

March 2, 2025; 9:00 am
Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday

We Gather Together

Welcome to today's Service of Worship. Whether you are with us in person, joining us live on zoom, watching on our YouTube channel, or listening on KFIZ, we are glad you are here. For those in person, please use the time before worship to fill in the Friendship Pad in your pew. We extend a special welcome to our visitors, and if you have not already received your welcome gift, please pick one up as you leave the sanctuary after worship.

Prelude: "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

arr. by Paul Manz

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin

Ringling of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ

***Call to Worship**

Carol W., Liturgist

We are brought here today to glimpse the hope that Christ has for us.

Open our hearts to receive that hope.

We are brought here today to be healed of our fears.

Heal us, Lord Jesus, with your love and power.

Come, let us receive the vision and healing love of God.

Praise be to God who continues to bless and restore us.

***Opening Prayer**

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah; and in the voice from the cloud you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us, with Christ, heirs of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

***Sung Response: GTG 193 “Jesus Take Us to the Mountain” vs. 1-3**

Nancy P., Cantor

***Call to Confession**

Carol W., Liturgist

Jesus said: Nothing is hidden that will not be disclosed, nor is anything secret that will not come to light. Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

***Prayer of Confession**

Carol W., 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. Have mercy on us, O Lord, as we silently open our hearts and confess our sins:

Silent Confession

(In the silence of our hearts we confess our sins to God.)

Hear our pleas, O God. **Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

***Assurance of Pardon**

The one who calls light out of darkness now shines in our hearts to reveal the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

***Sharing God’s Peace**

Zechariah prophesied, “Because of our God’s deep compassion, the dawn from heaven will break upon us to give light to those who are sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide us on the path of peace.”

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also, with you!**

*(Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you using the ancient formula ‘The Peace of Christ.’ ‘And also, with you.’ Please be mindful of those who do not wish to shake hands or be too close. **We encourage you to use this time to send a text or emoji to someone who cannot be here.**)*

***Sung Response: GTG 1 “Holy, Holy, Holy” vs. 1**

God's Word Is Proclaimed

Psalm Reading: Psalm 99 (Common English Bible)
page 552 in the pew Bible (NRSV), page 742 (CEB)

The Lord rules—

the nations shake!

He sits enthroned on the winged heavenly creatures—

the earth quakes!

The Lord is great in Zion;

he is exalted over all the nations.

Let them thank your great and awesome name.

He is holy!

Strong king who loves justice,

you are the one who established what is fair.

You worked justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Magnify the Lord, our God!

Bow low at his footstool!

He is holy!

Moses and Aaron were among his priests,

Samuel too among those who called on his name.

They cried out to the Lord, and he himself answered them—

he spoke to them from a pillar of cloud.

They kept the laws and the rules God gave to them.

Lord our God, you answered them.

To them you were a God who forgives

but also the one who avenged their wrong deeds.

Magnify the Lord our God!

Bow low at his holy mountain

because the Lord our God is holy!

Gospel Reading: Luke 9:28-36 (Common English Bible)

page 69 in the pew Bible (NRSV), page 1260 (CEB)

About eight days after Jesus said these things, he took Peter, John, and James, and went up on a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed and his clothes flashed white like lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, were talking with him. They were clothed with heavenly splendor and spoke about Jesus' departure, which he would achieve in Jerusalem. Peter and those with him were almost overcome by sleep, but they managed to stay awake and saw his glory as well as the two men with him.

As the two men were about to leave Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it's good that we're here. We should construct three shrines: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—but he didn't know what he was saying. Peter was still speaking when a cloud overshadowed them. As they entered the cloud, they were overcome with awe.

Then a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, my chosen one. Listen to him!" Even as the voice spoke, Jesus was found alone. They were speechless and at the time told no one what they had seen.

Children's Time

Jennifer Zander

Sermon: "Listen to Him"

Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin

Sung response: GTG 192 "Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining"

(Shine, Jesus, Shine)

We Respond to God's Word

THE APOSTLES' CREED

We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

** The word "catholic" means "relating to the church universal"*

The Practice of Gratitude

In response to God's Word and remembering all things come from God, we offer with thanks a portion of that which God has entrusted to us. The ushers will collect God's tithes and our offerings. For those who have given in other forms, there are cards in the pew racks that you may use as a tangible action of gratitude to God. No matter what we return to God in material forms, may we spiritually place our hearts, and our very lives, in God's hands, to be re-shaped for ministry in Christ, furthering God's kingdom here on earth.

Offering Music: "Siyahamba" (We are Marching in the light of God)

arr. by John Carter

***Offertory: GTG 612 "We Praise You, O God" vs. 1**

***Offertory Prayer**

Generous God, it is through your mercy that we have this ministry—the ministry of our talents and treasure, the ministry of our passion and purpose. Strengthen our hearts for your service, and accept the grateful offerings we lay before you. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

GTG 500 “Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread”

(Remain seated, we sing this song as the table is being prepared for communion)

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

This is neither a Presbyterian table, nor even the church’s table. This is the Lord’s table. It is prepared for those who love the Lord and for those who desire to love him more. All who believe in Jesus Christ are welcome to share in this meal.

