

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Bringing hope to the heart of Charleston and beyond.



**The Transfiguration of the Lord**  
**February 15, 2026 | 10:30am**

# Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

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**Pastor: The Rev. Dr. William C. Myers**

**Ministers: All members of the congregation**

*A warm welcome is extended to all who worship today.*

*May the gift of worship we offer honor God and serve as a blessing to you.*

*We are grateful you chose to worship with us today. Please take a moment to sign in via the Friendship Pads located at the ends of the pews. We use this information to keep in touch about church events. We hope you will take a moment to read about news and events happening in the life of the church, found in the worship bulletin after this morning's order of service. Please share news and notes with your friends and neighbors!*

**All children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship.**

## **A reflection for worship:**

*"Know your holy God intimately... then you can usually see through any counterfeits because you know the real thing so well."*

— Watchman Nee

*"Therefore, faithful Christian, seek the truth, hear the truth, learn the truth, love the truth... for truth will make you free."*

— John Hus

## **The following scriptures are provided for silent meditation during the prelude:**

Exodus 24:12-18 • Psalm 2 • Psalm 99 • 2 Peter 1:16-21 • Matthew 17:1-9

### **Cover art:**

*Transfiguration*

Raphael, 1520

Direzione generale dei musei, Vatican City

*Transfiguration* is the last painting by the Italian High Renaissance master Raphael. Cardinal Giulio de Medici – who later became Pope Clement VII – commissioned the work. From the late 16th century until the early 20th century, various commentators regarded it as the most famous oil painting in the world.



*Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you... and pray to the Lord on its behalf for in its welfare you will find your welfare.*

Jeremiah 29:7

# The Worship of Our Lord

## THE CHURCH GATHERS TO... PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

\*indicates congregation standing, as able.

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**      Fanfare & Duo on ST. DENIO      John S. Dixon

**INTROIT**      O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair      DEO GRACIAS  
O wondrous sight, O vision fair of glory that the church shall share,  
Which Christ upon the mountain shows, where brighter than the sun he glows!

**WELCOME**      Pastor Myers

**CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

## PRAISE ALMIGHTY GOD

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**      Kim Smith

One: The Lord reigns! Let the peoples tremble. The Lord is great in Zion, exalted over all the earth.

**All: Holy is the Lord our God.**

One: From the cloud, God speaks. From the mountain, glory shines. From Christ, truth is revealed.

**All: We come to listen — not to the loudest voice, but to the Living Word.**

One: Come, let us worship the Lord in holy awe!

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**      Kim Smith

**All: Holy God, you are enthroned in glory, yet you draw near in mercy. You speak from clouds beyond our control and call us to listen when we would rather speak. Open our ears to what is true, our hearts to what is real, our lives to be reshaped, not merely comforted, by your presence. Overshadow us with your Spirit - not to confuse, but to quiet the noise, to clarify who you are and who we are called to become in Christ. Amen.**

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

## CONFESS TO OUR FORGIVING CREATOR

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**      Pastor Myers

One: From the cloud, God says, "Listen to my Son." Yet we have listened elsewhere.

**All: Trusting God's mercy, let us confess our sin.**

Faithful God,  
We confess that we prefer certainty to truth,  
and power to humility.  
We have listened to voices that promised control,  
and ignored the voice that calls us to love.  
We have chosen easy stories  
over the cost of truth.  
Forgive us when we confuse fear with faith,  
and opinion with your Word.  
Draw us into the cloud of your presence,  
where false glory fades  
and your light remains.

*(Silence is kept for personal confession.)*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Myers

One: The glory of God does not crush those who repent. It restores them. Hear the good news: Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." In Christ, we are forgiven. In Christ, we are made new.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

## \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS' HYMN

1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all na - ture,  
2. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Rul - er of the na - tions,

O thou of God to earth come down,  
Son of God and Son of Man!

thee will I cher - ish, thee will I hon - or, thou,  
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion, now

my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.  
and for - ev - er - more and be thine!

## \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Pastor Myers

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

## LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 24:12-18

Kim Smith

*page 70, Old Testament*

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 99

Kim Smith

One: This is the word of the Lord.

*page 552, Old Testament*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### ANTHEM

Christ, Upon the Mountain Stands

Robert Lehman, Mark Schweitzer

Christ, upon the mountain stands, vision of the Father's blessing;  
Blazing forth to all the lands, saints and angels now professing. Alleluia!

Law and prophets have their place in the cloud of wondrous glory;  
Chosen witnesses of grace, there to see and tell the story. Alleluia!

God, in majesty, descends, then proclaims to all before him:  
This is my beloved Son! Nations, come now and adore him. Alleluia!

Faithful hearts we lift on high, joyful strains, our voices raising  
For this vision's mystery, songs of wonder, hymns of praising. Alleluia!

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 17:1-9

Pastor Myers

One: This is the word of the Lord.

