

March 2, 2025
First Presbyterian Church
Transfiguration of the Lord

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *Allegro Vivace*, from Violin Sonata, Op. 137, No. 1 Schubert
(Monique Singletary, violin)

Welcome Rev. Maxwell Michaels

We Worship Together

***Call to Worship** Charlene Tillman
God reigns, let the people tremble! God reigns, let the earth shake!
For the Lord our God is exalted over all people!
God reigns, let the people tremble! God reigns, let the earth shake!
For the Lord our God loves justice and works for righteousness!
So come and proclaim at the holy mountain of the Lord:
God reigns, let the people tremble! God reigns, let the earth shake!

***Hymn** 744 *Arise, Your Light* FESTAL SONG

Invitation to Confession (the congregation is seated)
On Transfiguration, on the holy mountain of God, we see Jesus as he truly is. But in confession we let Jesus see us as we truly are. We name our sins, our faults, and the things we've gotten wrong, and we do so in faith that Jesus wants to see us as we are. So let's tell the truth together.

Prayer of Confession
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
Friends, the Lord sees you and knows you. The Lord sees you and loves you. The Lord sees you and calls you. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

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*

***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.

Choral Anthem *I Will Sing* Murphy
(Monique Singletary, violin)

We Receive God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Exodus 34:29-35
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading Luke 9:28-36
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Message "Shining Light" Rev. Maxwell Michaels

Affirmation of Faith *(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.

***Hymn** 518 *Your Only Son* LAMB OF GOD

Announcements

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *He Leadeth Me/Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* arr. by Keveren
(Monique Singletary, violin)

***Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Sacrament of Communion
Communion

Invitation to Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Elements

Communion Music *Amazing Grace* arr. by Keveren
(Monique Singletary, violin)

Prayer After Communion

We Go Out to Serve

***Hymn** 739 *O For a Closer Walk God* CAITHNESS

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** 182 *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* KINGSFOLD
(Last Verse)

***Postlude** Main Theme, from *A New Hope* Williams

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

Monique Singletary is a violinist, composer & music instructor with over 27 years of experience. She enjoys performing professionally as a solo artist, with symphony Orchestras and as a founding member of Arione Strings. Monique Singletary is the Director of Orchestras and Adjunct Lecturer of Music for Fayetteville State University.

We are excited to announce this year's Vacation Bible School, "True North," June 17-19, 5-8 p.m. Mark your calendars and learn more about trusting Jesus in a wild world!

Acolytes for today: Kane Driggers and Blair Driggers

The Church This Week (3/2/2025)

Today	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
		Directory Pictures
Mon.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
		Directory Pictures
Tues.	12:00 p.m.	At Ease
	5:00 p.m.	Christian Education
	6:00 p.m.	CBS
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	9:00 a.m.	CBS
	10:00 a.m.	PW Study
	3:15 p.m.	Fun Program
	5:30 p.m.	Prayer Meeting
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Nursery Schedule for March

March 2	Mary Jane Evans	Steve Cook
March 9	Charlene Tillman	Marietta Melton Burch
March 16	Maggie Lloyd	Michael Chapman
March 23	Brittany Tillman	Heather Tucker
March 30	Edward Tinsley	Jean Page Watson

2025 Church Pictorial Directory!

Pictorial Directory Time Slots

Sun., March 2, 12-4 p.m.

Mon., March 3, 5-7 p.m.



Our Vision

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

Prayer List as of March 2, 2025

Gerry Rogers
Ina Coggeshall
Gray & Bea Sloop
Benny Moore
Bobbie Jones
For those suffering from chronic mental and emotional illnesses
Ruth Jackson
B.J. Moore
Edward Tinsley
Louise Carpenter
Friends and families affected by Hurricane Helene

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.

If you would like to place flowers or a plant in the sanctuary for worship service, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. You can also call or email Cathy Chapman and she can sign you up for a date.

Session of First Presbyterian Church

Class of 2025

Kelli Beck
Avery Dickson
Mary Jane Evans
Jean Page Watson

Class of 2026

Mary Anderson
Andrew McLeod
Kristen Miller
Richard Pierce

Class of 2027

Mike Chapman
Christie McLeod
Tracie Phillips
Harold Watson

The Church Staff

Rev. Maxwell Michaels, Pastor
Mrs. Carolyn S. West, Secretary
Mr. James W. Kendall, Sexton
Mrs. Arnetha Kendall, Housekeeper
Miss Eve Nobles, Nursery

Mrs. Mary Louise Baker, Music Director, DCE

Mrs. Kim Brabham, Director MMO
Mrs. Sally Powell, MMO
Mrs. Gini Eddins, MMO

Mission Partners

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

Sunday, March 2, 2025

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