GREAT PRAYER OF 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 to give God thanks and praise.

You set the sun to brighten the day and the moon and stars to illumine the night. You lead us by the light of your truth into the way of righteousness and peace. You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son. In his face, we glimpse your glory. In his life, we see your love. In his rising from the grave, we behold the promise of eternal light.

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this loaf and this cup and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising as we await the day of his coming. With thanksgiving we offer ourselves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ’s body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

Illumine our lives, O God, with the radiance of Christ’s love, that we may live for you and love as he loved. 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.**

Joining our voices with those from around the world, we pray as you taught us, saying...

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.

Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD – (words of institution)

We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus, on the night before he died, took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

SHARING OF THE MEAL

These are the gifts of God, for the people of God.

Come, share in the mystery of this holy meal.

The Bread of Life

The Cup of Salvation

Music during communion:

GTG 525 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

"Let Us Break Bread" arr. by Carol Tornquist

PRAYER OF THANKS

We give you thanks, Lord Jesus Christ, for the gifts of grace we have received from your hand. Now send us forth to reflect your light, proclaiming your saving death and resurrection until you come again in glory. **Amen.**

***Sending Song GTG 193 “Jesus Take Us to the Mountain” vs. 4 & 5**

***Taking the Light of Christ into the World**

***Benediction**

Led by the Spirit, follow the light of Christ into the world.

Illumined by the Spirit, allow the light of Christ to shine through you.

Amen.

Postlude: “Shine, Jesus Shine”*arr. by John Carter*

Prayers of the People

Anna J* (Katy J. mom)

Arnold L.

Bob & Ollive B.

Brian C.

Chastity G. & Joan S.

Corinne C.

Dick and Maryann*

Elias B.* (Laurie C grandson)

Gib D.

Pete D.

Jesse F.

Joan K.* (Marcus A. mom)

Kathy A* (Kevin B sister)

Kathy G.

Liam A.

Lynn M.

Marie L.

Marty P.

Paige T.

Pass Family

Pat D.

Pat M.* (Bonnie H sister)

Paul W.

Qualine S.* (Jodi A mom)

Sherry M.

Steven B.* (Kevin B nephew)

Family of Carol Dykstra

The names in **bold** are new to the prayer list. The names with an asterisk (*) are not church members. However, a church member has received permission to ask that they be lifted in prayer. Prayer request cards are available in the Prayer Box in the Narthex, in the church pews, or online ([click here](#)). You can place your prayer request in the offering plate or the lock box at the church office door. For electronic prayer requests, please complete the form and click submit. If you have a pastoral concern, that happens before or after office hours, please call the office (920.922.0425), press #2 for Pastoral Care.

WEEKLY STATISTICS FOR FEBRUARY 23,2025

Individuals in Person: 90
Zoom Households: 06

<u>DATE</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
02/23/2025	\$6071.00	Tithes/Offerings
	\$995.00	Special Offerings
2/17-21/25	\$3371.00	Vanco Online "Tithes/Offerings"
	230.00	Special Offerings
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	\$10,667.00	TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK

Financial Giving and Gratitude

You can give online at www.fdlpresbyterian.org [Giving page](#). (Click on 'Online Giving'.) You can also give by cash or check on Sunday morning, or by mail. We are so very thankful for your contributions that help us do God's work in our church and in our community.

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This Week

Sunday

9:00-10:00am
10:15-11:15am
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11:20-12:00pm

March 2

Worship
Fellowship Time
Growing Connections-Sermon Discussions
Sunday School
Ash Wednesday Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Monday

10:00-11:30am
1:00-2:30pm

March 3

Staff Meeting
Deacon Meeting

Wednesday

8:00-9:00am
9:30-12:00pm
12:00-1:00pm
5:00-6:00pm
6:30-7:30pm

March 5

Men's Breakfast
Mind Over Matter
Imposition of Ashes
Confirmation Class
Ash Wednesday Worship with Communion

Thursday

6:00-8:00pm

March 6

GriefShare

Sunday

9:00-10:00am
10:15-11:15am
10:15-11:15am
10:15-11:15am
11:20-12:00pm

March 9

Worship
Fellowship Time
Growing Connections-Disciplines for the Lenten Journey
Sunday School
Sunday Lenten Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Wednesdays, March 12- April 9



12:15-12:45pm Worship-In-person at FPC with Zoom
12:45-1:30pm Soup/Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
(In-person only)
6:30-7:30pm In-person Gathering with Food and Study
at *Bob's on the Avenue* (689 Fond du Lac
Ave, Fond du Lac, WI)

This is part of learning to live and share with one another as the Body of Christ. All are welcome to share the meal, without concern for the cost. A free-will donation will be taken at each to help cover the costs of food.