

The Worship of God
Transfiguration Sunday – February 11, 2024 – 9:00 Morning Worship
Welcome to First Presbyterian Church via Zoom!

PRELUDE

“Holy Ground”

Geron Davis, arr. Hammerly

WELCOME

GATHERING AROUND GOD’S WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

God speaks and summons Earth.

We see God in the rising sun and in its setting.

God shines forth in beauty.

Our God comes in glory and does not keep silent.

A devouring fire, a tempest surrounds God.

Divine power unites the heavens above and calls Earth to God.

God gathers God’s faithful and makes a covenant of love.

Let us come together in faithfulness and love

to praise the power of God’s love for us and all creation.

OPENING PRAYER

(Invite the gathered community to close eyes and imagine what it looks like or feels like when you cannot keep yourself from running toward someone you deeply love and greatly desire. After a time of silent reflection offer the opening prayer.)

Because your presence dazzles us,
because your voice speaks to our longing,
because your beauty inspires us,
because your power gives us hope,
because your covenant graces us,
we gather around you, O God,
and are called into your resurrecting love.

SING

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

#662

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God,

we confess that we make false gods of this world.

We are eager to find hope in where we put our progress.

We are quick to find our faith in systems that ensure our entitlement.

We are tempted to find your sovereignty in situations we can control ourselves.

Help us not to proclaim ourselves but to proclaim the light of the gospel and the glory of Christ.

May Christ’s light shine in our hearts and into the world.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God’s light shines in your hearts and through us.

In the face of Jesus the Christ, God’s glory and grace are revealed and accessible to us.

Thanks be to God.

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

I invite you to turn to one another and share a sign of peace:
You're invited to unmute yourselves and exchange peace with one another

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 50:1-6

SECOND LESSON

Mark 9:2-9

...The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION

Rev. Susan Phillips

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SING

"Holy Ground"

#406

GIVING OUR GIFTS

DOXOLOGY

"Alleluia!"

#587

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of glory, it is good for us to be in this place, to find shelter,
to honor your presence among us, to know that we are full of hope
and aching with desire for you to stay with us, comfort us and provide the wisdom we need.

In this, we offer ourselves fully.

We offer time, talent, treasure.

**We offer one another the best of what we have to give
and know you will know just how to use it for your glory.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FROM THE CHAT

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts & debtors)

SENDING INTO GOD'S WORLD

SING

"This Little Light of Mine"

SENDING

May you always know you are called as you are, where you are.

May you always know that all of you – every broken piece,
every lost sheep, is gathered into the love of God.

May you always know you are invited into the new life
breaking into today like the dawn.

May you always be called, gathered, and invited into resurrection
today and every day of your eternal life fulfilled in God.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

"Charity"

Manuel Saumel