

First Presbyterian Church
Service for the Lord's Day
Transfiguration of the Lord – Mardi Gras

February 11, 2024

10:00 a.m.

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

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music "Basin Street Blues" Spencer Williams
Concerns of the Church

Call to Worship 1 John 1:1-2

We declare to you what was from the beginning,
what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes,
what we have looked at and touched with our hands,
concerning the word of life —

***This life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it,
and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father
and was revealed to us.***

* 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 the Peace

Music: "Amazing Grace"

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: 2 Kings 2:1-12 (OT pg. 332)

A Time with Children

Anthem

"This Little Light of Mine"

Spiritual

1 This little light of mine, I'm goin' to let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm goin' to let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm goin' to let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2 Everywhere I go, I'm goin' to let it shine...
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
The band will play an interlude.

3 All through the night, I'm goin' to let it shine...
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Second Lesson: Mark 9:2-9 (NT pg.44)

Sermon: "Bright Jesus" Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 835

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (p. 35)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory Music

"Royal Garden Blues"

Spencer Williams

- * Doxology (606)
- * Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Parade Hymn

“When the Saints Go Marching In”
All are invited to join in the joyful parade!

1. *O when the saints go marching in... O Lord, I want to be in that number...*
2. *O when the drums begin to bang ...*
3. *O when the stars fall from the sky ...*
4. *O when the trumpet sounds its call ...*
5. *O when the saints go marching in ...*

- * Charge and Benediction
- * Postlude Music

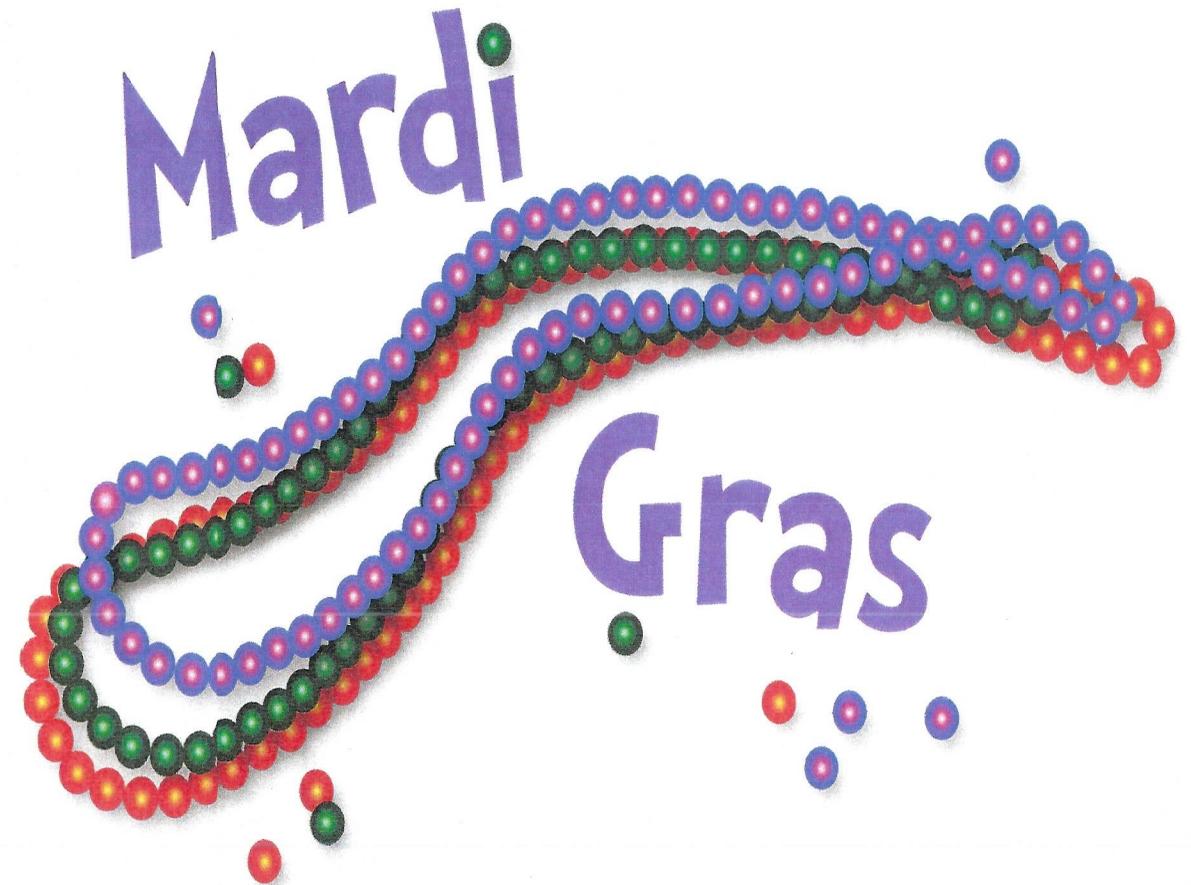
If you are leaving before the postlude is finished, please do so quietly.

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- * All who are able shall stand.

