

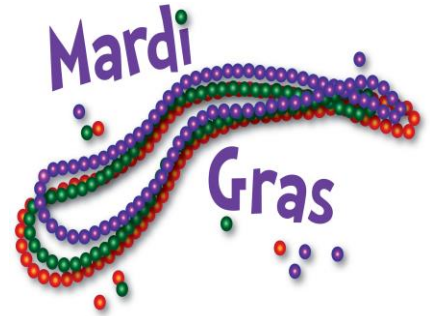
**First Presbyterian Church**  
Service for the Lord's Day  
Mardi Gras Sunday / Transfiguration of the Lord

February 27, 2022

10:00 a.m.

*In preparation for worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.*

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah; and in the voice from the cloud you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us, with Christ, heirs of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

Gathering Music  
Words of Welcome

“Wolverine Blues”

Jelly Roll Morton

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

“Saint James Infirmary”

\* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

Music

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

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

Gospel Lesson: Luke 9:28-36 (NT, p. 69)

A Time with Children

Anthem

“Down by the Riverside”

Psalter: Psalm 126

Sermon: “Better Than a Dream”

Rev. Carter

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* Hymn 852

"When the Lord Redeems the Very Least"

\* 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”

S. Williams

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.**

## 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

“Jazz Me Blues”

arr. Hamme

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\* All who are able shall stand.

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

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children And Youth Ministries	Jana Schillinger
Liturgist	John Conklin
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Musicians	Jeff Leas, Mike Carbone, Tony Marino, Tyler Dempsey
Usher	Anne Rich

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Thank you for your **strong financial support!** There is a link on our web site [to contribute online](#). You may drop off your contributions at the church office during working hours or send them to 300 School Street, Clarks Summit, PA 18411. To contribute by cell phone, **scan here**. We appreciate your generosity, especially in this difficult time.



### **Church Family Announcements**

**Thank you for joining us for Worship.** We worship every Sunday in two ways!

- Promise to wear a face mask? No covid-related symptoms for the past 14 days? Willing to have your temperature taken at the door? **Join us in person at 10:00 am.** (Reservations are no longer necessary.)
- **Tune in online** for our weekly service, which is broadcast live on [our video page on YouTube](#) and archived for later viewing on the same site.

**This Wednesday March 2<sup>nd</sup>,** join us for an Ash Wednesday Service. We will gather in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. for a meditative service. It will be livestreamed on YouTube as well.

Our Session requires masks for all worship services, meetings, and group events in the church building. Temperature checks will continue at church gatherings, and social distancing will be encouraged. We believe in the effectiveness of the covid-19 vaccinations and urge everybody to get vaccinated against covid-19.

If all of us can choose restraint and pursue public health, we have a better chance for stopping the spread of the virus and its variants. In the words of St. Paul, "Do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Galatians 5:13-14)

**Our sanctuary** is open for prayer whenever the building is open.

**Scranton Refugee Accompaniment Training** - Be a friend/mentor to families. Provide accompaniment, advocacy, and empowerment for a refugee family to transition to a new life in our region. The training will be Monday, February 28 from 5 - 8 pm at UNC Community Room, 509 Cedar Ave. To register, go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/39H2RLJ> Questions? Email: [community@scranton.edu](mailto:community@scranton.edu)

### **Calling for a "Blue-Out" on Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>** **Show Your Support for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**

Between Ash Wednesday and Easter we will be collecting for the Presbyterian Church USA's "One Great Hour of Sharing" special offering. Each gift supports the *Presbyterian Hunger Program*, the *Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People*, and *Presbyterian Disaster Assistance* (PDA!). While we might never experience disaster, hunger, or oppression, **millions of people in our country and around the world do lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity.** The PDA website lists no less than 42 crises to which it is currently responding, both here and abroad. OGHs is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world, and the **Mission & Justice Committee has set a goal of \$5000 for our congregation.**

**The first Sunday in Lent every year is designated "Wear your blue t-shirt to church Sunday" as a specific testament and reference to PDA.** While you might not have a blue t-shirt or think it warm enough for a t-shirt at start of March, we encourage you to don as much blue clothing as you can on March 6<sup>th</sup> to launch this year's offering and note it's importance in funding PDA across the coming year.

Adult Education this week

#### **The Shape of Repentance: How Does It Look When We Return to God?**

March 2 - The Inner Work of Returning (Bible study of Joel 2:12-17)

The prophet calls us to "rip open our hearts," presumably because they have hardened. What could this metaphor mean? What will it require of us? Why is change so difficult?

Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., Room 206 and ZOOM (link to be on our website and weekly e-mail).

**Reminder: here is our Bad Weather Policy**, in two parts:

- We never cancel worship, but we don't want anybody to risk their safety or warmth. Stay home if the weather is dangerous or gives you anxiety. Tune in!
- We will close the office on a weekday if the Abington Heights school district is closed.

### **Meetings this week**

Sunday, February 27	10 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:15 a.m.	Confirmation Class	Room 206
Tuesday, March 1	7 p.m.	Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	7 p.m.	Mission and Justice	Room 206
Wednesday, March 3	10:30 a.m.	Prayer and Share	Room 209
	6 p.m.	The Way Adult Bible Study	Room 206
	7 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service	Sanctuary
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir	Sanctuary
Thursday, March 4	8:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast	Room 206
	7 p.m.	Building and Grounds	Room 209
	7 p.m.	Christian Education	Room 206
	7 p.m.	Worship, Music, Arts	ZOOM
Saturday, March 5	2 p.m.	Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sunday, March 6	10 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:15	Confirmation Class	Room 206

### **Looking ahead:**

#### **Blues with the Merchants of Groove Sunday, March 20, 2022 4:00 pm**

Paul Lyon brings his premier houserockin' blues band, The Merchants of Groove, to raise the roof and stir the spirit. Featuring Teddy Young on guitar, this band showcases the music of BB King, Buddy Guy, and other blues greats.

The concert will take place live in the sanctuary, and will be live-streamed for all to enjoy from a distance (or at a later date if you wish). The online link will be posted on our church's website ([www.fpccs.org](http://www.fpccs.org)). One way or another, we hope you can join us!