

Welcome to  
*First Presbyterian Church*  
*Virtual Sunday Service*



*February 19, 2023*

*Sunday Worship Service 9:30 A.M.*

*Children and Adult Sunday School 10:30 A.M.*

*Youth Choir 6:00 P.M. Wednesday*

*Adult Choir 7:00 P.M. Wednesday*

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We Gather in God's Name

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY PRAYER

Illumine our lives, O God, with the radiance of Christ's love, and inspire us to shine in faith and witness as his holy disciples. Transform us into his likeness that we may live for you, as he lived, and love others, as he loved them. Give us strength to serve you faithfully until the promised day of resurrection, when with the redeemed of all the ages we will feast with you at your table in glory. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

... May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!  
And also with you.

INTROIT

"O Lord, Our Lord"

CALL TO WORSHIP

PASTOR: As God called to Moses from the mountain,

PEOPLE: **We are called to be God's people.**

PASTOR: As Jesus called the disciples to climb with him

PEOPLE: **To the peak of another mountain.**

PASTOR: We are called to follow wherever he leads,

PEOPLE: **And not to be afraid.**

PASTOR: As the disciples stood in awe at the sound of God's voice,

PEOPLE: **We are called to worship in wonder and praise!**

HYMN

"O Worship the King, All Glorious Above"

No. 41

O worship the King, all glorious above!  
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love:  
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,  
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form;  
and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.

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The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, your power has founded of old;  
established it fast by a changeless decree,  
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain,  
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,  
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, we confess that we do not trust you fully. Even when we see your justice transfigured before us, we cower in fear of following your way in our world. We put our hope in worldly gain and in human promises, and find ourselves defeated and lost when things fall apart. We wonder what it might cost us to walk in the way of Jesus. Help us to listen as you call us back to you, that we may put our trust in you and not be afraid. Empower us to be formed by the life of Jesus Christ. Restore in us the confidence to be disciples of Christ. Amen.**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

...In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God!**

**GLORIA** "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines On Me" No. 582

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

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**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** "Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain"

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:** Exodus 24:12-16 (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING:** Matthew 17:1-9 (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON:** "Do Not Be Afraid"

**HYMN** "You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd" No. 274

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd.

You, Lord, are both prince and slave.

You, peace-maker and sword-bringer  
of the way you took and gave.

You, the everlasting instant;  
you, whom we both scorn and crave.

Clothed in light upon the mountain,  
stripped of might upon the cross,  
shining in eternal glory,  
beggared by a soldier's toss,  
you, the everlasting instant;  
you who are both gift and cost.

You, who walk each day beside us,  
sit in power at God's side.  
You, who preach a way that's narrow,  
have a love that reaches wide.  
You, the everlasting instant;  
you, who are our pilgrim guide.  
Worthy is our earthly Jesus!  
Worthy is our cosmic Christ!  
Worthy your defeat and victory;  
worthy still your peace and strife.  
You, the everlasting instant;  
you, who are our death and life.

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**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(adapted from the Belhar Confession)*

**We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the unity of the communion of saints of the entire human family. And we believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifest and active, in that we love one another; that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another, that we share one baptism together, that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together, that we confess one name, one Lord, for one cause, with one hope, which is the height and the breadth, and the depth and the love of Christ, forever and ever. Amen.**

**OFFERING**

**DOXOLOGY** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 606

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.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right to give our thanks and praise...

**HYMN**

"Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining"

No. 192

Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
in the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us;  
set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
Shine on me; shine on me.

Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine;

fill this land with the Father's glory.

Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.

Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

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Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
from the shadows into your radiance;  
by the blood I may enter your brightness.  
Search me; try me; consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me; shine on me. (Refrain)

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
so our faces display your likeness;  
ever changing from glory to glory,  
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me; shine on me. (Refrain)

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**BENEDICTION**

**RESPONSE**

“Dona nobis pacem”  
Dona nobis pacem, pacem.  
Dona nobis pacem.

No. 752

**Welcome!**

**We look forward to meeting you and hearing from you. Here is contact information for our Church Staff as well as members of our Session. Please feel free to contact any one for questions or concerns. If you would like to be more involved with the day-to-day activities of the church please let us know.**

**Please feel free to contact Griffin with any prayer requests or other concerns – or even if you just want to talk! She would love to hear from everyone.**

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**Prayer Requests**

Please keep these on your prayer list. Hold them in your heart and pray for God's healing power and comfort in the days ahead. Give thanks for God's healing.