The flowers have been given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Liturgist	Hoyt Keiser
Usher	Peter Moore
Musicians	Jeff Leas, Mike Carbone, Tony Marino, Steve Kurilla



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**WE ARE ASKING ANYONE
WHO WANTS TO HELP IF
THEY CAN GIVE AS MUCH
OR AS LITTLE TIME THE
WEEKS OF**

Feb 1-4

Feb. 8-11

Feb. 15-18

Feb 22-25

TO DO:

- demolish two small bathrooms
- rebuild one large bathroom with a handicap area
- repair and paint old picnic tables and benches
- paint a couple bathrooms
- fix emergency exit in some cabins

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT CAROL
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Church Family Announcements

Our congregation worships God, equips God's people for ministry in the world, and serves God in ways that are faithful to the Gospel.

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

- **Join us in person at 10:00 a.m.**
- **Tune in online** for our service, which is broadcast live and archived for later viewing on the same site.
- Please use the **red attendance pads** to record your presence today.
- **Large-print bulletins** are located at the rear of the sanctuary.

Bible Time is our program for children (age 4 to approx. grade 4) to hear Bible stories told in a fun and engaging way. Each Sunday following the anthem, children are invited to go with leaders downstairs for Bible Time (lasting about 20 minutes) and return for the Prayers and the end of service.

The Nursery is open Sunday mornings from 9:40-11:10 a.m. for children ages 3 and younger in room 208. The nursery is staffed by Heather Lyons.

The 2024 Flower Calendar is located on the bulletin board next to Rev. Carter's office. If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary for a Sunday morning, please sign up. You will be contacted directly for more information.

Adult Education on Ash Wednesday, 6 p.m., room 206: **"Singing the Blues: A Study of Ecclesiastes."** Drawing on study materials produced by Presbyterian Men, the group will explore life's persistent questions: Why are we here? What is the "good life"? What matters most? All are welcome as we explore one of the most enigmatic books of the Bible. We will conclude in time for the **Ash Wednesday service** that begins at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

LIFT: Living In Faith Together - Join us after worship on **Sunday, February 18** for a meal and intergenerational program. Families with children as well as congregants of all ages are invited. Enjoy a meal, Bible reading and discussion, and activity as we begin the season of Lent. It's a great opportunity to share fellowship and faith with our friends and family.

Coming Soon: As Lent begins, we also begin our invitation to support **One Great Hour of Sharing**. This annual appeal addresses world hunger, assists those who suffer from disasters, and lifts up those who wish to improve the circumstances of their lives.

Looking ahead: On **Sunday, February 25**, our church will have bagpipes and a **theremin**. Can you imagine that? The bagpiper comes on the shoulder of Jim Bates, who will bring us an update on Camp Lackawanna. The theremin will be demonstrated during coffee hour by Jason Smeltzer.

For Your Information: Please bear with us as our office is managed by volunteers for a few weeks. Nancy Owens, our church administrator, will be on medical leave. We are fortunate to have many capable volunteers handling the daily operations. If you don't get an immediate response to a phone message or email, please be patient and try again.

Interested in a Presbyterian trip to Scotland? Our church is sponsoring a Presbyterian Heritage Tour of Scotland for September 5-14, 2024. The trip will take our travelers to Edinburgh, Glasgow, St. Andrews, and the mystical island of Iona. A brochure is available in the Narthex. An information session was recorded for your listening. The trip will be capped off at 24 travelers. Interested? Let Rev. Carter know.

Tell us your prayer concerns. Prayer Request Cards are in the pew racks. Pass them to the center aisle to be collected during the first hymn.

Please pray for: Hall, Bob, Bonnie, Betty, Lisa, Janet, Patty, Barb, Tami, Bette, Sharon, Jim, Sonny, Ralph, Linzy, Sue, Dillon, Tony, Aiden, Bill, Margaret, Colleen M., Carmella, LeAnne, Wayne, Dennis V., Liz, Jerry,

Wayne, Gerry, Tracy, Bette, and the families of Gerald Miller, Barb Frutchey and Mary Jen Lawry.

We are grateful for the many ways that people support our church's ministry to the community and world. If you wish to contribute by cell phone, scan here.



This Week at a Glance

Today, February 11

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
- **11 a.m.**, Coffee Hour, downstairs in Fellowship Hall

Monday, February 12

Tuesday, February 13

- **10 a.m.** My Brother's Keeper quilt group, Fellowship Hall
- **7 p.m.**, Mission and Justice, room 206

Wednesday, February 14

- **10:30 a.m.**, Prayer and Share, Room 209
- **6 p.m.**, Adult Education, Room 206
- **7 p.m.**, **Ash Wednesday service**, Sanctuary
- **7:30 p.m.**, Adult Choir, Sanctuary
- **8 p.m.**, Adult Bell Choir, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, February 15

- **8:30 a.m.**, Men's Breakfast, Room 206
- **2:30 p.m.**, Senior Game group, Fellowship Hall
- **5:45 p.m.**, Girl Scouts, Fellowship Hall

Friday, February 16

Saturday, February 17

Sunday, February 18

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
- **11 a.m.**, Coffee Hour, downstairs in Fellowship Hall