

they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” ³⁶ 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.

This is the Word of the Lord./**Thanks be to God!**

Ceci est la Parole du Seigneur./**Gloire à Dieu** (pronounced “glow-ah ah dew”)

Sermon *The Masks We Wear* (This has nothing to do with COVID masks.) Rachel Matthews

Anthem *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me* (Traditional Spiritual) arr. Eurydice V. Osterman
Stephen Burdsall, soloist

We Respond to God’s Word

As God invites us to be disciples of his Son, we prayerfully respond to God with affirmations of faith and acts of self-giving, commitment, and thanksgiving.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Concern

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.**

We Go Out In God’s Name

*Having gathered together in God’s name and been fed by God’s Holy Word,
we go out in God’s name bearing the peace of Christ to the world.*

❖ **Hymn for Commitment #295** *Go to the World!*

❖ **Charge and Benediction**

❖ **Congregational Sung Benediction #611** *Joyful, Joyful* (vs. 1)

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

❖ **Postlude**

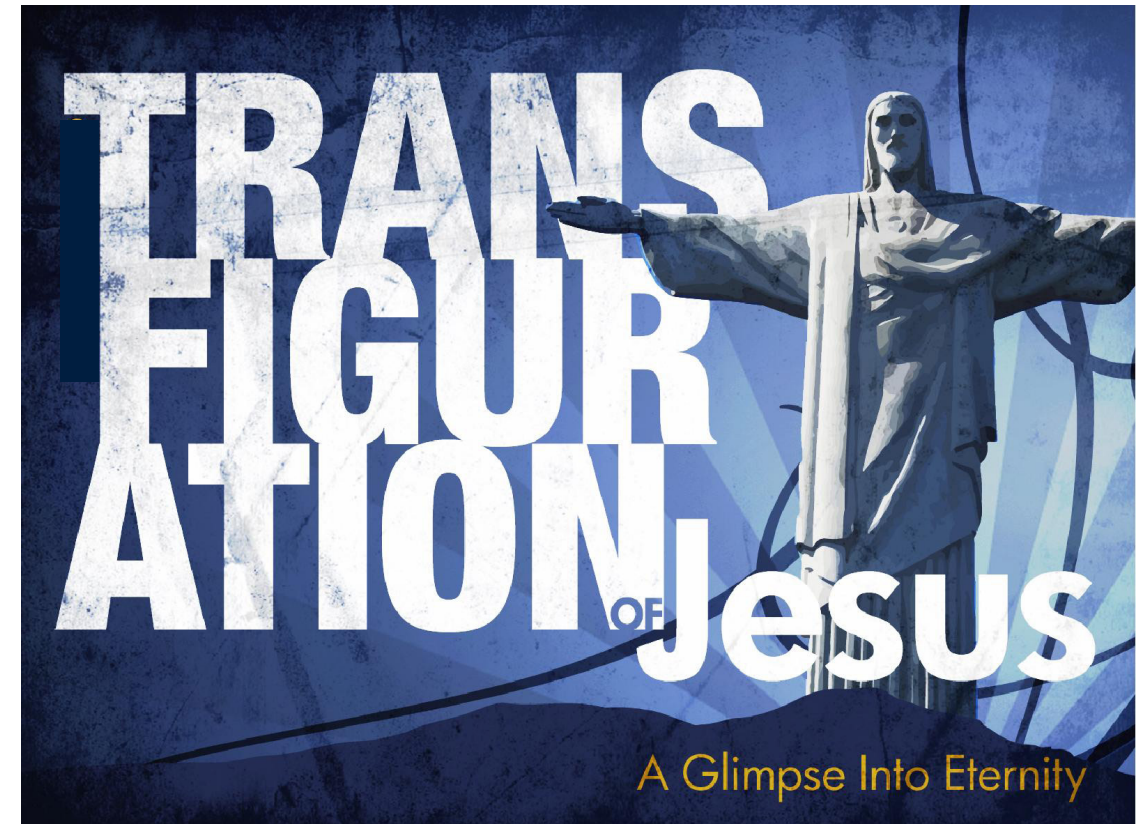
❖ Please stand if able. Remain seated if need be.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

February 27, 2022 Transfiguration of the Lord



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church
Bienvenue à La Première Eglise Presbytérienne de Champaign
Bienvenidos a La Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana

삼페인 제일 장로교회에 오신것을 환영합니다.

Si vous souhaitez que le service soit traduit en français,
procurez-vous un récepteur et des écouteurs à l’arrière du sanctuaire.

Welcome to worship!

When you enter the sanctuary, please be mindful of the silent prayers of those around you.

*We invite you to share your contact info in the Friendship Pad when passed, then to stop by our Welcome Center downstairs in Westminster Hall after the service. Mingle with other friends and guests and learn more about this congregation's ministry. **Welcome home!***

We Gather Together In God's Holy Name

God calls us together as "children." Wonderful it is to be so loved! Our natural response is worship.

Prelude

Chiming on the Hour of Tower Bell

Act of Friendship & Sharing of Prayer Concerns

Please pass the Friendship Pad and list prayer concerns on the prayer request cards in the pen.

Greeting & Announcements

❖ **Call to Worship** (*Psalm 99*)

The Lord is great

and exalted over all the peoples.

Mighty King and lover of justice

You have established equity, justice and righteousness.

Extol the Lord our God; worship at God's holy mountain.

For the Lord our God is Holy.