- **Wynona Brown:** She is doing better. Prayers of thanks.
- **Caroline Robinson:** Pray for continued comfort and healing. She is very thankful for the love of her church and the love of God.
- **Joan Grant:** Pray for her happiness and care. Joan would love visits or calls from her church family.
- **Ronnie Vance:** Please pray the brother of Joan Grant As he has gone through heart surgery.
- **Ruth Cornelius:** Pray for her peace and that she may feel love from her family, friends and church.
- **Joe Southard:** Please pray for peace. His cancer has spread to his breastbone.
- **Eugene & Marsha Mayes-Burton:** Friends of the church. He had a tumor removed.
- **Jackie Walsh:** Daughter-in-law of Emma Earl Smith-Brewer. Please pray for her as she has recently been diagnosed with cancer.
- **Tammy Lynch:** Diagnosed with Stage 4 bladder cancer. Personal family prayers.
- **Tom Hagedorn:** Please pray for Tom and his family. May they find peace and comfort as Tom undergoes cancer treatments.
- **Judy Sturgeon:** Please pray for her and Wayne that her surgery continues to have good results and healing, and pray for upcoming chemotherapy with good results. Pray for continued recovery and healing.
- **Rob Stansbury:** please pray for Rob and his family. He has recently been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.
- **Ellen Hickey:** Sister of Karen Webb. Please keep her in your prayers as she has recently under gone brain surgery. She is having daily radiation treatments. Please pray for peace, healing, and comfort as she is very active, making this more difficult.
- **Richard Webb:** Please keep Richard and Karen in your prayers as he recovers from shoulder surgery.
- **Bob Burns:** Please keep the family of Bob Burns in your prayers in the coming weeks. Bob passed away Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>.
- **The Crawford Family:** Please keep the Crawford family in your prayers. Jacky's mother recently underwent cancer surgery. She is looking at the next steps of treatment.
- **Lauren Stewart Wright and child:** Please pray that the health of Andie and that it will strengthen without a feeding tube and with the love of her mother. She has been in NICU for a long time.



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We have been in contact with a family in Jackson, KY who lost all of their house and all of their belongings in the floods during the summer. They are in the process of rebuilding and are in need of people who can help with the construction. We are putting together a list of people that are willing to help. Right now, there is not a definite time line but we'll have more information soon weeks. If you might be able to help, please pass your name along to Larry Gray.

**I am willing to help**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone number** \_\_\_\_\_

The **Transylvania Eastern Kentucky Flood Relief Committee** met recently and we are making plans to help those affected by the recent flooding. While much has been done, much more will need to be done. This is long-term and will need your prayers and your help in the coming months.

Many families still do not have houses to live in and are staying with relatives or living in campers provided by FEMA or the state of Kentucky. Some are living in tents. Most do not have heat and Transylvania Presbytery will be buying 30 kerosene **heaters** to help keep them warm this winter. We have created an Amazon wish list for these heaters. Other items will be added over the course of the next few months. You can find the link on our Facebook page if you would like to donate a heater. You can also donate to the Transylvania Presbyterian Disaster relief fund. The address is below.

We are also making long term plans for flood relief. In the meantime, if you would like to help, please let either Griffin or Larry Gray know.

**Presbytery of Transylvania**  
**P.O. Box 23580, Lexington, KY 40523**  
**<https://transypby.org/paypal/>**

The **Session** will meet today, February 19, immediately following  
Sunday School.

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**Sunday school!**

6 and under- "Miss Karen" Jewell  
7-12 - "Miss Betsy" York  
Adult Bible Art- "Miss Mel" Callahan  
Adult Bible Study- John Kelley, Richard Webb, Al Plymire and Randy Creech  
(The Adult class will be studying the Book of John in the library.  
Bible Art is back in the Gym!)

Wednesday's **Bible Study** will not meet this Wednesday (February 22<sup>nd</sup>) It will continue next week at 6:00 and will be looking at "**Emotions and Faith**".

**The Youth Choir** will be meeting Wednesday's starting February 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 PM in the Youth Choir Room for practice. We look forward to having our youth join us!

**February Birthdays**

1<sup>st</sup> Valerie Thornbury  
Campbell Grace Ryan  
7<sup>th</sup> John Robert Hail  
8<sup>th</sup> Carter Jackson  
Bonnie Johnson  
9<sup>th</sup> Emily Davis  
Kristi Jo Wright  
10<sup>th</sup> Bowman Hail  
12<sup>th</sup> Tom Weatherly  
14<sup>th</sup> Ruth Ann Caldwell  
Jackson Brown  
16<sup>th</sup> Monica Gray  
17<sup>th</sup> Erika Davis  
20<sup>th</sup> Roman Robinson  
Lindsey Murray  
24<sup>th</sup> Joshua Phelps  
25<sup>th</sup> Kaitlin Robinson  
26<sup>th</sup> Susan House  
27<sup>th</sup> Caroline Robinson  
29<sup>th</sup> Mike Howard

Hazard First Presbyterian Church has received donations of clothing to the point that they will need help to sort the items and get them ready for distribution to flood victims. They have set aside Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 for volunteers to gather at the church. Lunch will be served. If you are willing to help, please let Larry Gray know and he will contact you when a date has been set.

If you have old prescription glasses that you no longer need, we are collecting them for the **Lions Club International**. They will have them examined and then will send them to many undeveloped countries around the world to help those that cannot afford them. We have placed a small collection box in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact either:

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