

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR MAR. 2, 2025

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Handbells: To God Be the Glory CW.H. DOANE  
arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

Gathering Around The Word

\*CALL TO WORSHIP from Ps. 99

One: God reigns, let the people tremble!  
God reigns, let the earth shake!  
All: For the Lord our God is exalted over all people!

One: God reigns, let the people tremble!  
God reigns, let the earth shake!  
All: For the Lord our God loves justice  
and works for righteousness!  
One: So come and proclaim at the holy mountain of the Lord:  
All: God reigns, let the people tremble!  
God reigns, let the earth shake!

\*HYMN 12 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise ST. DENIO

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)  
Almighty God, you see us as we are  
and know our inmost thoughts.  
You know the ways we’ve fallen short.  
You know the work we’ve left undone,  
the mercy we’ve left ungiven,  
the love we’ve left unshared,  
the peace we’ve left unmade.  
You know the arrogance, pride and violence that we’ve chosen  
instead of your path of forgiveness and reconciliation.  
You know who we are.  
Help us to see who we might be.  
Forgive us, and transform us,  
that we might become who you imagine us to become,  
in your sight, and by your mercy. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON from 2 Cor. 3:16

\*PASSING THE PEACE We invite you to share the peace of Christ with others.

\*RESPONSE 581 GLORIA PATRI  
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, amen.

Listening To the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION OF GOD’S WORD

\*for portions marked with an asterisk, you’re invited to rise in body or spirit

FIRST READING EXODUS 34:29-35  
(The scripture readings can be found on the back of the bulletin)

ANTHEM Let It Shine! MUSIC & LYRICS BY  
N PRICE & D BESIG

SECOND READING LUKE 9:28-36

SERMON “A Shining Example” Rev. David Holden

Responding to the Word

\*HYMN 377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light HOUSTON

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith  
We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life,  
who inspired the prophets and apostles,  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls children of God everywhere  
to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world  
the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth.

COMMISSIONING OF PUERTO RICO MISSION TEAM

SHARING OUR PRAYERS See prayer concerns list, back page

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING  
One: The Lord be with you.  
All: And also with you.  
One: Lift up your hearts.  
All: We lift them to the Lord!  
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise!  
- prayer continues -

THE LORD’S PRAYER (“debts”/”debtors”) page 35 in hymnal

SHARING THE FEAST

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GIVING BACK TO GOD’S KINGDOM  
(Give online @ bit.ly/FPCSomersetGive or scan the code on the yellow pew card)

OFFERTORY Andante Tranquillo BY FELIX MENDELSSOHN

\*THE DOXOLOGY 606  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God Sends Us Forth

\*HYMN 666 O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright PUER NOBIS  
NASCITUR

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION from 2 Cor. 3:12, 17

\*BLESSING

HYMN Irish Blessing Inside back cover of hymnal

POSTLUDE

Visiting today? Welcome!

Please tell us about yourself! You can scan  
this QR code with your smartphone to fill  
out our online form, or fill out a pew card  
and drop it in the offering plate.



This Week

Wed., Mar. 5 @ 10:30am - Presbyterian Women Bible Study  
Wed., Mar. 5 @ 9:00am-300pm - Come&Go Imposition of Ashes  
Wed., Mar. 5 @ 4:30pm - Mission Committee Meeting  
Wed., Mar. 5 @ 5:30pm - Ash Wednesday Service  
Thur., Mar. 6 @ 4:00pm - Spiritual Formation Meeting  
Thur., Mar. 6 @ 7:00pm - ONLINE: Lenten Study  
Fri., Mar. 7 @ 7:30am - Men's Breakfast at Bob Evan's Restaurant  
Sat., Mar. 8 @ 10:30am - Needle Worker's Group

Worship Assistants Next Week

Liturgist.....Hannah Vaught  
Ushers.....Steve Vaught & Zack Vaught  
Audio.....Mary Beth Waller  
Video.....Jon Burlew  
Coffee Plus.....Erin Stephens

First Reading—Exodus 34:29-35

<sup>29</sup>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. <sup>30</sup>When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup>But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. <sup>32</sup>Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup>When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face, <sup>34</sup>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, <sup>35</sup>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.

Second Reading—Luke 9:28-36

<sup>28</sup>Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. <sup>30</sup>Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup>They appeared in glory and were speaking about his exodus, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep, but as they awoke they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup>Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah,” not realizing what he was saying. <sup>34</sup>While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup>Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” <sup>36</sup>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.

Scripture verses taken from the New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition



Prayers for Comfort, Concern, and Healing

Aaron Ramsey; the family of George Kamperman; the family of Lee Harrison; Tim Noel; Leslie Phillips' parents, J.R & Karen Goff; Don Haney; Rebecca Davis; Pat Carpenter; David & Brenda Bryant; Jeff & Kathy Bishop’s daughter, Ashley Kerr; Becky Butler’s brother, David Seiler; Shane Thurman; Baby S; Ed & Joyce Mick; Autumn Brock’s mom, Marie; Jennifer Williams; Bill House; Leslie Phillips

Current Giving

	Rec'd month of Jan.	Needed Monthly	Received YTD	Needed YTD
Offering	\$13,946	\$16,522	\$13,946	\$16,522

Blessing Box Attendant

This Week.....Linda Bonardel  
Next Week.....Marshall Judy

Assisting In Worship Today

Ministers.....Every Member  
Liturgist.....Laura Wright  
Ushers.....Kim King & Suzanne Kidd  
Audio.....Mary Beth Waller  
Video.....Richard Wright  
Coffee Plus.....Sherry Brown  
Director of Music.....Theresa Jean Kibby  
Piano & Organ.....Debby McDonald  
Pastor.....Rev. David Holden

Deacons:

Linda Cook      Rebecca Davis      Sue Guffey  
Don Haney      Nancy Holland      Marshall Judy      Marci Randall

Elders:

Class of 2025      Class of 2026      Class of 2027  
Charles Leveridge      Sharon Mandt      Jo Salmon      Mark Dikeman  
Perry Waller      Laura Wright

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First Presbyterian Church  
March 2nd, 2025  
Transfiguration Sunday



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People of God, Welcome Home!

May Christ’s peace and presence fill your heart as you worship this day, and may you go forth with the light and love of God shining within you.

We welcome you to worship, and ask that any electronic devices be placed on silent so that all may hear what God has to say.