

# Welcome All to Sunday Worship Service



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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Presbyterian Church  
February 27, 2022  
Transfiguration of the Lord

**Prelude:** Be Thou My Vision

- Irish Folk Melody/ arr. Gordon Young, 1961

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.  
All: **And also with you!**

**Introit:** Light of The World, We Hail Thee

- John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875/  
William Walker 1809-1875

**Call to Worship**

One: "The LORD is king;  
let the people tremble."  
All: **The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim;  
let the earth shake.**  
One: Proclaim the greatness of the Lord  
and worship upon God's holy hill;  
All: **for the Lord our God is the Holy One.**

**Prayer of the Day** (*unison*)

Holy God, present in our midst yet beyond all comprehension,  
by your light, we see light;  
by your healing, we are made whole;  
by your mercy, we know your greatness.  
Turn your gaze upon our weakness and show us the way of your love  
that we may live with unveiled faces,  
through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.

**\*Opening Hymn:** "O Worship the King"

No. 476

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

**\*Litany for Transfiguration of the Lord**

Blessed is the Lord our God,  
who revealed the law to Moses.  
**The Lord our God is holy!**

Blessed is the Lord our God,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
**The Lord our God is holy!**

Blessed is the Lord our God,  
who came to us in Jesus Christ.  
**The Lord our God is holy!**

The one who spoke and called light out of darkness  
now shines in our hearts.  
**The Lord our God is holy!**

The one who comes and does not keep silence  
now speaks in our midst.  
**The Lord our God is holy!**

Now we have seen the glory of God  
in the face of Jesus Christ.  
**The Lord our God is holy!**

Great God of dazzling beauty  
and overshadowing majesty,  
in Jesus Christ, your beloved,  
we glimpse the image of your glory.  
Teach us to listen to him  
so that we may hear your voice  
and follow your holy way;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**\*Invitation to Confession**

In trust, let us call upon God's holy name,  
confess our sin, and receive forgiveness.

**\*Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

**Merciful and gracious God,  
we bow before your unending compassion,  
the measure of our falling short.  
We have not loved as you command.  
We have not spoken truly.  
We have not cared for creation, including ourselves,  
according to your will.  
What we intend, we have not pursued;  
what we mean to avoid, we embrace.  
Help us to know the mind of Christ,  
that in all thoughts, words, and deeds,  
our lives might come to honor you. Amen.**

**\*Kyrie Eleison**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

When one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed,  
and our sins forgiven.  
Turn now with unveiled faces,  
and see to the health of all creation as newborn children of God.  
Believe in God, Friends!  
Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**\*Gloria Patri**

**Prayer of Illumination**

By your Spirit, O God,  
enlighten our hearts, open our minds,  
fill our vision with your radiance,  
and give us life,  
as we hear your Word today. Amen.

**First Scripture Reading:** Exodus 34:29-35

P. 81 in the Old Testament

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

**Organ Anthem:** Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

-Thomas H. Troeger, 1985

-George Henry Day, 1940

**Second Scripture Reading:** Luke 9:28-36

P. 56 in the New Testament

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

**Sermon:** The Coming of the Second Exodus

Rev. Jim DeMent

Luke 9:31: They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

*Silence and stillness*

**\*Congregational Hymn:** “Fairest Lord Jesus”

No. 306

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**\*Offertory:** Lead, Kindly Light

-John B Dykes

**\*Doxology**

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving** (*unison*)

Holy are you, O Lord!  
We praise your great and awesome name.  
Use us, and these our gifts, in your service,  
to establish justice, righteousness, and equity,  
all for the good of your people  
and the glory of your eternal realm. Amen.

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*)

- Colossians 1:15-20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,  
the firstborn of all creation;  
in him all things in heaven and on earth were created,  
things visible and invisible.  
All things have been created through him and for him.  
He himself is before all things,  
and in him all things hold together.  
He is head of the body, the church;  
he is the beginning,  
the firstborn of the dead,  
so that he might come to have first place in everything.  
For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,  
and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things,  
whether on earth or in heaven,  
by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

**Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer**

**\*Closing Hymn:** “Jesus on the Mountain Peak”

No. 74

**\*Charge**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Benediction:** Walk in the Light

-Bernard Barton, 1784-1849

Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

**Postlude:** O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

- The Agincourt Song, England, c. 1415



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Verse 1

Verse 3

Verse 2

Verse 4

## O Worship the King

O worship the King all-glorious above!  
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love;  
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
The chariots of heaven the deep thunderclouds form,  
And bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, Thy power hath founded of old;  
Hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,  
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

## Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus,  
Ruler of all nature,  
O Thou of God and earth come down,  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor  
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows,  
Fairer still the woodlands,  
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine,  
Fairer still the moonlight,  
And all the twinkling, starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,  
Than all the angels heaven can boast.

## Jesus on the Mountain Peak

Jesus, on the mountain peak  
Stands alone in glory blazing;  
Let us, if we dare to speak,  
Join the saints and angels praising.  
Alleluia!

Trembling at His feet we saw  
Moses and Elijah speaking.  
All the prophets and the law  
Shout through them their joyful greeting:  
Alleluia!

Swift the cloud of glory came,  
God proclaiming, in its thunder,  
Jesus as the Son by name!  
Nations, cry aloud in wonder:  
Alleluia!

This is God's beloved Son!  
Law and prophets sing before Him,  
First and last and only One.  
All creation shall adore Him!  
Alleluia!

## Caregiving Concerns and Prayer Requests

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### FPC Opportunities for Worship & Service

#### Wednesday, March 2

6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service

#### Sunday, March 6

10:30 AM Worship Service

\*Lord's Supper

*A copy of our  
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for In-Person Gatherings  
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### Bulletin Cover

"The Transfiguration of Jesus," an oil on canvas painting by Peter Paul Rubens (1577-1640), appears on our Bulletin cover this morning. The original hangs in the *Musée des Beaux-Arts de Nancy*, one of the oldest museums in France and located in the northeast of that country near the border with Luxemburg.

Although it is a spectacular work of art, two things bother your pastor about this rendition of the Transition. First, Luke says that the disciples "told no one any of the things they had seen" (Lk 9:36), and yet these crowds appear to be looking at the same thing as the disciples. Second, the painting does not portray Jesus in conversation with Moses and Elijah (Lk 9:30), even though this is a critical element of the story.

The conversation is important, because the presence of Moses and Elijah depicts a clear continuum, thorough them to Jesus, in God's interactions with his people. Moreover, Elijah's presence explicitly demonstrates that Jesus is *not* Elijah, the prophet whose return as a messiah was awaited by some. No, Jesus is the Messiah! Finally, the three of them were speaking of Jesus' resurrection (his "departure;" Lk 9:31) to be accomplished at Jerusalem. Moses freed God's people from oppression with the first exodus, Jesus is about to free God's people again from sin and evil with his own exodus through the Resurrection. Easter is coming! Halleluia!

### Clergy, Music, and Administration

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