

Announcements

Church Response - This will be the last week to donate toiletry items for Church Response. Along with regular toiletry items such as soap, shampoo, and toothpaste, they also need toilet paper and diapers (sizes 2 & 3). Please place your donated items in the baskets in the Narthex (entryway) or bring them to the church office during the week. Thank you for your generosity.

- **Glenna Books, Church Response Board Member.**

Potluck Take-Over - The youth in the Cross Walkers will be taking over the potluck on Sunday, March 1. Come eat at the potluck without having to bring anything! The youth will provide all of the food for the potluck. They are asking for donations to support the Cross Walker Food Bags. Money or easily-opened, non-perishable food items (pop-top cans, individual chips, granola bars, etc.) are greatly appreciated. Our talented youth will also provide musical entertainment during the potluck.

Ash Wednesday - Our Ash Wednesday service will be at 6:00 p.m. on February 26 downstairs in the social room. This will include a soup supper followed by worship.

This Week at First Presbyterian Church

Today:	<i>Wired Word</i>	9:00 a.m.
	<i>Worship</i>	10:00 a.m.
	<i>Fellowship</i>	11:00 a.m.
	<i>Forgiveness Small Group</i>	11:15 a.m.
	<i>PNC</i>	11:30 a.m.
	<i>Youth Group</i>	5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Monday:	<i>Sew & Sews</i>	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday:	<i>Ash Wednesday Service & Soup Supper</i>	6:00 p.m.
	<i>Chancel Choir</i>	7:00 p.m.
Thursday:	<i>Walkabout</i>	7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Friday:	<i>Church Office Closed</i>	
	<i>Walkabout</i>	7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Saturday:	<i>Men's Fellowship</i>	7:00 a.m.
Sunday:	<i>Wired Word</i>	9:00 a.m.
	<i>Worship</i>	10:00 a.m.
	<i>Youth Potluck Take-Over</i>	11:00 a.m.
	<i>Youth Group</i>	5:00 - 7:00 p.m.



Seeking Christ and serving others until all things are made new.

February 23, 2020

Transfiguration of the Lord

Celebration of Worship

Serving This Week

Lector - Ethan Young
 Godly Play - Katie Wiedrich & Donita O'Meara
 AV - Ron Bischoff & Chris Dancy
 Coffee Servers - Tiffany Hunt
 Bus Driver - Rex Field

Serving Next Week

Lector - Avis Tellinghuisen
 Godly Play - No Godly Play
 AV - TBD
 Coffee Servers - Ron & Mary Ann Davis
 Bus Driver - Rex Field

Prayer Requests

Audrey Hamm
 Al Johnson
 Dianne Rodrigue
 Peter Bissonette

First Presbyterian Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Diane Janssen Hemmen	Head of Staff
Paula Zavitz	Pastoral Associate
Dr. Melissa Bumbach	Director of Music Ministry
Shelly Tupper	Office Coordinator/Accompanist
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Welcome, Announcements,
 and Connection Cards (Seated)

Paula Zavitz

Prelude (Seated)

Andrew Bien, piano

Call to Worship (Standing)

Leader: Do you see it?
 In fire and cloud our God appears:
People: the glory of the Lord settles over us.
 Leader: Do you hear it?
 A voice thunders from heaven:
People: "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him."
 Leader: Open your eyes; unstop your ears.
 We are gathered on holy ground.
People: Let us magnify the Lord!

Contemporary Song (Standing)

"Here I Am to Worship" Tim Hughes

Sheet music for this hymn can be found in the Narthex (entryway).

CCLI Song #3266032; CCLI License #954124

Prayer of Confession (Seated) Ethan Young

Leader: When we enter into the Lord’s glorious presence
and behold the holiness of our God,
we find our sin revealed
and our brokenness laid bare.
Of our own accord, we can do nothing to make ourselves worthy
to stand in God’s presence.
But, in infinite mercy, the Most High draws near to us
and envelops us with grace.
Therefore, with confidence, and in hope,
let us confess the ways we have fallen short of God’s glory.

People: **Holy One,**
we search for you amidst
the grand and glorious,
the sacred and serene.
We are eager to bask in your splendor
and dwell with you in sanctuaries
that shelter us from the sorrow of this world.
We forget you are also present in
the ordinary and profane,
the desperate and despised.
You send us back down the mountain
to proclaim your law of grace
and live your command of love—
to follow the path of Jesus.
Forgive us,
embolden us,
show yourself to us
and free us from fear,
that we might be beacons of your light.
Through Christ we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Seated)

Leader: Sisters and brothers, the light of Christ shines in our hearts,
casting out the shadows of sin and death.
Give glory to the Lord of Heaven,
for in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Passing of the Peace (Standing)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: As God has greeted us with his peace,
so let us pass the peace of Christ to each other.

The congregation offers one another signs of welcome, peace and reconciliation.

Response of Praise #582 (Standing)

“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

Stanza 1 only

Children’s Message (Seated)

The First Lesson (Seated)

Matthew 17:1-9

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

The Second Lesson (Seated)

Rev. Dr. Gregg Hemmen

2 Peter 1:16-21

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

The Message (Seated)

“If You Believe... Why Do You Believe?”

Affirmation of Faith (Standing)

All: **In Jesus of Nazareth,**
true humanity was realized once for all.
Jesus, a Palestinian Jew,
lived among his own people
and shared their needs, temptations,
joys, and sorrows.
He expressed the love of God
in word and deed
and became a brother
to all kinds of sinful men and women,
many rejected him and demanded his death.
In giving himself freely for them,
he took upon himself the judgment
under which everyone stands convicted.
God raised him from the dead,
vindicating him as Messiah and Lord.
The victim of sin became victor,
and won the victory
over sin and death for all.

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.08

Concerns and Celebrations (Seated)

Prayers of the People (Seated, ending with *The Lord’s Prayer* in unison)

All: **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.

Gathering of Tithes, Offerings, and Connection Cards (Seated)

Offertory (Seated)

“O Happy Day”

Traditional Gospel

Chancel Choir

John Ter Beest, tenor

Stephen Bone, drums

Andrew Bien, piano

Doxology #606 (Standing)

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Prayer of Dedication (Standing)

Contemporary Song (Standing)

“Be Still and Know”

Steven Curtis Chapman

Sheet music for this hymn can be found in the Narthex (entryway).

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Charge and Benediction (Standing)

Postlude

Andrew Bien, piano

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