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February 11, 2024

10:00 AM

## Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday

### An Altar in The World: The Practice of Waking Up to God -Vision-

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

\* = Please stand in body or in spirit

**WELCOME!** We are glad you can join us for worship here and online. Visitors, please sign the guest book located in the narthex. Prayer request cards are available in the racks within each pew. Ushers will collect them during the second hymn. Please *remember to turn off all devices as we turn towards God.*

GREETINGS TO THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH

PRELUDE

*Meditation on "How Great Thou Art"*

arr. John Carter

CENTERING PRAYER: (In unison)

by Roddy Hamilton

**From the Jordan to the present, from the beginning to here, from the Galilee to this place, let us gather in the transfigured light of God.**

CHORAL INTROIT

*"O Magnify the Lord"*

arr. Tom Fettke

\* CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsively)

by Richard Bott

One: God touches the world, and the world changes.

**All: God touches us, and we are transformed.**

One: In the brightest of day, in the deepest of night, on the mountain, in the valley and everywhere.

**All: In this time together, we invite God to open our eyes to the transformation of our lives. Together, let us Worship God.**

\* HYMN # Blue 464

*"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*

Ludwig Van Beethoven

INVITATION TO SEEK GOD'S GRACE

PRAYER SEEKING GOD'S GRACE: (In unison)

by Carol Penner

**At the starting line of this day, we call on your name, God of grace. As we run the race you have set before us, help us to keep our eyes on your goals, not our own. When we falter, give us fresh strength and courage. When we are fleet-footed, let us give you the glory. Keep us from wanting to win at other's expense or to count ourselves better than those at our side. All runners are your children. In the race You imagine, each one is a winner. Amen.**

SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (In unison)

**God, whose glory outshines the sun, open our lives to the inspiration of your Holy Word, that we may fully understand and receive you into every part of our lives. Amen.**

GOD'S WORD TO US

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON	Genesis 28:10-18	p. 25
ANTHEM	<i>"Walk With Me"</i>	arr. Jack Schrader
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON	Mark 9:2-9	p. 44
SERMON	<i>"The Sacred Space of Football"</i>	Pastor Carie Morgan

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

(A quiet time for contemplation on the preached scripture.)

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

- \* HYMN # Green 128 *"Shine, Jesus, Shine"* Graham Kendrick  
(At this time, ushers will receive any written prayer requests. Blank prayer request cards are available in the racks within each pew. Please feel free to fill one out and give it to an usher or email office@fpcboonton.org)

TIME FOR MISSION

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER: (In unison) **"forgive us our sins, as...sin against us"**

CALL FOR OFFERING

- OFFERTORY *"Open Our Eyes"* arr. Peggy Bettcher  
(Please remain silent during this time of worship, dedication and prayer)

- \* PRESENTATION / DOXOLOGY: (In unison)  
**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. Amen.**

- \* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOD'S PEOPLE GO INTO THE WORLD

- \* HYMN # Blue 341 *"Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!"* Fanny J. Crosby
- \* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
- \* CHORAL RESPONSE *"A Choral Benediction"* Don Besig
- POSTLUDE *"In Celebration: The Solid Rock"* arr. Lani Smith

**Pastor:** The Rev. Carie Morgan  
**Organist/Choir Director:** Sarah Jane Zollner  
**Lay Reader:** Peter Lanigan

## Announcements

**We are glad you are worshipping with us today!**

**HEARING AIDS/RECEIVERS** – We have hearing aid receivers available during the worship service. Please ask an usher if you would like to use one. **PEW PILLOWS** – are available during worship for those of you who would like additional back support. Feel free to pick one up or have an usher bring one to you!

**LAY READER** – **Peter Lanigan** joined us as an active member in 1999. Peter and his wife, Barbara, live in Parsippany with their three children. Peter is an ice hockey referee and coach. He has served as an Elder on the Property Management and Fellowship Committees and as a Deacon. He occasionally uses his musical gifts to help out in our Chancel Choir.

**WORSHIP FLOWERS NEEDED** You can sign up on the chart by the Sanctuary doors. One or both of these arrangements are delivered to the sick and homebound each week and bring connection and cheer. The office will contact you regarding the \$40 flower donation and bulletin dedication.

**MISSIONS** - We are always accepting Mission Donations through Breeze or they can be mailed to or dropped off at the office.

**MEAL TRAIN** is an opportunity to provide a meal for a person or a family in their time of need. Please email Martel Roberts at [martelroberts@gmail.com](mailto:martelroberts@gmail.com) or call or text 973-216-0787 if you would like to volunteer to provide a meal or if you are in need of a meal.

