

# Transfiguration Sunday

## February 15, 2026

### Gathering

#### PRELUDE

*Traci Bopp, Musician*

*During the prelude, please take a quiet moment to prepare your hearts and minds for worship*

#### WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

*Rev. Dave Sippel, Pastor of Discipleship, Mission, and Outreach Leadership*

### Expansion of Our Hearts

#### CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

God of heaven, speak to us today!

**Show us your glory and your power!**

Jesus, Savior, comfort us today:

**Remind us we are called beloved.**

Spirit, holy presence, fill us today.

**Guide our feet in your way of love.**

#### \*GATHERING SONG "Speak O Lord"

*by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend  
Brooke Burgin, Song Leader*

#### Verse 1

Speak O Lord as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your holy word  
Take Your truth plant it deep in us  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith  
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes for Your glory

#### Verse 2

Teach us Lord full obedience  
Holy reverence true humility  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity  
Cause our faith to rise  
Cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority  
Words of power that can never fail  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

#### Verse 3

Speak O Lord and renew our minds  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us  
Speak O Lord till Your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mountaintops and valleys,  
We confess that no matter where life finds us, we sometimes have trouble hearing  
your voice and yielding our lives to your plan.

**We are busy and distracted. We are consumed with our own agenda and worldview. We have trouble pausing to listen to your voice and difficulty answering when you call us to follow.**

**Forgive us, God of grace. By your Spirit make us new. Remind us who we are: your beloved. That we might dwell in your love, listen to your voice, and live with your love in the world.**

Amen.

#### ASSURANCE OF GRACE

This is who God is: God forgives. Not because we earn it or deserve it, but because God is love.

**We are called God's beloved!**

Live now in your identity as God's children. Walk in love as children of the light.

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (10:00 a.m.)

The Sign of Water/The Meaning of Baptism

Promises of the Parents

Promises of the Congregation

The baptism of Catherine Leigh Kemly, child of Tom and Laura

Elder Sponsor – Hayley Bundz

#### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE May the peace of Christ be with you all! **And also with you!**

*(10:00 a.m. only) Children and youth are invited to leave for their classes*

#### SPECIAL MUSIC "Let It Be a Hallelujah" *by Jonas Myrin, Lauren Daigle & Mike Busbee* *Brenna Tesauro, Vocal Solo*

### Reception of God's Word

#### PREPARATION FOR READING

Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us  
in the reading of Holy Scriptures. **Our hearts and minds are open.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 17: 1-9 (NRSVUE)

Lynn Rayner, 8:30 Reader & Sue Hellyer, 10:00 Reader

1 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. 2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. 3 Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. 4 Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." 5 While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" 6 When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. 7 But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." 8 And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks Be to God**

MESSAGE "A Path of Transformation"

Rev. Stacey Duensing Pearce, Pastor of Worship, Care and Strategic Leadership

## Transformation of Our Lives

SONG OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE #562 (blue hymnal) **"Be Thou My Vision"**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING & OFFERTORY (10:00 a.m.)

DOXOLOGY #815 (blue hymnal)

## Compassion For the World

\*SENDING SONG #33 (blue hymnal) **"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"**

\*BENEDICTION This time of worship has ended. **Let the service begin.**

\*POSTLUDE

\* Indicates to please stand, if able.

*The chancel flowers today are offered in honor of Catherine Kemly's baptism  
and in memory of Jack Horner, given by Pat Horner and family;  
and in memory of Arline Friedrich, given by Jan Friedrich.*



Hearing assist technology is available during worship services. To find out how to connect your hearing aids or to borrow a hearing assist device, please see a greeter.



## TODAY & THIS WEEK – FEB. 15, 2026

**WELCOME TO FRC:** Today is Transfiguration Sunday. This Sunday we hear the story of Jesus transformed in glory on the mountaintop and joined by the prophets Moses and Elijah. Pastor Stacey's sermon on Matthew 17: 1-9 is entitled "A Path of Transformation". Also in worship at the 10:00 am service we will celebrate the baptism of Catherine Leigh Kemly (Parents Tom & Laura).



