



Service For The Lord's Day

Transfiguration of the Lord

February 11, 2024 **Those who are able, please stand.* **10:00 A.M. Worship**

WELCOME! We are glad you are worshiping with us today. We pray that you will be challenged and find joy, hope, and celebration in this time spent together in the presence of God. *Please sign and pass the "Ritual of Friendship" booklet; then, return it to the first person.*

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

God of glory, I greet You at the dawning of this day. Let my life proclaim Christ Jesus and the good news of the gospel from the rising of the sun to its setting, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

PRELUDE "Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It" Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

Leader: The glory of God shines like a consuming fire.

All: We have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Leader: The voice of God thunders like a mighty storm.

All: Out of the cloud, God speaks: "This is My beloved Son; listen to Him!"

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION** *(In Unison)*

Holy and mighty God, gather us among Your faithful ones, the people of Your covenant, to stand in the light of Your glory and listen for the word of the Lord, Jesus Christ our savior. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" No. 39

***CALL TO CONFESSION** *(Lay Reader)*

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(In Unison)*

God of all glory, beauty, and grace, we have tried to hide from You – to hide our faces, to hide our sins – 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. Amen.

***KYRIE**

No. 574

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *(Lay Reader)*

***GLORIA PATRI**

No. 579

GOD’S PEOPLE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION *(In Unison)*

Speak to us, O Lord our God, and let the fire of Your Spirit burn brightly in our hearts. Open our minds to receive the wisdom of the law, the hope of the prophets, and the life of the gospel: Jesus Christ, Your living Word. Amen.

FIRST READING

2 Kings 2:1-12

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Ev’ry Time I Feel the Spirit”
Shawn Marko, Bass

Williamson

SECOND READING

Mark 9:2-9

SERMON

“Winds of Change”

Judi Bender, CRE

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

excerpt from the Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the

world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating His sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you

All: And also with you.

**(Please greet nearby worshipers and return to your seat.)*

HYMN

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.”

OFFERTORY

“When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder”

Hayes

***DOXOLOGY**

No. 592

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

(In Unison)

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the light of love around us and the fire of faith within us. As we go forth from this place, let our lives reflect the One Who is the image of Your glory: Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

***HYMN**

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

No. 700

GOD’S PEOPLE GO FORTH TO SERVE

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

BENEDICTION

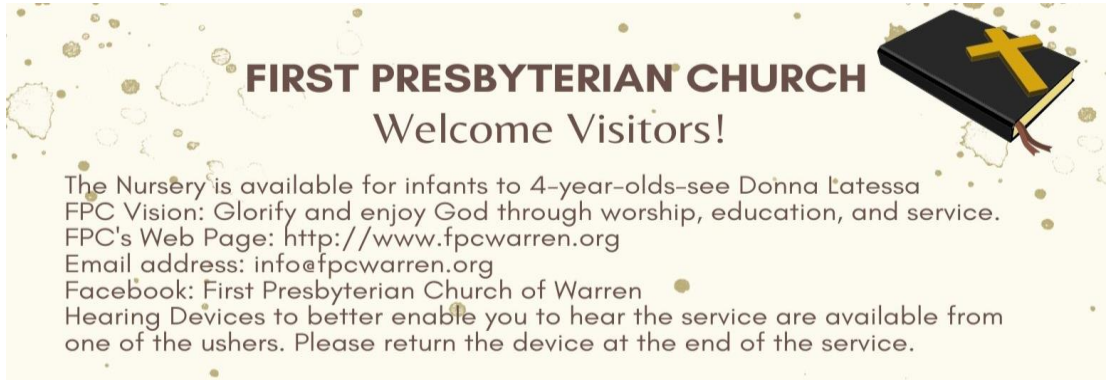
“Amen”

POSTLUDE

“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks”

Hayes

***THE CELEBRATION HAS ENDED;
LET OUR SERVICE BEGIN!***



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Welcome Visitors!

The Nursery is available for infants to 4-year-olds-see Donna Latessa
FPC Vision: Glorify and enjoy God through worship, education, and service.
FPC's Web Page: <http://www.fpcwarren.org>
Email address: info@fpcwarren.org
Facebook: First Presbyterian Church of Warren
Hearing Devices to better enable you to hear the service are available from one of the ushers. Please return the device at the end of the service.

WELCOME BACK, Judi Bender! Judi is a retired social worker for Copeland Oaks and a retired Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE), having had the privilege of serving Vienna Presbyterian Church as their pastor for 10 years, retiring in 2012.