*page 18, New Testament*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Pastor Myers

Birth - K may meet in the Nursery (Room 114) for a lesson and a snack.  
Children in grades 1-5 are dismissed to Children's Church in Room E-117/119  
or they may remain in the sanctuary with their parents.

### SERMON

"When the Clouds Break"

Pastor Myers

### \*HYMN 662

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

RATISBON

## DEDICATE OUR LIVES TO GOD

### JOYS & CONCERNS

Pastor Myers

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Myers

All: 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.

**SUNG RESPONSE TO PRAYER****Be Thou My Vision (vss. 1 & 4)**

SLANE

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
 2. High King of heaven, my Lord vic - to - ry won,  
 naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
 thou Heart of my best my own heart, what ev-er be - fall, night,  
 wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy I pres - ence Rul - er my of light. all.

**OFFER OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD***Please bring your offering forward during the offertory.**You may also text "firstpresby" to 73256 to give from your mobile device.***OFFERTORY****Intermezzo on ST. DENIO**

John S. Dixon

**\*OFFERING RESPONSE #607** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise Christ, all people here below  
 Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
 Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION**

Pastor Myers

**GO FORTH TO SERVE****\*HYMN #295**

Go to the World!

SINE NOMINE

**\*BENEDICTION**

Pastor Myers

**CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY****Finale: Maestoso on ST. DENIO**

John S. Dixon

**OUR WORSHIP CONTINUES IN OUR SERVICE TO OTHERS**

Worship is broadcast on Sundays at 11:00am on WCHS 580AM

Worship is also available on our YouTube channel: First Presby WV

Follow us on Facebook: First Presbyterian Church Charleston, WV

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

The Rev. Dr. William C. Myers  
Kim Smith

**AUDIO & VIDEO**

Byron Goodew  
David Cottrell

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Jayson Keeton, Director of Music & Organist  
The Sanctuary Choir

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David Feibelmann

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## PARKING NOTICE

Please note that the Preschool has pick up every half hour between 2:30pm and 5:00pm Monday through Friday. If you are coming by the church for a meeting during those times, we advise you arrive on the :15 or :45 hour to avoid too much pick up traffic.

## MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE

Montreat Youth Conference is an opportunity to gather with hundreds of highschool youth and explore how we find ourselves both wondering and wandering on our journeys of faith through a week of small groups, keynotes, worship, recreation and fellowship. This week of summer fun and exploration takes place in North Carolina (near Asheville) from June 14 – 20<sup>th</sup>. Youth is \$325 and Adults (3 needed) are \$200. More information and registration forms will be in the back of the sanctuary.

## WOMEN'S LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

There will be a Women's Lenten bible study starting Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 2:00 in the Ruffner room. Come and enjoy Jayson's noon time Lenten organ playing and then join us for a Study using the book *Pause Spending Lent with the Psalms*. This Bible study will meet weekly throughout Lent. If you wish to purchase a book it is available on Amazon as a paperback or kindle. Feel free to bring your lunch. Contact Susan Smith for more information [susan@firstpresby.com](mailto:susan@firstpresby.com)

## LIFT: WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAM

On Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, there will be a special communion class to take place of the usual LIFT programming. Meet in the chapel at 5pm and after class everyone will head into the sanctuary together for the 6:30pm Ash Wednesday service.

## LIFT AFTER DARK with PASTOR MYERS

Due to the Ash Wednesday service, LIFT After Dark will be cancelled. Below is the outline for next Wednesdays session on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

### Feb 25 WEEK 6 — “Reforming How We See the Future”

Living Out a Reshaped Worldview

**Purpose:** Bring the whole course together and help each participant name their “corrected lenses.”

**Core Elements:**

- Reflection on the series:
  - What has shifted?
  - Where is there resistance?
- Introduce a **Worldview Rule of Life**  
(a short, personal set of commitments shaped by the course).
- Engagement:
  - Each participant drafts a 5–7 point “Corrective Lenses Covenant.”
- Scripture anchor: **2 Corinthians 5:17 — New creation.**

**Goal:** Participants leave with concrete commitments—not just interesting ideas.

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## COFFEE FAIR TRADE

The Hope and Justice Fair Trade Shop is open during office hours and on Sundays from 9:00-noon. During office hours, please see the office staff to shop. On Sundays, please put your cash or check in the provided envelopes on the table in the shop and put them in the drop slot in the door by the Panera table. We are keeping it stocked with all your favorites! Only cash and check are accepted at this time.

## YOUTH GROUP

The Youth group will meet every second Sunday from 3:00 – 5:00pm. There will be fun, food, fellowship, and Faith Formation. This group is for middle school and high school students. If you have any questions please feel free to talk with Susan. Our next meeting is March 15<sup>th</sup>.

## TIME FOR REFRESHMENT

Join Pastor Myers on Thursday afternoons at 4:30pm in the Ruffner Room starting September 18 for tea, shortbread/cookies, and conversation. We'll talk about life, faith, church, politics, maybe even church politics! Bring your opinions. Bring your questions. All are welcome. Whatever is on your mind, we'll talk about it! You can come occasionally. You can come every week. Our only purpose is to enjoy the fellowship and get to know each other a little better. Please enter through the side ramp door.