**COFFEE HOUR** – is hosted/sponsored today by Congregational Life. Please join us in the Library to enjoy this time of fellowship. \*Please consider **sponsoring or hosting** coffee hour. You can sign up on the board next to the office (or consider donating to the jar in the library). Congregational Life will provide coffee.

**LENT** - During the Season of Lent, we will be exploring various spiritual practices shared through the book: *An Altar in the World* written by Barbara Brown Taylor:

**Today - Feb. 11**, Transfiguration Sunday - The Practice of Waking Up to God: vision.

**Feb. 14**, Ash Wednesday 7:30 pm - The Practice of Being Present to God: prayer.

Join us in making Prayer Flags.

**Feb. 18**, First Sunday of Lent - The Practice of Getting Lost: the wilderness.

**Feb. 25**, Second Sunday of Lent – The Practice of Wearing Skin: the incarnation

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**- Please join us, This Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm to experience the power of community. This is a wonderful opportunity to begin your Lenten journey in community and explore the power of forgiveness and grace.

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY** - please let Pastor Carie know if you are interested. Possible topics: The Gospel of John video series by Adam Hamilton or excerpts from the show: The Chosen.

**SAVE THE DATE! PW MOVIE NIGHT** -March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:15pm in the FPCB library. Movie TBD...

**2024 BILL & VIVIAN LOWTHER SCHOLARSHIP:** The Memorials Committee is pleased to announce that the Scholarship Subcommittee is accepting applications from FPC Members who have applied to or are attending an accredited college or professional school in pursuit of professional certification, undergraduate education, or a graduate degree. Please contact the church office at 973-334-3535 or [office@fpcboonton.org](mailto:office@fpcboonton.org) for application forms. Completed applications are due to the church office by **March 1, 2024**.



### 2024 PER CAPITA

Congregations pay an annual amount of money per church member — per capita apportionment — to their respective presbyteries. It is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together, by sharing the benefits of the system of government and operational expenses.

The per capita amount is a combined total of requests from the presbytery, the synod in which the presbytery is located, and the General Assembly — based on their respective annual budgets.

We ask all those who are able to consider covering your per capita charges for 2024. The Presbytery Per Capita fee is \$42.50 per member. This includes youth who have been confirmed. Ex: For a couple, the per capita amount is \$85 and for family (where 1 youth is also a member) the per capita would be \$127.50.

As a connectional church, we are obligated to pay this to the Presbytery of the Highlands early each year, to cover operational expenses. A small portion (a total of 10%) also gets allocated for General Assembly and Synod expenses.

We ask that you prayerfully consider making your per capita contribution. Every per capita cost that is not paid comes out of the overall endowment (or savings) of the church. By paying your per capita will allow us to allocate all of our donations to the missions of this church. You may use the special envelopes in your offering boxes or you can simply mark your contribution with the words “Per Capita.”

*-Mission Interpretation & Stewardship Committee*

**Ministers:** All the People of the Church

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### **February 11 – February 17 ~ *Transfiguration of the Lord***

Sunday	9:15 am	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b> (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	<b>Worship</b> (Sanctuary and online)
	11:00 am	<b>Coffee Hour</b> (Library)
	11:15 am	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b> (Choir Room/Sanctuary)
	7:00 pm	AA (Reighart Hall)
Monday	7:30 pm	NA - Lost and Found Group (Reighart Hall)
Tuesday	4:00 pm	NJ Conservatory (Choir Room)
	7:00 pm	<b>Session</b> (Library)
Wednesday	3:00/4 pm	Coffee & Services (Gateway) / Loaves/Fishes
	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts (Reighart Hall)
	6:45 pm	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b> (Sanctuary)
	7:30 pm	<b>Ash Wednesday Service</b> (Sanctuary)
Thursday	6:00 pm	Girl Scouts (Reighart Hall)
	6:30 pm	<b>Hand Bell Rehearsal</b> (Choir Room)
Saturday	8/9:00 am	Coffee & Services (Gateway) / Loaves/Fishes

### **February 18 – February 24 ~ *First Sunday in Lent***

Sunday	9:15 am	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b> (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	<b>Worship</b> (Sanctuary and online)
	11:00 am	<b>Coffee Hour</b> (Library)
	11:15 am	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b> (Choir Room/Sanctuary)
	7:00 pm	AA (Reighart Hall)
Monday		<b>Presidents Day</b>
	7:30 pm	NA - Lost and Found Group (Reighart Hall)
Tuesday	4:00 pm	NJ Conservatory (Choir Room)
	7:00 pm	<b>Worship Committee</b> (Library)
Wednesday	3:00/4 pm	Coffee & Services (Gateway) / Loaves/Fishes
Saturday	8/9:00 am	Coffee & Services (Gateway) / Loaves/Fishes

\*The calendar can also be found on our website under news and events:

<http://fpcboonton.org/calendar-pro/>