❖ **Hymn #623** *I've Got Peace Like a River*

Call to Confession

Confident in God's grace, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

O God, give us grace to lift up our eyes from the routine and every day, to grasp a vision of your awesome creative majesty. Give us grace to stand back from the familiar, to see the worth of each person in your sight. Give us grace to lift up our eyes from 'the way things have always been,' to see them transformed by your radiant presence. Give us grace to carefully consider our priorities, and measure them against the priorities of wholeness and compassion highlighted for us by Jesus Christ.

Assurance of Pardon

On mountaintops and in valleys, in our hopes and in our hearts, God knows us better than we know ourselves, and God forgives us when we cannot forgive ourselves!

By God's mercy, we are forgiven; by God's mercy, we are made whole; by God's mercy, we are equipped to serve others. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Passing of the Peace (*Waves not touches!*)

Invitation to the Offering *We are invited to return God's tithes and give our offering.*

Offertory

Sung Response #647 *Give Thanks*

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ the Son.

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And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"

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Prayer of Dedication

We Gather Around God's Holy Name

At the center of Christian life and worship is God's Word incarnate in Christ and God's Word as recorded in scripture. We hear the story of God's love in scripture and sacrament and we say, "Thanks be to God!"

Word with Children

Prayer for Illumination #466 *Come and Fill Our Hearts*

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!

Gospel 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 (NT pg. 179)

¹² Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³ not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴ But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵ Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶ but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

⁴ Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Luke 9:28-36 (NT pg. 69)

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² 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. ³³ 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. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and

This Week

Sunday, February 27

- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:15 AM Sunday School/Gather in Westminster Hall
- 10:15 AM Adult Sunday School/Sanctuary
- 10:15 AM Worship/Windsor of Savoy
- 11:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Zoom
- 11:15 AM The Gathering/Chapel
- 1:00 PM APNC/Parlor

Monday, February 28

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Zoom
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Parlor & Zoom
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 3:00 PM DREAAM Cooking Club/Centennial Hall Kitchen
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, March 1

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Zoom
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Zoom
- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor & Zoom
- 11:30 AM Dinner for One/Centennial Hall
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 4:30 PM Community Mission Deacons/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:00 PM DREAAM/Centennial Hall
- 5:30 PM DREAAM Cheer-Dance Clinic/Gym

Wednesday, March 2

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Zoom
- 1:30 PM Pakistan Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 3:00 PM ESL Classes/Zoom
- 3:45 PM DREAAM Cooking Class/Centennial Hall Kitchen
- 5:30 PM DREAAM Cheer-Dance Clinic/Gym
- 6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service/Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM Adult Choir/Choir Room
- 7:30 PM ESL Classes/Zoom

Thursday, March 3

- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Zoom
- 12:30 PM Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 2:30 PM Congregational Care Deacons/Zoom
- 4:00 PM Spiritual Formation/Zoom
- 6:30 PM Compassion, Peace & Justice/Zoom

Friday, March 4 Church Office closes at noon

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom
- 7:30 PM Friday Nite Lights Study/Zoom

Saturday, March 5

- 6:00 PM French Prayer/Zoom

Announcements

- We are glad you're here!** Questions about First Pres, contact **Pastor Matt** or call the church office.
- Bruce Rainey** is our liturgist this morning. We would love to have you serve as a liturgist! If interested, please contact **Carol Miles**.
- Everyone **must wear a mask** indoors for safety. Thank you!
- Sunday School is back meeting in person!** Children will gather in Westminster Hall to meet with their teachers and walk over to the CE building. Lessons begin at 10:15 AM. Pick up is at 11:05 AM in the alley by the CE door. Masks must be worn over the nose and mouth at all times while indoors.
- This morning following worship in the sanctuary **John Muirhead** and **Mark and Kathy Schoeffmann** will be speaking at the Adult Sunday School on the Refugee Center's work with the Afghanistan Refugees. Please join us.
- If unable to attend church**, catch our 9 AM service live each Sunday morning at firstpres.live. The Sunday **sermon** is available on-line anytime or on WDWS 1400AM the next Sunday at 10:30 AM.
- The Rev. Dr. Rachel Matthews** will preach at this morning's 10:15 AM service at the Windsor of Savoy. **Gary Peterson** is preaching at Paxton Federated Presbyterian Church on Sunday as part of Amateur Preachers program.
- Lent begins this Wednesday, March 2**, with our **Ash Wednesday** service and the imposition of ashes at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary. You can pick up a **Lenten Daily Devotional**, *Full to the Brim*, this morning from one of the kiosks or at the Welcome Center.
- Bach Concerts** presented by the U of I Choral Department will be held Wednesdays at 12 noon in the Sanctuary. Join us March 9 and 30; and April 6 and 20. Concerts are free and open to the public. Masks required.
- Two new small groups are starting.** One is for lunch, the other for dinner. Join us on Wednesday, March 2, at 11:30 AM in Centennial Hall. Catered by Michael's Catering at a cost of \$12. Or come to dinner on Wednesday, March 9, at 5 PM at Biaggi's. RSVP to the church office. Each participant covers their own cost.
- Help stock our **Free Little Pantry**. Supplies are very low and much appreciated during these cold winter months. Suggested items are small cereal boxes, self opening cans, protein bars, granola bars, small Kleenex packs, nuts and dried fruits. Items can be dropped off in the church office or Westminster Hall.
- If you or a loved one is **in the hospital or in need of a pastoral visit**, contact the church office.
- The **February newsletter** is available in the kiosks or at firstpres.church/newsletter.
- The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held Sunday, March 6, immediately following the 9 AM service.**