

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Transfiguration of the Lord

March 2, 2025

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Meditation

"Forgiveness is the key that opens the heart to grace, for in pardoning others, we reflect the mercy given to us in Christ." ~ William Williams Pantycelyn

PRELUDE

Ben Marti

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Eric Garner

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 62:1-2, 5-8

Pastor Eric Garner

Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from the Lord.

Truly God is my rock and my salvation; God is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from the Lord.

Truly God is my rock and my salvation; God is my fortress, I will not be shaken.

My salvation and my honor depend on God; the Lord is my mighty rock, my refuge.

Trust in God at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to the Lord, for God is our refuge.

HYMN

Let All Things Now Living

GTG 37

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Eric Garner

Gathering God,

We are a people who scatter;

We divide and justify our division.

Help us to hold together even in the discomfort of difference.

Sending God,

We are a people who bunker down;

We cloister ourselves away in security,

Hidden from the hurts of the world.

Embolden us to leap into faith.

In your Holy Spirit,

May we have eyes to see,

Ears to hear,

And hearts to love.

May we dare to be your people in this world.

Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Eric Garner

In Christ all of our hopes are answered! In him we encounter the redemptive love of God.

In the name of Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

GLORIA

Gloria

GTG 581

Musical score for Gloria, featuring piano accompaniment and vocal lines. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men."

CHORAL ANTHEM

Ben Marti and Dr. Andrew Kendall

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Eric Garner

CHILDREN'S TIME

Katie Simon

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GTG 288

Musical score for Sung Prayer for Illumination, featuring piano accompaniment and vocal lines. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me."

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 19:23-26

Sophie Hoiseth

23 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly I tell you, it will be hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven. **24** Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." **25** When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astounded and said, "Then who can be saved?" **26** But Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but for God all things are possible."

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 137:1-9

Pastor Eric Garner

1 By the rivers of Babylon—there we sat down, and there we wept when we remembered Zion. **2** On the willows there we hung up our harps. **3** For there our captors asked us for songs, and our tormentors asked for mirth, saying, “Sing us one of the songs of Zion!” **4** How could we sing the Lord’s song in a foreign land? **5** If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! **6** Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth, if I do not remember you, if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy. **7** Remember, O Lord, against the Edomites the day of Jerusalem’s fall, how they said, “Tear it down! Tear it down! Down to its foundations!” **8** O daughter Babylon, you devastator! Happy shall they be who pay you back what you have done to us! **9** Happy shall they be who take your little ones and dash them against the rock!

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *God of the Possible* Pastor Eric Garner

HYMN *Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor* GTG 342

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER Pastor Eric Garner

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.

THE APOSTLES’ CREED Pastor Eric Garner

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, Our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, 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, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE LORD’S SUPPER Pastor Eric Garner

CALL FOR OFFERING AND DOXOLOGY GTG 607

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor Eric Garner

POSTLUDE

Ben Marti



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CALENDAR

Sunday, February 2: 10:20 a.m.
Kidz Club
 FPC Kids Room

Sunday, February 2: 11:30 a.m.
 WiredWord Adult Sunday School
 FPC Library

Thursday, March 6: 12:30 p.m.
 FPC Staff Meeting
 FPC Multipurpose Room

Eric Garner, Pastor and Head of Staff

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