**LENT BEGINS NEXT WEEK ON ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>:** On this day, we name our mortality, confess our sin, name our need for God, and receive God's grace. Two services with the imposition of ashes will be offered on Ash Wednesday. A short, meditative morning service will be offered at 7:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. An evening service will also be offered at Preakness Reformed at 7:30 p.m. (131 Church Lane, Wayne)

## WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

**LET YOUR MUSICAL LIGHT SHINE!** Do you feel the beat? Hear the call? The music team is looking for new musicians to join the fun and help lead our congregation in joyful, worship-filled music! We're especially on the hunt for **percussionists**, but if you play **brass, woodwind, strings, or anything in between**, we'd love to hear from you. If the Holy Spirit is giving you a little nudge, take a moment to pray and see how God might be calling you to share your musical gifts. There's a place for you here—and a joyful noise waiting to be made! Questions? Reach out to Kim Lampe at [kim.lampe@frc.org](mailto:kim.lampe@frc.org) or call/text (973) 978-7067.

## THINGS TO KNOW

**IT'S TIME TO ORDER EASTER PLANTS!** If you would like to honor your loved ones and friends, living or deceased, fill out the form inserted in your bulletin this week and return it to the office with your payment. Final orders are due no later than March 9th. Due to the rising cost of lilies, they will be \$15 each while tulips and daffodils will remain \$12 each. You can also pick up your flowers after the last service on Easter.

**READERS NEEDED:** Please remember to sign up to be a scripture reader at your preferred service. Sign up sheets are on the kiosk near the coffee bar or call the office.

**LENTEN STUDY – "THE LAST SUPPER: CONVERSATIONS THAT LED TO THE CROSS" BY REV. DR. WILL WILLIMON:** A wonderful new study from Bishop Will Willimon will be offered during this Lenten season at FRC. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday – February 18th. Here is a summary

of the study: "Travel with Jesus on the road to Jerusalem in this profound six-week Lenten study that explores the parables and stories Jesus told at tables along the way to his final meal. Will Willimon invites readers to experience how these table stories—about searching shepherds, welcoming hosts, prodigal sons, and rejected invitations—illuminate the deeper meaning of the Last Supper and Christ's sacrifice. Pastor Dave will offer an online gathering at 7:00pm on Sunday evenings during Lent. Contact Pastor Dave to acquire a study guide, Zoom link, and access to the videos. Also, let us know if you would like to lead a group. [dave@frc-pp.org](mailto:dave@frc-pp.org) The first meeting of the online gathering will be Sunday, February 22nd.

**\*NEXT SUNDAY\*HEART HEALTHY BREAKFAST SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22 AT 9:00 A.M:** The Health and Wellness Team invites the congregation to a Heart Healthy Breakfast on February 22nd starting at 9:00 a.m. in Grace Chapel. Cost is \$2.00 and tickets are on sale after each service.

## MISSION/OUTREACH

**FEBRUARY MISSION OF THE MONTH: THE PEQUANNOCK FOOD PANTRY:** The Pequannock Township Food Pantry is a community outreach mission that serves approximately 115 families in our community. To donate, you can mail in a check during February, place it in the collection during worship, or donate online securely through our website on the line item: "Mission of the Month." Make checks payable to FRC and note "February Communion" in the memo line.

**GRAINS OF HOPE 2026 REGISTRATION OPEN:** This year's Grains of Hope food packaging event will be held on March 14th & 15th at the Pequannock Middle School. Volunteers are needed on Saturday the 14th (set up day) as well as Sunday the 15th (pack meals and clean up). Plan to join us for this meaningful event! Last year, we went over the two million meals mark! Go to [gojni.org](http://gojni.org) to register.

**IMPORTANT UPDATE FROM FRC MISSION TEAM & THE FOOD PANTRY:** FRC is NOT accepting any clothing or household goods at this time. PLEASE do not leave bags of these items on the property.

**PEQUANNOCK FOOD PANTRY CURRENT NEEDS:** We have had several food drives recently, thanks to everyone that participated. Despite that there are still some items we are low on. Below is a list. Whatever you can do to help is greatly appreciated. (\*Indicates most needed)

- \*Packaged milk
- \*Paper towels
- \*Conditioner
- \*Beets whole and sliced
- \*Tissues
- \*Dish detergent

\*Coffee – regular, decaf, and instant  
\*Safety razors  
\*Spam  
\*Corned Beef Hash  
\*Rice and Pasta Sides  
Tomatoes – diced and whole  
Jelly other than grape  
Cleaning Products  
Toothbrushes  
Olives & \*Pickles  
Nuts and dried fruits  
Vienna Sausages  
Beverages of all kinds, esp. juice

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

**CRAZY HAIR & HAT DAY - MARCH 1:** Spark Kidz and leaders are invited to wear their craziest hairdo or favorite hat to class on Sunday, March 1st! Join us as we prepare to “March” into the spring season.

**GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY - MARCH 8:** Girl Scout Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, March 8th. Current or former Girl Scouts are invited to wear their uniforms or sashes to church, and also serve as readers, greeters, or coffee hour helpers. Contact Janet to volunteer [janet@frc-pp.org](mailto:janet@frc-pp.org).

**EASTER THEMED ART EVENT FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH:** The Health and Wellness Team and Art Educator Susan DeBell are announcing an Easter art activity, “It's All About the Cross” on Saturday March 14th from 10:00am to 11:30am. Wooden Crosses will be decorated and put on display in the FRC-PP Art Gallery. Parents should sign up their 5-14 year olds by March 10th. Look for the sign up sheet in Friendship Hall or on the Spark Kidz webpage.

**FUEL YOUTH GROUP:** Middle school and high school youth are invited for snacks, activities and a lesson to get growing. FUEL meets in Friendship Hall on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Friends are always welcome!

**HIGH SCHOOL WINTER RETREAT – FEBRUARY 27TH TO MARCH 1ST, 2026:** Get away for a weekend of fun and personal growth. The Winter Retreat is a great place for high school youth to unwind and relax with a group of friends. We'll have lots of fun activities, but you'll also have an opportunity for quiet reflection on what God is doing in your life. Join us for this life-changing event at Spruce Lake Retreat Center in the Pocono Mountains. All high school youth should plan to attend. We'll depart at 6:00pm on Friday, the 27th and return at around 2:30pm on Sunday. Cost is \$150.00. Registration is open online.

## PRAYERS & CONCERNS

### FOR THOSE WHO GRIEVE:

Prayers for the family of Marilyn Vital who passed away on 2/1 at home after a private battle with cancer. Per Marilyn's wishes, no service will be held. Please join us in giving God thanks for Marilyn's life and the blessing she was to so many as well as praying for God's comfort and peace for her husband Ralph and all who knew her. No cards at this time please.

### CONCERNS:

**Toni**, Pat Cunningham's sister, prayers for physical & emotional healing.  
**Barbara Ball**, awaiting new test results. In JDT for rehab. Prayers for restored health. Cards 19 Cooper Rd. PP  
**Prayers for Adam**, friend of Christine Hudson, for peace.  
**Prayers for health for Lorraine Nichols**. Cards to 3 Kime Ave, Wayne 07470

**Barbara Livingstone**, prayers to help heal pain and walking in left leg. Cards to 735 Cannella Way, Riverdale, 07457

### LONG TERM CONCERNS:

**Jim Quigley, Jamie Spillane** (college classmate of Karen & Tom Kamp), **Jennifer Carpentieri, Cindy, Joe** (brother-in-law of Debbie Priestner), **Katie Wilson** (daughter of Linda & Ed) cancer treatment, **Anna Miller** (future daughter-in-law of Kathy & John Shea and future niece of Judy Shivy) **Joyce Gruzdis, Michael Clark** (Sharon Hollick's son-in-law), **Peggy Biondi** (friend of Amy Muller) receiving chemo, **Beverly Adams** (Jennifer Adams' mother) blood cancer, **Carol** (friend of Leeanne Leck) pancreatic cancer, **Sue Rayner**, lung cancer, **Kristen**, vision issues, **Christopher Martin** (Pat Lento's relative) myocarditis, **Steven Janowicz** (son of former members Joyce and George), **Colleen Erickson** (niece of Rose & Frank Chara), cancer issues, **Lorraine Nichols, Judy Napoli, Karen Milligan, Heather** (Tony's daughter-in law), **Nancy Crefeld** (Pete's mom), **Kathryn Dontje** (Barbara Ball's daughter), **Brenda** (Barbara Ball's daughter), **Judy Lento** (Pat Lento's sister in law), **Charles Cunningham, Dee Patrick, Jim**, (Lynn Rayner's brother), **Candace** (Jane Young's sister), **Amy Griffith, Adele Ebert** (Shell's mom), **Paul** (Susan De Bell's brother), **Johanna Clark** (sister of Michael Clark)

## FINANCIALS

### **HOW TO DONATE TO FRC:**

**Give Electronically:** You can have your weekly or monthly contribution debited from your checking or savings account and transferred directly into the church account safely and electronically. Visit our website [www.firstreformedchurch.com](http://www.firstreformedchurch.com) and choose the blue “Donate” button. You can also scan the QR code to donate.

**In Person:** Drop your check at the office or place it in kiosk or the offering plate during worship.

