



Welcome to First Pres! We are so glad you are here today. First Pres is an exciting faith community in which to live out your Christian discipleship. If you are a first time visitor to First Presbyterian Church, please take a moment to see one of the greeters on your way out for a special visitor gift. They will also be glad to answer any questions you might have.



We celebrate your participation in worship today. Please take a moment to register your attendance using the QR code at left. You will have the ability to share if others from your household worshipped with you as well.

Interested in Joining First Pres? If you are considering church membership, please speak with a minister following worship. You may also call the church office at 817.335.1231 to speak with Chris Bartley (Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

Children of all ages are a welcome blessing in worship! Children are invited to worship with their families. Parents, ask an usher for a worship bag full of activities to keep children engaged. Members, having children in worship is a gift and sign that our congregation is growing. Please welcome children and offer parents a smile of encouragement.

Stephen Ministry cares for people in crisis or transition. For more information, contact the Rev. Ashley Drake Mertz in the church office, 817.335.1231 ext. 264.

Our in-person and online congregations share worship together. This service may be livestreamed or recorded. Your image (photos and video) may appear on our Facebook page, YouTube channel, and our website. Questions about this policy? Please email communications@fpcf.org.

Large print bulletins and personal sound systems are available from an usher.



Offerings can be given by using the envelopes in the worship spaces and placing your gift in the offering plate or using the QR code here to give online.



First Pres is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Learn more about our denomination by visiting www.pcusa.org.



Join the Rev. Dr. Michael Waschevski next **Sunday, February 22** from 4:30-5:45 p.m. in Room 235 for an **informative and engaging seminar on how faith develops in children, youth, and adults**.



This seminar is empowering for parents and grandparents as they navigate the developmental journey of children and youth as well as all adults as they examine their own faith growth and journey. Following the seminar, a free dinner is provided. Childcare is available during the seminar. Scan the QR code here to register.

Staff & Worship Participants

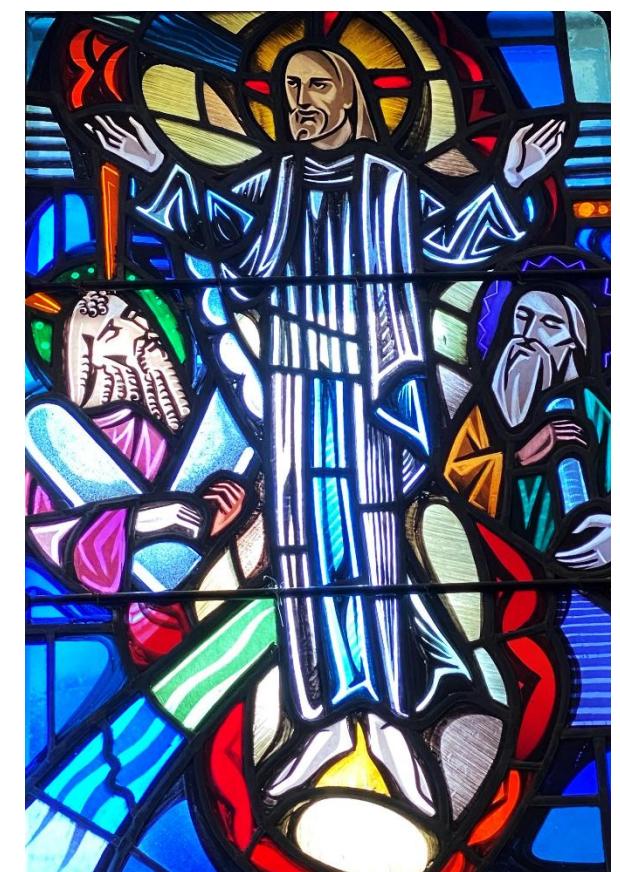
Pastor/Head of Staff
Senior Associate Pastor
Associate Pastor
Associate Pastor for Youth
Parish Associate for Pastoral Care
Director of Music/Organist
Music Associates
Associate Organist & Choral Assistant
Director of Children's Ministry
Engagement Coordinator
Senior Director of Engagement & Programs
Parish Visitor
Digital Content Producer
Audio/Video Engineer
Liturgist

The Rev. Dr. Brian Coulter
The Rev. Dr. Michael Waschevski
The Rev. Dr. Robyn Michalove
The Rev. Dr. Josh Stewart
The Rev. Ashley Drake Mertz
Dr. Ahreum Han Congdon
Rebecca Sawyer, Laura Collins
Brent McCartney
Ann Nielsen
Eric Varnon
Chris Bartley
Matt McGraw
Felix Oyola
Tristan Medina
Karen Dean

Ministers: The Entire Congregation
Partner Congregation in Fort Worth: Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church
Partner Congregations in Cuba: Buen Pastor, Resurrection, and Cidra Presbyterian Churches

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Sunday, February 15, 2026 | 9 a.m.



Gathering in God's Name

Prelude *Ain't No Mountain High Enough* Valerie Simpson & Nickolas Ashford
Jazz Ensemble – Laura Collins, soloist

Welcome, Greeting and Announcements Michael Waschevski
Please pass the Ritual of Friendship book down your row and back to the aisle during worship in order to greet one another by name.

Minute for Mission: Gilmont Camp & Conference Center Crosby Fleming Program Director

*Call to Worship Karen Dean

On the mountain, God's presence shone with glory;
****In the cloud, God spoke with holy mystery.**
This is God's beloved Son—listen to him.
We come to listen, to worship, to be changed.
Let us worship the God of glory and grace.

*Song of Gathering *Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining* 192

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

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. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

We continue with a moment for silent prayers and personal confession.

*Assurance of Pardon

The one who calls light out of darkness 2 Cor. 4:6
now shines in our hearts to reveal the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. In Jesus Christ, we have been forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

* The congregation may stand. ** Words in bold are read in unison.

*The Peace

Please share the peace with those around you by saying,
"The peace of Christ be with you," and responding, "And also with you."

*Sung Response

O Lord, Our Lord

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Encountering God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. 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." 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!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. 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."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Jesus came and touched them"

Brian Coulter

Responding to God's Word

*Song

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Robyn Michalove

**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.**

Offering of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

People Get Ready

Curtis Mayfield

*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

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*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

Going in God's Name

*Closing Song

Open the Eyes of My Heart

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*Benediction

Postlude

They Can't Take That Away from Me

George Gershwin

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