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*We invite you to stand as able.

Transfiguration of the Lord



~The Gathering~

PRELUDE

Andante

Mendelssohn

Tami Newsom, organ

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GREETING

Rev. Matt Nieman

CALL TO WORSHIP

It is God who gathers us here.

It is not our denomination that gathers us, or our church staff or family,
or our political parties.

It is God who gathers us here.

We find ourselves on the mountain this Transfiguration Day,
witnessing a last flash of glory before a forty-day journey.

It is not about us; it is all about Jesus Christ.

From the river Jordan to this place, it is all about Jesus Christ.

From Ash Wednesday toward Easter, it is all about Jesus Christ.

Come, let us worship God!

**Praise the Lord, God's glories show, Alleluia!
Saints within God's courts below, Alleluia!
Angels round the throne above, Alleluia!
All that see and share God's love. Alleluia!**

**Earth to heaven and heaven to earth, Alleluia!
Tell the wonders, sing God's worth, Alleluia!
Age to age and shore to shore, Alleluia!
Praise God, praise for evermore! Alleluia!**

**Praise the Lord, great mercies trace, Alleluia!
Praise this providence and grace, Alleluia!
All that God for us has done, Alleluia!
All God sends us through the Son. Alleluia!**

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of all glory, beauty, and grace,
We have tried to hide from you – to hide our faces,
to hide our sin – yet you have never hidden your love for us.
We have tried to search for you – in temples, in clouds,
on mountaintops – yet you have already revealed yourself to us
in the face of Jesus Christ.**

**Forgive us, and transform us so our lives may shine with your
glory, beauty, and grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(please continue in silent prayer)

*KYRIE ELEISON

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**Come, Spirit come, our hearts control.
Our Spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed,
By this we worship and are freed.**

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA PATRI

**Arise, your light is come!
The Mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing;
God's pow'r will make us strong.**

Festal Song

*THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

~The Word~

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Martha Edington

Speak to us, O Lord our God, and let the fire of your Spirit burn brightly in our hearts. Open our minds to receive the wisdom of the law, the hope of the prophets, and the life of the gospel: Jesus Christ, your living Word. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Kings 2:1-12

[Pew Bible pg. 332]

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 50:1-6

Dr. Angela Batey, cantor

Gerry Fitzpatrick

Let the hea - vens de - clare__ his right - eous - ness, for
God__ him - self is judge.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major, 6/8 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

The Lord, the most mighty God, has spoken and called the world from the rising of the sun to its setting.
Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth; our God comes and will not keep silence. (R)

Consuming fire goes out before him and a might tempest stirs about him.
He calls the heaven above, and the earth, that he may judge his people: (R)

‘Gather to me my faithful who have sealed my covenant with sacrifice.’
Let the heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge. (R)

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SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 9:2-9

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Rev. Matt Nieman

[Pew Bible pg. 44]

SERMON

“Speechless”

Rev. Matt Nieman

~The Response~

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – (1 Timothy 3:16)

**Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of our religion:
Christ Jesus was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the
Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the nations, believed in
throughout the world, and was taken up in glory.**

THE ANTHEM

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
Chancel Choir

arr. Eric Thiman

The anthem text may be found in The Hymnal, #263

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

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.**



~The Sending~

*HYMN

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

Swing Low

Refrain

Swing low, sweet char - i - ot, com-ing for to car-ry me home.

The musical notation for the Refrain consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 2/4 time signature. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The melody is simple and rhythmic, with a steady bass accompaniment.

Swing low, sweet char - i - ot, com-ing for to car-ry me home. *Fine*

This block shows the final two measures of the Refrain. The upper staff ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The lower staff also ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The word "Fine" is written above the final measure of the upper staff.

1 I looked o-ver Jor-dan, and what did I see com-ing for to car-ry me home?
2 If you get there be - fore I do, com-ing for to car-ry me home,
3 The bright - est day that ev - er I saw, com-ing for to car-ry me home,
4 I'm some-times up and some-times down, com-ing for to car-ry me home,

The verses are written in a four-line format. The first line is the melody, and the second line is the bass accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the melody. The music is in the same key signature and time signature as the Refrain.

to Refrain
A band of an-gels com-ing af-ter me, com-ing for to car-ry me home. O,
tell all my friends I'm com - ing too, com-ing for to car-ry me home. O,
when Je - sus washed mysins a - way, com-ing for to car-ry me home. O,
but still my soul feels heaven-ly bound, com-ing for to car-ry me home. O,

The final verse is written in a four-line format. The first line is the melody, and the second line is the bass accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the melody. The music is in the same key signature and time signature as the Refrain. The word "to Refrain" is written above the first measure of the melody.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #369 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* I'm Gonna Live
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

*POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Marsh

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If you would like the church office to record your attendance today, you can:

Scan this QR code and click on the generated google doc link, or

- Go to <https://tinyurl.com/record-FPC-attendance>, or
- Email the office at office@fpctn.org, or
- Sign the pew attendance pad.

