



First Presbyterian Church
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March 2, 2025

Transfiguration of the Lord
Worship & Communion

10:00 AM

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.

Please *remember to turn off all devices as we turn towards God.*

GREETINGS TO THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH

PRELUDE

"Prelude in G"

William H. Harris

* CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsively)

written by Roddy Hamilton

One: From seashore to mountain top, from lonely place to hillside,

All: From touching lepers to touching glory, this has been the reign of God.

One: From baptism's water to mountain top glory, from calling disciples to the healing of many,

All: From synagogue exorcism to transfiguration, we have moved in the glory of God.

One: The revealing, the making known, the unfolding, the manifesting, the unveiling, the unmasking, of Jesus.

All: 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.

* HYMN # Green 128

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Graham Kendrick

(At this time, ushers will receive any written prayer requests
or you can email the church office: office@fpcboonton.org)

INVITATION TO SEEK GOD'S GRACE

PRAYER SEEKING GOD'S GRACE: (In unison)

by Rev. Madison Shockley

O Holy One, on mountaintops and valley floors you reveal to us the light of your love. Draw us nearer that we might receive a double portion of your Holy Spirit. Help us, O Holy One, to live our lives as a reflection of divine glory. May we walk among our brothers and sisters as a blessing, bearing light into dark places, hope to displace despair, and love that casts out hate. Our world is hurting and we need the followers of Jesus to follow more closely. Maybe then we will hear your voice speaking to us and saying, ... "listen to my Child, the Beloved!"

SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

TIME FOR MISSION

GOD'S WORD TO US

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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 34:29-35 p. 81

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 9:28-36 p. 69

One: This is the word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON *"When Heaven Touches the Earth"* Pastor Carie

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY *"When Thou Art Near"* J.S. Bach

* 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

THE LORD'S SUPPER

* COMMUNION HYMN # 513 *"Let Us Break Bread Together"* African American Spiritual

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

BREAKING OF THE BREAD/DRINKING OF THE CUP

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE (Please take each element [bread/juice] and hold it until we take it together. Gluten/egg free crackers are in the middle of the plate.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: (In unison)

Book of Common Worship

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. Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE GO INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN # 411 *"Arise, Your Light is Come!"* William H Walter

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The Rev. Carie Morgan
Organist/Choir Director: Sarah Jane Zollner
Lay Reader: Martel Roberts
Substitute Organist: Lou Carozza
Firemen’s Home: Marjorie Roller and the Storas
Ministers: All the People of the Church

LAY READER – Martel Roberts is a Boonton resident along with her husband John, and their children, James and Amanda. Martel and John joined our congregation in 1998. Martel has served as a Co-advisor of the ROCK youth group, as a member of the PNC and is an ordained Elder who has served on the Fellowship and Memorials Committees and on the Scholarship subcommittee and is currently a Deacon. She works as a Business Education teacher at Randolph High School.

PLEASE WELCOME AS OUR GUEST ORGANIST: Lou Carozza - Lou lives in Rockaway, NJ, teaches Chemistry at Mountain Lakes HS and is an Adjunct Professor of Chemistry at CCM. He studied organ with Russell Hayton and Richard Morgan, has served as the organist/choir director at various churches across Northern NJ and is a member of the Metropolitan Guild of Organists.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 2 – March 8 ~ *Transfiguration of the Lord*

Sunday	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary and online)
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour (Library)
	7:00 pm	AA (Reighart Hall)
Monday	6:00 pm	NA PIC Meeting (Reighart Hall)
	7:30 pm	NA - Lost and Found Group (Reighart Hall)
Tuesday	10:30 am	Prayer Group (Library)
	6:30 pm	Deacons (Library)
Wednesday	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	3:00 pm	Coffee & Services (Gateway)
	4:00 pm	Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry
	4:00 pm	OPS
	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts (Reighart Hall)
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	7:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Thursday	6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Saturday	8:00 am	Coffee & Services (Gateway)
	9:00 am	Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

March 9 – March 15 ~ *First Sunday in Lent*

Daylight Saving Begins

Sunday	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary and online)
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour (Library)
	11:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room/Sanctuary)
	7:00 pm	AA (Reighart Hall)
Monday	7:30 pm	NA - Lost and Found Group (Reighart Hall)
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Scouts Wolf Den Meeting (Reighart Hall)
	7:00 pm	AA Tuesday Night Group (Reighart Hall)
Wednesday	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	3:00 pm	Coffee & Services (Gateway)
	4:00 pm	Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry
	7:00 pm	Session (Library and Zoom)
Thursday	1:15 pm	Second Thursday Adult Group (Library and Zoom)
Saturday	8:00 am	Coffee & Services (Gateway)
	9:00 am	Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

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

Welcome to the First Presbyterian Church of Boonton

We are glad you are worshipping with us today!

Mission Outreach:

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 Lois Merritt at loisann139@optonline.net if you would like to volunteer to provide a meal or if you are in need of a meal.

DEACON OFFERING ENVELOPES are available for your use on Communion Sundays (small green ones in the pews). Please consider making a donation to the Deacon Fund.

Worship:

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. All dates are open in March!

HEARING AIDS/RECEIVERS – We have hearing aid receivers available during the worship service. **PEW PILLOWS** are also available for those of you who would like additional back support. Please ask an usher if you are interested in these items.

LENT begins on March 5 – join us for our ASH WEDNESDAY worship service at 7:30pm.

Fellowship:

COFFEE HOUR is hosted today by Linda Blank. Come join us in the library for 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). *March 9th & 16th are available to host.*

PRAYER GROUP meets every other Tuesday at 10:30am in the church library. All are welcome. The next meeting is March 4th.

BIBLE STUDY meets Wednesdays at 10:30 in the church library and on zoom. We will be starting a new study for Lent this week “The Message of Jesus” by Adam Hamilton.

PW PCUSA Spring gathering - Presbyteries of the Coastlands and Highlands "Rewilding Faith: Tending Creation and Tending Soul". Join us for a day of reflection, renewal and action as we explore ways to care for ourselves, our communities and God's creation. **3/22 9:30am-1pm** at Kingston Presbyterian Church, 4565 NJ-27, Kingston, NJ 08528. Register by 3/14 at PWCoastlands@gmail.com \$10 per person - lunch included.

News:

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL - *Water for a Thirsty Soul* – Pick one up and grab one for a friend!

STEWARDSHIP

Please make sure you fill out your 2025 commitment and place it in the offering plate, mail it to the church, or email a confidential email to donrothrock@gmail.com



2025 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 2025. The Presbytery Per Capita fee is \$43.50 per member. This includes youth who have been confirmed. Ex: For a couple, the per capita amount is \$87 and for family (where 1 youth is also a member) the per capita would be \$130.50

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."

-Stewardship Committee



Breeze online
giving code



Spring is coming! Don't Forget to Set Your Clocks Ahead
THIS SATURDAY NIGHT March 8th - Daylight Saving Time Begins 3/9