

February 11, 2024
First Presbyterian Church
Transfiguration of the Lord

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *Festive Trumpet Tune*

German

Welcome

Rev. Maxwell Michaels

We Worship Together

***Call to Worship**

Penelope Angle

God summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Every time we encounter beauty, God's perfection shines forth, calling to us.

God's revelation is a devouring fire, burning away our doubts.

The heavens declare God's righteousness, for God is the creator, the redeemer and the judge.

***Hymn** 459 *O Word of Incarnate*

MUNICH

Invitation to Confession (the congregation is seated)

God is vaster than the night sky, brighter than the sun, and wilder than a tornado. Yet, God loves us enough to come to us in ways that we see and understand, including Jesus Christ. Let us open our hearts to God, confessing the ways that we have fallen short of God's call to love our neighbor and love the Lord. We can do so knowing that our Creator, who is both the Lion of Judah and the sacrificial lamb, listens.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, when we encounter beauty and love and wonder in the world, so often we seek to control it, to contain it. Forgive us for all the ways we seek to pull things under our power, for the ways we fashion the world and put ourselves first. We are selfish, God. We push aside your command to love in order to seek comfort. Heavenly parent, we take this opportunity to acknowledge our lies and our denial, laying bare our hearts and minds before you now.

Assurance of Pardon

"Stand up, take your mat and walk." Jesus says to the crippled man he has healed. We, too, are healed. Transformed by Christ's redemption, let us get up and walk together.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us now greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

***Holy Interruption** *We greet our neighbors in Christ's love*

Children's Message

***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.

We Receive God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading 2 Kings 2:1-12

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading Mark 9:2-9

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Message

"Blinded by the Light"

Rev. Maxwell Michaels

***Affirmation of Faith** *(from 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,
taken up in glory.**

***Hymn** 693 *Though I May Speak*

GIFT OF LOVE

Minute for Missions Souper Bowl of Caring

Penelope Angle

Announcements

Pastoral Prayers and 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 Offering

Offertory Anthem *The Water is Wide*
Youth Bells

arr. Edwards

Hymn Tune "*Though I May Speak*"

***Doxology Hymn** *All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night* TALLIS' CANON
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.

Prayer of Dedication

Almighty, on the mountain top, you instructed Peter, James and John: "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" We are listening, God, and we hear your call to make the world a better place alongside your Holy Spirit. We offer you these gifts and our hearts alongside them. May they be blessed to do your bidding.

We Go Out to Serve

***Hymn** 188 *Jesus Loves Me!*

JESUS LOVES ME

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** *My Song Forever Shall Record* (#67)

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

With blessing is the nation crowned whose people know the joyful sound; they in the light, O Lord, shall live, the light your face and favor give.

***Postlude** *O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair*

Dunstable

Please wait until the end of the benediction response by the choir before exiting.

*Those who are able, please stand as directed at the items marked with an asterisk

The Church This Week (2/11/2024)

Today	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Youth
Mon.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
Tues.	6:00 p.m.	Women's Community Bible Study
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	9:00 a.m.	Women's Community Bible Study
	3:15 p.m.	Fun Program
	5:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service
	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thurs.	6:00 p.m.	Session
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Prayer List as of February 11, 2024

Gerry & Bobby Rogers
Ina Coggeshall
Gray & Bea Sloop
Bennie and Benny Lou Moore
Beth O'Neal
Bobbie Jones
Keller Smith
Dr. Sue Arledge and her husband, Bob
Shenell Malloy (Susan & Bill's daughter-in-law)
Edward Tinsley
Kathie Cook
Penny Angle

Ash Wednesday Service – Wednesday, 2/14/24, 5:30 p.m.

Today is the deadline for all pledges to be turned in.

The sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop. For individuals with hearing aids, please activate your T-coil to utilize this feature. Spare headsets are also available.

Lenten Book Study: *The Cost of Discipleship*

Hey Everybody! After speaking with many of you and hearing about your interest, I am pleased to announce that we will be starting a new class on Mondays at 10 AM as a lenten study! This class will run for five weeks of Lent, exploring the book *The Cost of Discipleship* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. We will explore challenging topics and ask questions about ourselves, our faith, and how we feel about our connection to God. This class will now meet at 10 AM in the Parlor starting on February 19th and conclude by 11 AM. You can register for the class by notifying Pastor Max (maxwell@cherawfpc.org) or signing up on the bulletin board near the front office. This study is an excellent opportunity for fellowship, reflection, and learning alongside other community members. We look forward to seeing you there!

Listed below are links to sign up to volunteer in the nursery, put flowers in the church, and monitor students at Pathfinders. Please prayerfully consider these opportunities. If you are interested, please just click on the proper link. If you need help in signing up, please contact Cathy Chapman.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0545AF22AB9-nursery#/>

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0545AF22AB9-flowers1#/>

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0545AF22AB9-45315196-pathfinders#/>

Thank you so much,
The Christian Education Team
The Presbyterian Women
The Mission Outreach Team

Confirmation Class 2024:

All parents of 7th, 8th, and above, if you have a child and are interested in them attending Confirmation Class, then Pastor Max is getting ready to kick it off! The class will meet weekly for six weeks on Sundays at 5 PM before Youth, beginning on March 17th, 2024. There will be only one Sunday that we will not meet, which will be Easter on March 31st, 2024. Confirmation Sunday will be the same as Youth Sunday, May 5th, 2024. If you are interested in your child attending this class, please contact Pastor Max (maxwell@cherawfpc.org) so he can get everything set up!

Mission at Massanetta Springs Interest Meeting:

If you or someone you know is interested in attending the Mission at Massanetta Springs Trip, we will hold an interest meeting next Sunday, February 18, 2024, in the Youth Lounge following service. This will include a rough idea of the schedule for the week, the cost for parents as well as the deadline for the cost, upcoming fundraisers, and questions and answers regarding the details of the trip with the information we currently have.

Session of First Presbyterian Church

<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
Marietta Melton Burch	Kelli Beck	Mary Anderson
Cathy Chapman	Avery Dickson	Andrew McLeod
Dan Tillman, III	Mary Jane Evans	Kristen Miller
Charlene Tillman	Jean Page Watson	Richard Pierce

The Church Staff

Rev. Maxwell Michaels, Pastor	Mrs. Mary Louise Baker, Music Director, DCE
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Mrs. Arnetha Kendall, Housekeeper	Mrs. Paige Coates, MMO
Mrs. Mary Gullede, Miss Eve Nobles, Nursery	Mrs. Sally Powell, MMO

Mission Partners

Mr. Mark Hare/ Mrs. Jenny Bent, Costa Rica
Mrs. Ellen Smith, (mission co-worker) Belarus, Russia, Ukraine, Poland



Our Vision

*Rooted by God's Grace,
Growing in the Spirit,
Reaching Out with Christ's Love*

Sunday, February 11, 2024

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