FPC Family Ministries will be collecting money for the **Souper Bowl of Caring TODAY** which will benefit Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry. Small bills instead of coins are preferred, but any donation is appreciated! (Our bank no longer accepts loose coin.) *Thank you for your support!*



Today is **SCOUT SUNDAY!** Some of the members of our church-sponsored Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop #444 will be assisting in worship today. Both scout groups are active and keep a schedule that includes numerous outings throughout the year, including camping, hiking, mountain biking, caving, rappelling, whitewater rafting, canoeing, pioneering activities and so much more. These activities provide an opportunity for scouts to work on advancement requirements and to have fun. Despite being so busy, these scouts find the time to spread landscaping mulch around our church each spring while preparing for their annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser in Fellowship Hall...this year the dinner falls on March 23rd. Save that date and plan on having a delicious spaghetti dinner in support of these terrific young men.



Scout Sunday 2023

Do you enjoy cooking? Do you have the time to share the fruit of your efforts with others? If so, please consider volunteering to provide an occasional meal (or part of a meal) with somebody in need within our congregation. For someone coming home after surgery, for someone who is temporarily unable to cook for himself/herself and family due to injury or continued treatment, or for someone grieving the loss of someone dear, a home-cooked meal is a comforting gesture of care and concern our church family can provide. If you're able to contribute to this care-giving ministry, please email Gayle Williams: gayle.elizabeth.williams@gmail.com.



Save the Date! **FOODIES** will meet on March 16th for their first dinner of 2024. Menu will include: Chips and Guacamole, Cedar Plank Salmon, Grilled or Baked Asparagus, and Strawberry Shortcake. Contact Pat Hickman with questions. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

Our 2024 Lenten Series will be **“Wandering Heart - Figuring out Faith with Peter”**

from Sanctified Art. The worship series starts on **Ash Wednesday, February 14 at 7pm in the sanctuary** and focuses on the life and faith of one of Jesus' most famous disciples.

In Peter, we see a person who is both steadfast and unsteady, a dear friend and a betrayer, a follower and a wanderer. By following Peter's journey, we watch the story of Jesus unfold through the eyes of a very normal human trying to figure it all out – just like us. A digital version of the accompanying devotional booklet is available at: <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/1072485778/>. If you would prefer a hard copy, please contact the office and we can print one for you.



Sunday morning services are livestreamed and available to watch in the viewing room (parlor) on the big screen tv should you ever need to leave the sanctuary during worship.

BEREAVED:

The family and friends of FPC member **Candice (Candy) Blake** who died on Tuesday, January 30th. Prayers of peace and comfort for all those who grieve.

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Lois Burris, Denise Damelio, Billie Fain, Chuck Foriska, Frank Guess, Paul Hanson, Bron Lewis, Jimmy and Beth Loyless, Irma McGuffey, Jim Meador, Maria Medina, Tami Newsom, Steve Tinder, Helen Weaver

Our prayers are with Kirby and Gloria Purjet who will be moving to Georgia in March. Their new address will be: 539 Hornbeam Drive, Griffin, GA 30223.

This Week at FPC

Sun, Feb 11	9:00 a.m. Casual and 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Services		
Mon, Feb 12	10:00	a.m.	Youth & Kids Surprise Valentine Gift Exchange /FH
	6:00	p.m.	Youth Group/Parlor
	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	6:00	p.m.	STEM Scouts/Fellowship Hall
Tues, Feb 13	7:00	p.m.	Christian Education Committee/Zoom
	7:00	p.m.	Stephen Ministry Group/Library
	10:00	a.m.	PW Circle #1/Room A
	10:00	a.m.	PW Circle #2/Library
Wed, Feb 14	12:00	p.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scouts #444/FH, Narthex, Room A
	7:00	p.m.	Personnel/Library
	10:00	a.m.	PW Circle #3/Library
Thurs, Feb 15	12:00	p.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
	6:00	p.m.	FPC Ringers rehearsal
	7:00	p.m.	Ash Wednesday Worship Service /Sanctuary
	7:45	p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal/Room A
Fri, Feb 16	6:30	p.m.	Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall
	7:00	p.m.	Thursday Night Bible Study/Zoom
	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	7:00	p.m.	Gentle Yoga Class/Narthex

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Class	Room	Topic
Adult Bible Study	Room D	This class discusses the Lectionary text from the sermon, and will meet under the trees in good weather and in Room D in not-so-good weather.
Pastor Matt's Class	Library	Doubts are a common part of our faith. This six-week study will focus on some of the most popular doubts Christians and non-Christians face. And hopefully, we will be led to a greater trust in God that is not afraid of the hard questions. Based on Adam Hamilton's <i>Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith</i> .
Youth	Café (Parlor)	The youth Sunday School class meets to "DIVE IN to the Old Testament!" Each week throughout the school year, youth explore a specific book of the Old Testament utilizing videos and discussion.



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