

# First Presbyterian Church

Tullahoma, Tennessee

Transfiguration of the Lord March 2, 2025

Vision Statement:

Worshipping God, growing together, serving others, and welcoming all

Service for the Worship of God – 10:30 a.m.



**Transfiguration**  
SUNDAY

## Welcome and Announcements

*If you are visiting with us and would like to leave your contact information, please, fill out the “Welcome” card (located in the pew rack) and put it in the offering plate.*

### Prelude

*Still your heart and prepare to worship God.  
Water is poured into the baptismal font calling us to remember our baptism.  
The acolytes symbolically bring the light of Christ into the service.*

### Call to Worship (responsively)

Led by Liturgist

“The Lord is Sovereign; let the people tremble.”

**The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake...**  
Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and worship upon God’s holy hill;  
**for the Lord our God is the Holy One.**

### Invocation

Liturgist

### \*\*Hymn No. 611

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

### \*\*Call to Confession

Liturgist

### \*\*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Led by Liturgist

**God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

### \*\*Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist

### \*\*Congregational Response, No. 288

*Spirit of the Living God*

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

### Story Time with Young Christians

### Special Music

### Prayer of Illumination

**First Lesson: Exodus 34:29-35**

Found on page 81 in the Old Testament of the pew Bible  
Holy Word, Holy Wisdom  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 3:12 – 4:2**

Found on page 180 in the New Testament of the pew Bible  
Holy Word, Holy Wisdom  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon: Being Tuned**

**\*\*Affirmation of Faith (unison)**

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve...With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**\*\*Hymn No. 515**

*I Come with Joy*

**Prayers of the People (Leader) and The Lord's Prayer (unison): 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.**

**Presentation of Ourselves and of our Gifts**

Call to Offering

Liturgist

*Contributions can also be made online at [www.fpctullahoma.org](http://www.fpctullahoma.org)*

Offertory

**\*\*Doxology, No. 607**

***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 Dedication**

Liturgist

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Words of Invitation**

**Prayer of Great Thanksgiving**

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 for us to give thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, strong and faithful God.  
All your works, the heights and the depths,  
echo the silent music of your praise.

In the beginning your Word summoned light,  
night withdrew, and creation dawned.  
As ages passed unseen,  
waters gathered on the face of the earth and life appeared.

When the times at last had ripened  
and the earth had grown full in abundance,  
you created in your image man and woman,  
the stewards of all creation.

You gave us breath and speech,  
that all the living might find a voice to sing your praise,  
and to celebrate the creation you called good.  
So now, with all the powers of heaven and earth,  
we sing the ageless hymn of your glory:

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**  
**All thy works shall praise thy name**  
**in earth and sky and sea.**  
**Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!**  
**God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

Most righteous God, we remember in this supper  
the love offered by our Lord Jesus Christ  
upon the cross for the whole world.  
In the joy of his resurrection  
and in the expectation of his coming again,  
we offer ourselves to you as holy and living sacrifices.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:  
**Dying, you destroyed death for us,**  
**rising, you restored life for us,**  
**Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray,  
that the bread we break  
and the cup we bless  
may be to us the communion of the body and blood of Christ.  
Grant that, being joined together in him,

we may attain to the unity of the faith  
and grow up in all things into Christ, our Lord.

**And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf,  
and these grapes from many hills into one cup,  
grant, O Lord, that your whole church  
may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth  
into your kingdom.**

Even so, come Lord Jesus!

**Words of Institution**

**Serving of the Elements**

**Prayer after Communion**

*Lead On, O King Eternal!*

**\*\*Hymn 269**

**\*\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*\*Postlude**

***\*\*All who are able are invited to stand.***

Ministers – Our entire congregation

Stephen G. Yates, Pastor

David Hiebert, Organist

Katie Prasser, Minister to Children

Bethany Sterling, Minister to Youth

Robert Wright, Choir Director

Tim Behrendorff, Liturgist

## **Announcements for March 2, 2025**

### **Sunday, March 2**

- 9:00 Sunday school for adults and children (3-years-old – 5<sup>th</sup> grade)
- 10:30 Worship service
- 11:30 Session meeting in Fellowship Hall

### **Monday, March 3**

- 8:30 Learning Place Preschool
- 12:00 p.m. Phoenix Apartments Board meeting in Fellowship Hall

### **Tuesday, March 4**

- 8:30 Learning Place Preschool
- 1:00 p.m. Chair yoga in Williams Family Center

### **Wednesday, March 5 – Ash Wednesday**

- 8:30 Learning Place Preschool
- 5:00 p.m. Kingdom Kids for children Pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade
- 5:00 p.m. Presbyterian Youth Connection for middle school students
- 6:00 p.m. **Ash Wednesday Service** in the sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. Presbyterian Youth Connection for high school students

### **Thursday, March 6**

- 8:30 Learning Place Preschool, including chapel
- 1:00 p.m. Chair yoga in Williams Family Center
- 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Thursday Girls meeting in Fellowship Hall

### **Next Sunday, March 9 – Mission Sunday**

- 8:00 Men's Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 Sunday school for adults
- 10:30 Worship service, including the ordination/installation of an Elder
- 11:30 Congregational Care Committee meeting in Fellowship Hall

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**Good Sam Food requests for March** – Bring your food offering to the worship service with you next Sunday, March 9.

*Special food requests this month: canned fruits and canned vegetables*

*Hygiene requests: shampoo*

*Regular requests:* canned fruits, canned vegetables, dry spaghetti, pasta sauce, soup, soda crackers, cereal, peanut butter, canned tuna, and canned chicken.

**Volunteers needed** to help with gasoline and utility assistance on Mondays and Tuesdays each month until the benevolence funds for the month are exhausted (now \$400). You are asked to be in the church office from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. to go to Mapco around the corner from the church to purchase gas for clients (using church credit card) and to phone a utility company to pay on a client's account (also using church credit card).

The time you are in the office is an opportunity to read, work on your own projects, and/or to use your phone for entertainment. Bethany kindly allows the volunteers to use her office during these hours since she is in her preschool office during that time.

Your volunteering allows Stephen and Martha time to get other work done.

**We still need liturgists for two Sundays in March.** Also, a new list beginning with April is now posted on the lectern in the narthex. If you are willing to serve, please sign the list in the narthex on dates that suit your schedule. All the information you need to serve will be provided during the week prior to that date.

**Lenten devotional booklets** (*The Way, the Truth, and the Life* – (Inspiration from Henri Nouwen) are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary and on the Information Center in the narthex. Please take one to use throughout Lent, which begins on March 5