans
 John McCarthy
 Cindy Moon
 Stephanie Scarborough
 Trista Hooten Wilson

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 Louly Hay Kapp
 Ed Perkerson
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your offering: Text to: 73256
Enter FPCCOV as your message, click to send
Or use this link: <https://onrealm.org/FirstPresbyterianChurchCov/give/FPCCOVtext>

If you made a pledge for 2021, choose "2021 Pledge" as the fund. Then the system will walk you through entering your bank or credit card information. If you did not make a pledge you can choose another fund such as "Non-pledge"; or "Thornwell" "Food Pantry", etc. There is a drop-down menu you can scroll through to choose a fund. You now have the option to help offset the cost of on-line giving. Just check the space and use the suggested donation or put in what you'd like to give. Use this link for on-line giving: <https://onrealm.org/FirstPresbyterianChurchCov/give/now>

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

- ◆ Kimmy & Will Briggs-as they travel to Montana starting Sunday & as they begin their new ministry there!
- ◆ Bill Cobham-recovering from surgery
- ◆ Guy McGiboney-Covid, several falls
- ◆ Carol McGiboney-Covid-19
- ◆ Steve Jones-cancer (friend of Alice Walker)
- ◆ Laurie, Alan & Emily Bunn-Covid-19 (daughter, granddaughter and son-in-law of Beth & Danny Vining)
- ◆ Mark & Jenny Fogarty-Covid-19
- ◆ Susan Fiedler-cancer (friend of Darcel Tabb)
- ◆ Hulda McDonald-health issues (friend of Judy Davis)
- ◆ Linda Shirley-knee fracture & other bone issues (teacher at Flint Elementary)
- ◆ Roger Tingler-Covid-19 with pneumonia
- ◆ Billy Fortson-Covid-19 at home
- ◆ Betty Robinson-Covid 19, Merryvale
- ◆ Blair Weaver-health issues
- ◆ Jane Parker-recovering from fall
- ◆ Mitchell Wheeler-cancer (nephew of Jack & Miriam Wheeler)
- ◆ Betty Lunsford-recovering at home
- ◆ Sarita Pope-breast cancer (mother-in-law of Elizabeth Martin Pope)
- ◆ Nancy Smith-recovering at home (daughter of Sandy & Betsy Morehouse)
- ◆ Ginny Elliott-rehab following fall (step-mother of Aubrey Evans)
- ◆ Beverly Maddox-caring for husband who has leukemia (friend of Jean Elder)
- ◆ Karen Moss-breast cancer
- ◆ Carter Mackenzie-neck injury (son of Julie & Jeff Mackenzie)
- ◆ Karen Lein Kaasa-home health care (sister-in-law of Julie MacKenzie)
- ◆ Tom Bass-cancer treatment & dialysis (friend of Beth & Danny Vining)
- ◆ Wilford Reed-health issues (friend of Jeff MacKenzie)
- ◆ Bob Darby-kidney problems (friend of Jeff MacKenzie)
- ◆ Joyce Williams-Alzheimer's, breast cancer treatment (sister of Danny Vining)
- ◆ Peter Milner-cancer surgery (nephew of Day & Larry Kennon)
- ◆ Brandon Massey-blood cancer (grandson of Chuck and Sherry Brasher)
- ◆ Carol Baynes-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)
- ◆ Sophia Hawley-cystic fibrosis

Special Prayers

Piedmont Newton frontline workers as well as other medical staff. The hospital is very busy with helping sick patients, night and day. Please pray for their work and their safety.

Independent and Assisted Living

- ◆ Travis Moss-Pruitt Healthcare
- ◆ Penny Blakeney-home
- ◆ Julia Brubaker-Benton House
- ◆ Jean Elder-currently in Florida with her daughter (address available from church office)
- ◆ Dot Fincher-Merryvale
- ◆ Guy McGiboney-Merryvale
- ◆ Betty Robinson-Merryvale
- ◆ Louise White-Merryvale
- ◆ Jerry McGaffney-Merryvale

Military Service

- ◆ Koen Ardis-Navy
- ◆ Lee Scarborough-Army



Condolences

Our prayers are with **Bill Cobham** upon the death of his sister, **Beryl Sandra Evans**, on Jan. 30, 2021.

Praises!

Thank you to all of our office volunteers!

Thank you to Jean Wolverton for creating a church scrapbook!

We celebrate with Bill Loebke, former church member, who contacted us letting us know he was elected elder at Palmetto Presbyterian Church in Mount Pleasant, SC.

Procedure for Prayer Requests

All prayer requests should be sent to: admin@fpccov.org or by clicking the "Email Peni" button at the bottom of the Enews prayer list. Please specify if you want the request in the bulletin or for pastors only, or only the confidential prayer circle.

Worship Notes

- ◆ Recordings of Sunday sermons can be accessed on the church website: www.fpccov.org.
- ◆ Music printed (and streamed) in our bulletins are covered by licenses authorizing their use. Licenses are from: CCLI #11379886 and One License # A-728738.

Thanks to those serving us today

Dan Walden,
Phil Anderson, Brad Phillips