THE DEACONS would like to thank all who remember the Deacons' Cupboard while shopping. They are requesting **bar soap, toilet paper, and Kleenex** for the month of **February**. You may leave your items in the Deacons' box in Fellowship Hall.

RADIO MINISTRY is funded today by **Ray and JoAnn Rubrake**. Our service is broadcast at 10:00 a.m. Sundays on 1570 AM and 97.7 FM. If you would like to contribute to this ministry, donations designated for the Radio Ministry may be placed in the offering box; contributions may also be mailed to the Church Office with "Radio Ministry" in the memo of the check. Our Radio Ministry costs \$125.00 per week; your financial support will keep this ministry alive.

CHILI COOK OFF - Join your fellow church friends **today**, after church in Fellowship Hall as we celebrate "**FAT SUNDAY.**" We will kick-off our Lenten activities this year with our famous **Chili Cook-off**. To sample all the delicious chili and be part of the festivities, the fee is \$4 for adults over 12; children under 12 eat free! All proceeds will benefit our Deacons' Local Missions.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Join us on **Wednesday, February 14, at 7:00 p.m.** for a special Ash Wednesday service that includes the imposition of ashes.

PASSING OF THE PEACE: While the passing of the peace may seem like an afterthought or some modern invention added to an ancient, sacred liturgy, it is, in fact, one of the oldest parts of our liturgy. When we pass the peace of Christ after confessing our sins to God, we can be “right” with our brothers and sisters in Christ. We can acknowledge that the Christ-given, Holy Spirit-empowered peace is a reality within us, a testimony of God’s grace working within our lives. Therefore, the passing of the peace is not a nicety or passive gesture; it is a bold act of declaring our reconciliation as children of God.

LENTEN STUDY: Join us **Friday, February 16**, at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This study is based on the movie “The Shack.” Each week, we will enjoy dinner and fellowship together followed by a video and discussion. Each week is self-contained; if you cannot attend each week, you can still participate. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall so we know how many are attending. A dinner of soup and bread will be provided.

THE ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE CONGREGATION AND CORPORATION will be held in the Sanctuary on **Sunday, February 18, 2024**, immediately following worship for the purposes of receiving annual reports for the fiscal year 2023, selecting at-large members for the Nominating Committee, and conducting any other business that may properly come to the floor. Please exercise your ecclesiastical citizenship and plan to be present.

THE DESSERT AND DIALOGUE WOMEN’S GROUP will meet on **Thursday, February 15, at 12:00 p.m.** in the Parlor to discuss Chapter Five of *Kitchen Table Wisdom, Stories That Heal* by Rachel Naomi Remen, M.D.



YOU ARE INVITED to a “**Be My Valentine Bash**” on **February 18** after the Congregational Meeting. Come and celebrate this day of love and friendship with some sweet treats to set your heart aflutter.



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GUEST PASTOR:
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY:
DIRECTOR OF FAMILY AND YOUTH MINISTRY:
LAY READER:
RADIO, LIGHTS AND SOUND SYSTEM:
VIDEO PROJECTION:

*Judi Bender, CRE
Melanie A. Vlad
Marissa Welke
Susan Nadenichek
Alexis Musgrove
Bob Stahl*

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sun, Feb. 11	- Choir Rehearsal 8:30 am - Worship 10:00 am - Sunday School 10:15 am - Chili Cook-Off, FH 11:15 am - Directory Photo Sessions, P 11:30 am
Mon, Feb. 12	- OA, P 10:00 am - Girl Scouts, B 5:30 pm - AA, MC 7:00 pm
Tues, Feb. 13	- Al-Anon, MC 9:30 am - NA, MC 7:00 pm
Wed, Feb. 14	- Ash Wednesday - Relay for Life, FH..... 6:00 pm - AA, MC 6:30 pm - Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 pm
Thur, Feb. 15	- Dessert and Dialogue Women’s Study, P 12:00 pm - Worship Meeting, Z 7:00 pm
Fri, Feb. 16	- Church Office Closed - Lenten Study, FH 6:00 pm
Sat, Feb. 17	- AA, MC 11:00 am
Sun, Feb. 18	- First Sunday in Lent - Worship 10:00 am - Sunday School 10:15 am - Annual Congregational Meeting 11:15 am - Deacons’ Valentine Reception, FH 11:30 am

FH-Fellowship Hall MC-Mable Culver P-Parlor B-Badger Hall T-Tieffle Lounge Z-Zoom