

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 2, 2025

Transfiguration Sunday

10:00 a.m.

*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

LITURGIST: Tina Mendoza

PRELUDE

Pendaneni: Love One Another

Cathy Moglebust

FPC Bell Choir

WELCOMING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE

INTROIT

Open Your Ears, O Faithful People

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: Blessed is the Lord our God, who revealed the law to Moses.

All: The Lord our God is holy!

One: Blessed is the Lord our God, who has spoken through the prophets.

All: The Lord our God is holy!

One: Blessed is the Lord our God, who came to us in Jesus Christ.

All: The Lord our God is holy!

One: The one who spoke and called light out of darkness now shines in our hearts.

All: The Lord our God is holy!

One: The one who comes and does not keep silence now speaks in our midst.

All: The Lord our God is holy!

One: Now we have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

All: The Lord our God is holy!

***HYMN #190**

Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

Geneva

CALL TO CONFESSION (liturgist)

Jesus said: Nothing is hidden that will not be disclosed, nor is anything secret that will not come to light. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Eternal God, we confess that we do not expect and long for the transforming power of your love to work miracles in these hard hearts of ours. Yet we secretly long for a rescue, an escape, a miracle, to relieve us of the responsibilities and the challenges you set before us. Healing Spirit, renew our confidence in your power and in the power of love to change our lives, and give us courage to be the fully responsible persons Christ calls us to be. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE

Spirit, Open My Heart

DECLARATION OF PARDON (responsive)

One: The one who calls light out of darkness now shines in our hearts to reveal the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God. Amen!

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

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*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,
whose grace has pardoned me and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen. (3X)
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MOMENT FOR EDUCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 34:29-35

ANTHEM

Little Innocent Lamb

Stacey V. Gibbs

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

SERMON

An Unveiled Life

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Great 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.

Prayers

Sanctus Hymn #552

Holy, Holy, Holy

Land of Rest

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Distribution of the Elements

Communion

OFFERING OUR TITHES and GIFTS

Offertory I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

FPC Bell Choir

***Doxology (Unison) Hymn #606**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**



Venmo

*HYMN #694 *Great God of Every Blessing* Aurelia
 *CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
 *BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Know That God Loves You* Carson Cooman
 POSTLUDE *Toccata in E Minor* Johann Pachelbel

PRAYERS: All those adversely affected by war and all acts of violence, all victims of hate crimes, Megan (Jenny Ludwig's great-niece), Miranda Douglas, Kat Nic, Scarlet Gensler-Nic, Lyn Long, Marcy St. John, Linda Myers, Ken Oman, Scott Muellich & David & Mindy Shaner (relatives of Scotty Huntington); Anna Beeker's parents, Jenny Breyer (niece of Mary Clarke), Mahmoud & family, the LGBTQIA+ Community, all victims of abuse, racial inequalities, those picking up and trying to recover from surgery and loss.

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Christ Welcomes All Here!

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Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

1. Swiftly pass the clouds of glory, heaven's voice, the dazzling light; Moses and Elijah vanish; Christ alone commands the height! Peter, James, and John fall silent, turning from the summit's rise downward toward the shadowed valley where their Lord has fixed his eyes.
2. Glimpsed and gone the revelation, they shall gain and keep its truth, not by building on the mountain any shrine or sacred booth, but by following the Savior Through the valley to the cross and by testing faith's resilience through betrayal, pain, and loss.
3. Lord, transfigure our perception with the purest light that shines, and recast our life's intentions to the shape of your designs, till we seek no other glory than what lies past Calvary's hill and our living and our dying and our rising by your will.

Great God of Every Blessing

1. Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care, you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share. How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start: sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.
2. Your Word is our salvation, the source of endless grace, in death and life extending your covenant embrace. In Christ we are one body; each member has a part: sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.
3. Your Spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search, transforming broken people into the holy church. For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom you impart: sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

Week of Mar 2 thru Mar 9

SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service w/Communion
	4:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts (Green Lounge)
	7:00 p.m.	Meditation/Recovery Group (Green Lounge)
MONDAY		OFFICE IS CLOSED
TUESDAY	1:00 p.m.	Book Group (Library)
	2:00 p.m.	Green Team (Gr. Lounge)
	8:00 p.m.	A.A. (FH)
WEDNESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sorting Clothes in the Deacons' Shop
	6:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday meal (FH)
	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday worship service (Sanctuary)
THURSDAY	9:30 a.m.	Deacons' Shop is open to the public
		Staff meeting in Pastor Jeff's office
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir rehearsal (Bell Room)
	7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Meditation Group (FH)
FRIDAY	6:00 p.m.	First Friday at the Cocina de Carlos (Waterville)
SATURDAY	10:00 a.m.	WC Mobile Health Clinic (Church parking lot)
SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service



Ash Wednesday - On **Wednesday, March 5**, we will begin our observation of a holy Lent by **sharing a simple meal together at 6 p.m.** followed by our **Ash Wednesday service at 7 p.m.** Everyone is invited to attend either or both parts. No reservation is required for the meal. The service will include an imposition of ashes.



