



Transfiguration of the Lord • February 15, 2026

Glorify God, Make Disciples of Jesus Christ, and Meet Human Needs

GATHERING

God, as this new day dawns, may your Spirit guide my feet and reveal you to me in new ways as I walk through your world today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

Beautiful Savior

M. Burkhardt

* CALL TO WORSHIP

The Holy One is our sovereign.

Let us praise God's great and awesome name!

Mighty ruler, lover of justice,

you have made yourself known among us.

* HYMN 193

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

UNSER HERRSCHER

CONFESSiON AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Glorious God, you are all wisdom and a lamp to our feet, yet we fail to listen to you and neglect to follow your guidance. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us on, that we may walk in your ways and be happy in your refuge; in Jesus our Christ we pray. Now, O Lord, transform us as we continue our confession in silence.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, Believe the Good News of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

* ACT OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

Hymn 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

This is the Word of the Lord.

Exodus 24:12-18 (NRSV)

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Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (11 A.M.)

How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings
Dr. Serendipity Zapanta Rinonos, violin

S. Liddle

Violin arr. S. Z. Rinonos

How lovely are Thy dwellings, O Lord of Hosts! My soul longeth, yea, fainteth, for the courts of the Lord: My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house, and the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young, even Thine altars, even Thine altars, O Lord of Hosts, my King and my God. O Lord God of Hosts, hear my prayer. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand.

(Based on Psalm 84:1-3, 10)

*All that are able please stand.

Please take a moment to silence all electronic devices for worship. Thank you.

Additional service information is included under **TODAY IN WORSHIP** to enhance your worship experience.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.)

Sarah Whitfield

*(Afterward, children in kindergarten through 2nd grade will be dismissed to Kids-4-God.)***GOSPEL READING**

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Matthew 17:1-9 (NRSV)

Thanks be to God.

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SERMON

The Transfiguration of the Lord

Rev. Mark Hults

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**RESPONDING***** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING**OFFERTORY**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

D. Forrest

Erick Soan, baritone

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father! There is no shadow of turning with Thee! Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not. As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be. Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see! All I have needed Thy hand hath provided, Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest; sun, moon, and stars in their courses above, join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Pardon for sin, and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow: blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*** DOXOLOGY**

Hymn 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*** PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING****The Lord be with you.****And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.*** 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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

(Gluten-Free Bread)

PRAYER

SENDING

* HYMN 354	Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory	BATTLE HYMN
* BENEDICTION		
* POSTLUDE	Sunday Joy!	M. Hayes

TODAY IN WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS: Jonathon Haney, Mark Hults, Fred Lundy, Matt Mitchell, Rose Anna Rutledge, Sarah Whitfield
ELDER ON DUTY: Rose Anna Rutledge

ACOLYTE: Bella de Fretes

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

CHAPEL USHER: Tom Chamberlain; **SANCTUARY USHERS:** Paul Bennet, Mary Lou Schubert, Stephanie Tyler

A/V TEAM: Owen Best, Dania Moreno, Robert Richardson, Elijah West

THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP are given to the glory of God and in memory of William O'Brien by the FitzGerald family.

TODAY IS TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY, the time when we celebrate the glorious revelation of God in Jesus Christ. On a high mountain Jesus is transfigured. The prelude, gathering hymn, and sending hymn all connect to the Matthew 17:1-9 passage. The anthem, offertory, and postlude are songs of praise. We are thankful to Dr. Serendipity Zapanta Rinonos for playing violin with us in today's worship. Our offertory is sung by Erick Soan, who is a graduate student at UF in Educational Technology. He's been a leader in his youth choir at his church in Indonesia and loves singing. This is his first solo at First Presbyterian Church, and we are grateful that he sings with us each week as part of the Chancel Choir.

Thank you for joining us in worship today. We pray that you experience Christ's presence in our midst and that His presence will sustain you in the week ahead. Visitors are welcome to participate in the worship and the work of First Presbyterian Church. If you feel a call to commit your life to Jesus Christ and His Church, please speak to the pastor or an elder after worship.

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193 Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

Some version of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-9/Mark 9:2-9/Luke 9:28-36) is always read on the last Sunday after the Epiphany. In this text that foretaste of Christ's glorification helps to prepare Peter, James, and John for their roles as proclaimers of "God's beloved Son."

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 24:12-18 (NRSV)

¹² The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction."

¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 17: 1-9 (NRSV)

¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves.² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸ And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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354 Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory



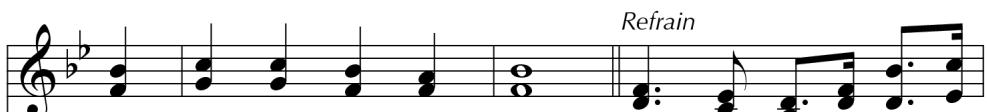
1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com-ing of the Lord;
 2 God has sound-ed forth the trum-pet that shall nev - er call re - treat
 3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a-cross the sea,



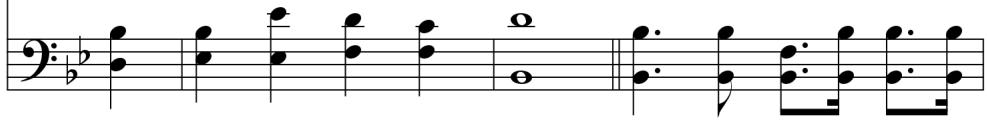
he is tram-pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
 and is sift - ing out all hu - man hearts be - fore the judg - ment seat;
 with a glo - ry in his bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me;



he has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword.
 O be swift, my soul, to an - swer; O be ju - bi - lant my feet!
 as he died to make us ho - ly, let us live to make all free,



God's truth is march - ing on.
 Our God is march - ing on. Glo - ry, glo - ry hal - le -
 while God is march - ing on.



CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT

The musical score consists of two staves. The soprano staff (G clef) has lyrics: "lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry," and "glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah! God's truth is march - ing on." The bass staff (F clef) provides harmonic support with sustained notes and chords. The music is in 2/4 time, with a key signature of one flat.

Though its biblical roots are often overlooked, this text incorporates many apocalyptic images such as the coming of the Lord in glory (Matthew 24:30/Mark 13:26/Luke 21:27), the winepress (Isaiah 63:3; Revelation 14:19, 19:15), and the sharp sword (Isaiah 27:1; Revelation 19:15).

TEXT: Julia W. Howe, 1861, alt.
MUSIC: American melody, 19th cent.

BATTLE HYMN
15.15.15.6 with refrain



Hymn Festival Concert for a Cause - Sunday, February 15

At 4 p.m., join published hymn composer Robert A. Hobby, the Gainesville Brass Quintet, percussion, children's and adult choirs, and handbells for this hymn festival on life's journey. Be renewed by treasured hymns and learn some new favorites as we reflect on the life of faith together.



Thank you for being SOUPER Carers!

We are pleased to announce that our Souper Bowl of Caring event last Sunday raised \$2,450 for Gainesville Community Ministries! Special thanks go to our youth and college students for hosting and serving! And a huge thank you to everyone who donated—whether through money, time, or cooking one of the delicious soups. We are grateful for your involvement and commitment to making a difference!

1stpc Music Lunch Series - Tuesday, February 17 at 12:15 p.m.

The Edward White Trio is a jazz ensemble dedicated to preserving and reinterpreting the rich heritage of jazz music. Journey with them through the beloved melodies and lyrical depth of the Great American Songbook. Gather in the sanctuary for the concert and bring your own lunch or purchase one for \$5.

Ash Wednesday Worship

Worship will be held in the sanctuary on February 18 at 6:30 p.m. led by our Confirmation students, Cherub Choir, Junior Choir, and Senior Choir. Join us as we begin the Lenten season with worship, Holy Communion, and the Imposition of Ashes.

College Scholarships

Pick up an application form in the church office or by email at business@1stpc.org. Submit the application, transcripts, and two letters of recommendation by Friday, March 27.

Year-End Contribution Statements

Statements will be sent upon request. Please email or call Trudy Bonerba and specify if you prefer to receive your statement by email or regular mail.

Trumpet & Organ Concert - Friday, February 27 at 7 p.m.

Acclaimed Minnesota Orchestra and former Canadian Brass trumpeter Charles Lazarus teams up with organist and former Director of the National Lutheran Choir, David Cherwien for an evening of exciting and virtuosic music making. For more information, visit www.1stpcmusic.org.

Cutie Pie Delivery Today

Cutie Pies will be available for elders, deacons, and members to pick up and deliver to homebound and facility residents after worship in Gordon Hall. The boxes will have a label with the recipient's address and phone number and are arranged by zip code. Please deliver on Sunday, February 15, or refrigerate the pies if you plan to deliver on Monday, February 16. Beth Wood will be in the area between the serving room and Gordon Hall from 9:30 to 10:45 and after 11 a.m. worship if you have questions.