## MISSION COMMITTEE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

The Mission and Witness Committee is a vibrant group of church members who find ways each month to make our community and our world a better place for people to live in. We are a busy bunch who together have helped keep people warm, fed, housed, clothed, addiction free and in touch with their spiritual selves. We are energetic and have a need for more members with various interests and skills. Think about joining us. We meet the first Thursday of each month. Email Karen Scherr ([kmscherr100@gmail.com](mailto:kmscherr100@gmail.com)) if you are interested or call the church office (304-343-8961). We would love to work together frequently or occasionally, whenever you might be available.

## ACOLYTES NEEDED

We are looking for children in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up who would like to be an acolyte. Acolytes at the beginning of our service light our two white candles in the front of the church and then at the end of the service they extinguish the candles and carry the light out. Acolyte robes are provided. Those wishing to be an acolyte must be able to arrive by 10:15am on Sunday. Please contact Susan Smith if you are interested. **Too young to be an acolyte** but still want to be involved? Talk to Susan Smith about learning how to ring the Trinity bell.

## PW AT EDGEWOOD SUMMIT

The Women's Bible Study at Edgewood Summit will resume Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm and will continue meeting on the third Tuesday of the month. Our monthly study will be using the Horizon PW study "Celebrating Sabbath." Contact Susan Smith for more information.

## MISSION UPDATE: 40 CANS FOR 40 DAYS Returns!

Last year's **40 CANS FOR 40 DAYS**, our Lenten outreach, was a great success. Together, we collected and shared hundreds of canned goods that were delivered to Covenant House to help our neighbors who are experiencing food insecurity. Imagine the amount if each of us contributed 40 items during the 40+ days of Lent!

Use the following list to help organize your shopping, \*and **please bring your donations to the church during the week or on Sunday mornings.**

### OUR SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

- Week 1: Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Week 2: Canned Soup and Canned Pasta, Sauce
- Week 3: Canned Fruit and Dry Fruit (raisins, etc.)
- Week 4: Canned Meat (Spam, sausage, chicken); Tuna
- Week 5: Canned or Dried Beans and Rice
- Week 6: Cereal, Canned or Dry Milk, Pancake mix, Syrup

### DATES

- Week beginning **Sunday 2/22**
- Week beginning **Sunday 3/1**
- Week beginning **Sunday 3/8**
- Week beginning **Sunday 3/15**
- Week beginning **Sunday 3/22**
- Week beginning **Sunday 3/29**

**\*Suggestion from Covenant House:** *In order to maximize your shopping dollars, check the Dollar Tree for shelf-stable milk, cereal, pancake mix, syrup.*

***"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."* (Matt. 25:40)**



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## THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBY

<b>Sunday, February 15</b>	9:15am	Discovery Class	<i>Act. Bldg. Rec. Room</i>
	10:30am	Worship	<i>Sanctuary &amp; YouTube</i>
	11:00am	Worship Radio Broadcast	<i>WCHS-580AM</i>
	1:00pm	Sunday Adventure	<i>Clay Center</i>
<b>Monday, February 16</b>	8:30 am	Aerobics	<i>Act. Bldg. Rec. Room</i>
<b>Tuesday, February 17</b>	10:00am	Staff Meeting	<i>Ruffner Room</i>
	1:00pm	PW Bible Study	<i>Edgewood Summit</i>
	4:30pm	Finance Meeting	<i>E117</i>
<b>Wednesday, February 18</b>	8:30am	Aerobics	<i>Act. Bldg. Rec. Room</i>
	5:00pm	LIFT – Communion Class	<i>Chapel</i>
	6:30pm	Ash Wednesday Service	<i>Sanctuary</i>
	7:30pm	Session Meeting	<i>A203</i>
<b>Thursday, February 19</b>	8:00am	Shoney's Group	<i>Zoom</i>
	4:30pm	Time for Refreshment	<i>Ruffner Room</i>
<b>Friday, February 20</b>	8:30am	Aerobics	<i>Act. Bldg. Rec. Room</i>
<b>Saturday, February 21</b>	10:00am	Chuck Moyers Visitation	<i>Ruffner Room</i>
	11:00am	Chuch Moyers Memorial Service	<i>Sanctuary</i>
<b>Sunday, February 22</b>	9:15am	Discovery Class	<i>Act. Bldg. Rec Room</i>
	10:30am	Worship	<i>Sanctuary</i>
	11:00am	Worship Radio Broadcast	<i>WCHS-580AM</i>

# DISCOVERY CLASS

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, February 15	Luke 9:18-27
Monday, February 16	John 18:15-18,25-27
Tuesday, February 17	John 18:28-38
Wednesday, February 18	Luke 18:9-14
Thursday, February 19	John 17:1-8
Friday, February 20	John 17:9-19
Saturday, February 21	John 17:20-26



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