

TRANSFIGURATION *of the* LORD
February 19, 2023 • 8:00 a.m.



"Transfiguration" by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman

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Please join in reading and singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

My Lord, What A Mornin'

H. T. Burleigh

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Beyond our busyness,
Above the cold winter floor,
There is a glory rising, born of heaven,
And reaching out to each one of us,

**A light that shines through the clouds,
An invitation seeking all of who we are,
That transfigures the world,**

That transforms darkness into hope,
That brings life from a cross,
Where old life ends and new life is born.

**In glory Jesus meets us here,
Raising us from depths of the valley to the height of the mountain,
Carrying the weight of our humanity
To the heights of heaven's glory.**

Let us worship from the mountain and hear again
"This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"

* **HYMN 189**

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

DEO GRACIAS

CALL TO CONFESSION

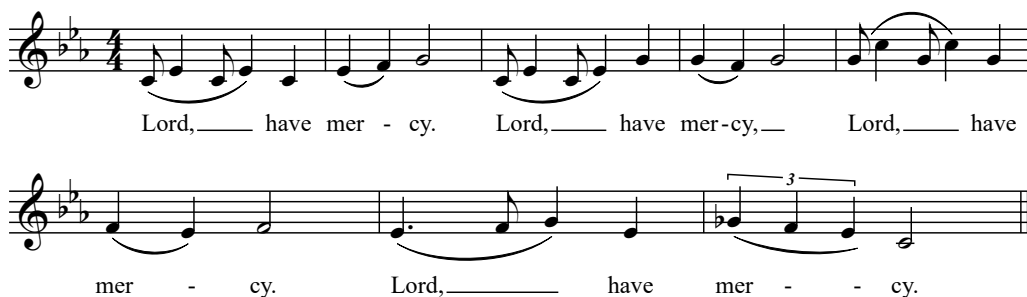
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy and grace, you emerge among us in surprising ways, calling us toward love, justice, and reconciliation. We confess that too often we close ourselves off to one another, settling for what is comfortable over what is right. You invite us to see you in new ways, and to be transformed by your presence, yet we fear the change that transformation requires. Forgive us when selfishness prevails. Beckon us into your mystery. Open our hearts to imagination. Open our minds to possibility. Transform our fears into hope.

SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE

GHANA



Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer-cy, _____ Lord, _____ have
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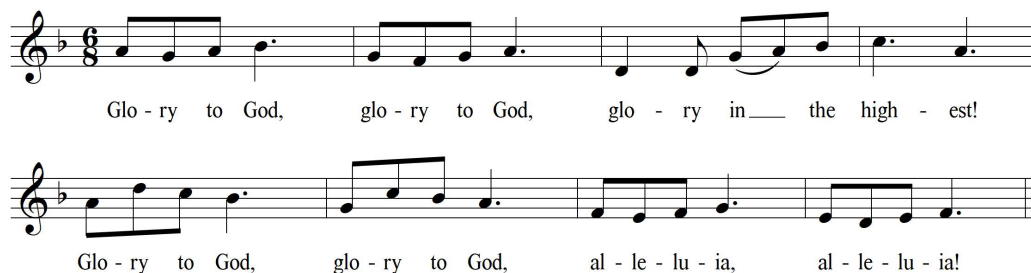
ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

You are invited to share signs with one another of the peace we experience as God's people. Greet one another saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and respond, "And also with you."

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

GLORIA



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in _____ the high - est!
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 17:1-9

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 24:12-18

The grass withers, the flower fades;

The word of the Lord endures forever.

SERMON

Caught in the Mystery

RESPONDING & SEALING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Deep River

H. T. Burleigh

*Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God above ye heavenly host.

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

* Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please refer to the Communion Card.

SENDING

* HYMN 190

Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

GENEVA

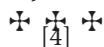
* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Thy Heart

H. T. Burleigh



WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

First Presbyterian Church is an inclusive and diverse faith community, led by the Holy Spirit, who welcomes people of all ages and backgrounds to come together to explore, nurture, and deepen their faith.

PRAYER

If you would like someone to pray with you, pastors will be available at the Communion Table after the service.

GET CONNECTED

Please use the Friendship Pad located in the pew to let us know you joined us in worship. To stay up to date with what's happening at First, sign up for our weekly email "Our Life Together" using this QR code.



WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher Hannah Lundberg
Liturgist Megan Berry
Lector Cheryl Gulbranson

Pianist Josh Marzan
Usher Marty Reineman
Communion Nancy Fox

WAYS TO GIVE

Your gift allows us to carry out our mission as an inclusive and diverse faith community.

Cash/Check

Place in the offering plate or in the mail.