First Friday will be March 7 @ 6:00 pm at Cocina de Carlos, 205 Farnsworth Rd in Waterville. We do not have to go upstairs! RSVP to Nettie Rose, nettierose@aol.com, 419-262-7889.

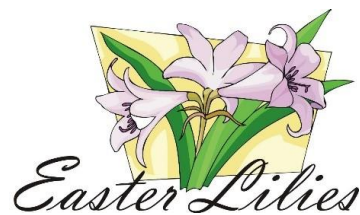


The **Chili Cook-off** for raising funds for our youth to go to Camp and Triennium this year will be **March 16th**. If you would like to test out your best chili, sign-up with Amanda to bring a chili. (There will be prizes!) OR bring an empty stomach ready for chili on the 16th! Corn bread and crackers will be provided.



Helping Hands is an ecumenical project supporting the BG community with food and hygiene items on the second Friday of the month.

Our church supports the program with donations of hygiene and cleaning products. For March, we are in need of **laundry detergent, dryer sheets, dish soap, sponges, shampoo and cream rinse, body wash, toothbrushes, toothpaste, baby diapers (sizes 2-6), wet wipes.** Your donations are greatly appreciated and will be picked up from the bin located in the church lobby on Sunday, March 9th for the next distribution date of Friday, March 14th.



Easter Lilies

Presbyterian Women are pleased to offer 13 white Easter Lilies for sale to decorate the church sanctuary for Easter and to commemorate and honor the memory of loved

ones. The price is \$14.00 per plant. **Checks should be made payable to Presbyterian Women with the word "lily" on the memo line.**

Money may be placed in the church offering plate or mailed to the Church office. **The deadline to request and turn in money is Thursday, April 3, or until the lilies are sold out.** Families who purchase flowers may pick them up after the Easter Service on April 20.

Please fill out your Easter Lily order with the following information:

Name _____

Phone number _____

In Memory or Honor of _____

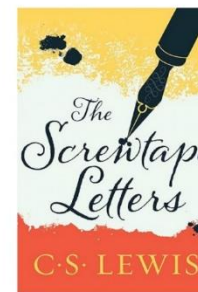
Number of plants ordered _____

WE MEET *A Wednesday time of community and learning*

We Meet will be starting up in March! This semester we are going to try a book study on the book "The Screwtape Letters" by C.S. Lewis. We will be doing the study March 19, 26, and April 2, 9. If you are interested in the study please see Amanda. We can get a copy to borrow from the Library for you! You are of course welcome to buy your own copy if wanted.

Dinner is at 5:30 and lessons begin at 6:15. Remember, We Meet is a time to gather and commune as you are we meet from 5:30 - 7:00pm but feel free to come and go when you can. You are welcome here!

"C.S. Lewis's The Screwtape Letters has entertained and enlightened readers the world over with its sly and ironic portrayal of human life and foibles from the unique vantage point of Screwtape, a highly placed assistant to "Our Father Below." At once wildly comic, deadly serious, and strikingly original, C.S. Lewis gives us the correspondence of the wordly-wise devil to his nephew Wormwood, a novice demon in charge of securing the damnation of an ordinary young man. The Screwtape Letters is the most engaging account of temptation—and triumph over it—ever written."



The **Hospitality and Membership Committee** is still looking for people to help with set up/clean up and provide food for coffee hour after our church services. This is an easy way to get involved and committee members will help you get started. The sign-up sheet is in the fellowship hall.

LENTEN STUDY

40 Days of Reflection

Our daily lenten study will begin March 5th. There will be a daily verse and reflection posted on our Facebook page as well as an ask to put so many coins in your One Great Hour of Sharing boxes based on each reflection. Boxes and study calendars can be picked up at the church starting March 2nd. If you do not have access to facebook but still would like the daily reflections. Ask Amanda to be put on the daily e-mail list.



Two members (Nettie Rose & Shirley Brannan) of our church choir sing in the Perrysburg Chorale and have upcoming concerts you may be interested in attending. **On March 8th at 7 pm** they will be **at First Presbyterian Church in Maumee** and on **March 9th at 3 pm** they will perform at **All Saints Church in Rossford**. Both concerts are free and open to the public.