Pick-up a calendar page from the ushers or click the link in the weekly email for all this week's ministry events. Children's worship guides are available at all entrances.

Online Contributions



Visit our website, www.1stpc.org, to make an online donation. Click the GIVE button at the top of the page. You can contribute to the General Budget or use the drop-down menu, change to Other, and specify the designated ministry in the memo section. Text contributions, bill pay through your bank, and electronic funds transfers are also options. Contact Trudy Bonerba.



T-Coil installed in the sanctuary, and Hearing Assist devices available in the Narthex.

Tune in to Cox Channel 11 now from 9-10 a.m. for our televised broadcast [cc](#) or MyTV 28.2 for over the air broadcasts

Current Worship video, audio, and archives at 1stpc.org

Ministries & Staff

At First Presbyterian Preschool, children are fully prepared for school in a caring, Christian environment. Classes are offered 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Early Childhood Accredited.

Preschool Director

LISA HERSHKOWITZ - preschool@1stpc.org

Our Children and Youth Ministries provide a multi-generational approach of Christian example as the church family comes alongside parents to lead children to become fully devoted disciples of Jesus Christ.

Nursery Care during worship for children 6 weeks through pre-kindergarten. **Contact:** Victoria Bernard - toralleigh@gmail.com

Kindergarten through 2nd grade children are excused from worship for **Kids-4-God** to spend time growing their faith on Sundays during the school year. **Contact:** Evelyn Lewis - cityfr122@gmail.com

LOGOS is a mid-week ministry during the school year with worship arts, Bible time, recreation, and family dinner for students age 3 through high school. **Contact:** Bev Vloedman dvloedman@aol.com

Youth Connection meets for fellowship and food with Bible study and mentoring for students in grades 6-12. (see YA&FM contact)

Our College Ministry seeks to launch students into a life of pursuing Christ, trusting in Him, and growing with others. Join us for Sunday worship & lunch and Tuesday Bible study at 7 p.m. Bring a friend!

Director of College Ministry
JONATHON HANEY - college@1stpc.org

Young Adult & Family Ministry (YA&FM) is for marrieds and singles, with or without kids, in grad school or in vocation. We gather for Bible Studies and to get to know each other better and would love the chance to do life with you.

Director of Young Adult & Family Ministry
FRED LUNDY - youngadult@1stpc.org

With choirs for ages three and above, our **Music Ministry** welcomes everyone to sing or ring and to dedicate their music to God. Our concert season includes Concerts for a Cause, which support local and global mission partners.

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Weekly Calendar

Sunday, February 15, 2026

Transfiguration of the Lord

- 8:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion - Iona Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover Class: Mark 14 - Ross Teigen - Library
- 9:30 a.m. The "Hobby" of Hymn Writing with Robert A. Hobby
- 9:45 a.m. Multiply Class: Luke 3:21-4:13 - Dan Sutton - Room 201
- 10:45 a.m. Nursery Care - Room 204
- 11:00 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion - Sanctuary
- 11:20 p.m. Kids-4-God - Room 217
- 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time - Gordon Hall AND Cutie Pie Delivery
- 12:00 p.m. College Cafe - Serving Room
- 12:15 p.m. Guitar Class - Room 201
- 2:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 2:45 p.m. Carol, Joyful, & Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 3:00 p.m. Cherub, Junior, & Senior Choirs Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Hymn Festival featuring Robert A. Hobby

Monday, February 16, 2026

Presidents' Day

Church Office and Preschool Closed

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Parlor
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch Series - Edward White Jazz Trio
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting - Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Trajectory College Bible Study - Gordon Hall

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

- 3:30 p.m. LOGOS - Enter through sanctuary doors or gate on SW 1st Ave
- 5:45 p.m. LOGOS Family Time Dinner - Gordon Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship - Sanctuary

Thursday, February 19, 2026

- 6:00 p.m. Carol Ringers - Bell Room 215
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir - Choir Room

Friday, February 20, 2026

Saturday, February 21, 2026

Sunday, February 22, 2026

First Sunday in Lent

- 8:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion - Iona Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover Class: Mark 15 - Ross Teigen - Library
- 9:45 a.m. Multiply Class: Lent Study - Room 201
- 10:45 a.m. Nursery Care - Room 204
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
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