Online

<https://bit.ly/FPCvanco>

Text-to-Give

Text the amount you would like to give to 855-904-1523.

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Today at First

Embracing Hope Information Session

9:00 a.m. | Curtis Room (Level 2)

Children's Choir

10:45 a.m. | Lemon Chapel (Level 3)

Youth Classes

11:00 a.m. | LL4, LL1 (Lower Level)

Tell Me More About This Church

11:00 a.m. | Founders Room (Level 2)

Embracing Hope Information Session

11:00 a.m. | Curtis Room (Level 2)

First Friends

Lessons from Dietrich Bonhoeffer

11:00 a.m. | Lewis Room (Level 2)

Exploring the Faith

Dismantling Racism:

Opportunity Index for Washtenaw County

11:00 a.m. | Monteith Hall (Level 1)

The Bible at 11 o'clock

2 Corinthians

11:00 a.m. | French Room (Level 1)

Kerygma Bible Study

11:00 a.m. | Vance Room (Level 2)

Children's Classes

11:15 a.m. | Classrooms (Levels 1 & 3)

UKirk @ UMich College Lunch

12:00 p.m. | Off site

Contact: hlundberg@firstpresbyterian.org

4th & 5th Grade & Parents

Amazing Stuff: God's Plan for Growing Up

4:30 p.m. | Curtis Room, LL4

Youth Group

6:00 p.m. | Youth Room (Lower Level)

T2A2 Young Adults

7:00 p.m. | Off site

Contact: hlundberg@firstpresbyterian.org

News & Events

Embracing Hope Information Sessions — During the month of February, our entire church community will engage in a collective process to imagine our future and chart the course ahead. Your feedback is important. You will have multiple opportunities to engage in the process through in-person and online informational gatherings. We encourage you to attend one meeting at a time your schedule allows. The meeting will last one hour, and you will have a short questionnaire to fill out at the end. This week gatherings will be held:

Sunday, February 19	Thursday, February 23	Friday, February 25
9:00 & 11:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m. (hybrid)
Curtis Room	Lewis Room	Curtis Room

Annual Meeting of the Congregation — The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held Sunday, February 26, following 9:30 a.m. worship for the purpose of approving the pastors’ terms of call and receiving the 2022 annual report and the 2023 annual budget.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance — Following the earthquake that has killed thousands in Turkey and Syria, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has pledged assistance to relief partners in the area. First Presbyterian Church is accepting donations that we will send directly to PDA. If you want to contribute, visit firstpresbyterian.org/mission/presbyterian-disaster-assistance.

Social Hour Hosts Needed — We are looking for folks who will help put cookies on trays and on tables in the Social Hall before Social Hour (usually on the last hymn) — and help us at the end to put the cookie trays in the kitchen to be washed by staff the next day. Can you help? Sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f45a4ac283-coffee/>

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A SEASON OF RENEWAL

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 22, 2023

8:00 - 9:00 a.m. & 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Drive-through Imposition of Ashes

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Walk-through Imposition of Ashes
on the Diag of U of M

5:30 p.m. Family Service
7:00 p.m. Ecumenical Taizé

TAIZÉ SERVICE

Tuesday, March 7
7:00 p.m.

HOME WORSHIP GATHERINGS

Tuesdays, March 14 - 28
6:00 p.m.

Simple worship gatherings will be held
in various homes. Sign up online at
firstpresbyterian.org

PEEPS & PIZZA

Saturday, April 8
10:00 a.m.

Create a Bible story diorama using
marshmallow Peeps. Then, an outdoor
pizza lunch and children's egg hunt
will be held on the front lawn. Register
online at firstpresbyterian.org

ALPHA HOUSE WEEK OF CARING

March 20 - 27

Volunteer to support guests of Alpha
House, a shelter for children and
parents. Visit firstpresbyterian.org.

LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays, March 6 - April 10
8:00 a.m. | Monteith Hall
9:30 a.m. | Sanctuary & Livestream

LENTEN EMAIL DEVOTIONAL

Begin each day with a Lenten devotion
written by church members and staff.
To receive the email devotion, contact
Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers at mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org.

LENTEN WEEKLY WALKS

Wednesday, March 1
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Gallup Park

Tuesday, March 7
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
The Arboretum (meet at First Pres)

Thursday, March 16
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Bird Hills

Friday, March 24
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Dhu Varren Woods

Saturday, April 1
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Hudson Mills

Friday, April 7 (Good Friday)
12:00 p.m.
The Arboretum (meet at First Pres)

All ages and stages of life welcome. A
pastoral liaison will guide the group.
Sign up at firstpresbyterian.org.