

**First  
Presbyterian  
Church** IN VICTOR  
WHOEVER YOU ARE.  
HOWEVER YOU HAVE COME.  
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.



**First Presbyterian Church**

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**Communion Preparer:** Brenda Dean

**Order of Worship** February 11, 2024, 10am  
**Transfiguration of the Lord**  
(\*Please stand if you are able.)

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship** *Psalm 50 (trans Nan Merrill)*

The Beloved, through the energy of love

**Brought forth the world**

From the rising to the setting sun

**Love radiates out to all the nations,  
perfect in beauty**

The universe forever proclaims justice

**The Beloved guides those who hear with their  
hearts.**

**\*Opening Hymn** *GTG No. 662 "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"*

**Gathering Prayer**

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

**God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the  
light of your own 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  
ways of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord  
and Savior.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Passing the Peace**

**Time with Children**

**Prayer of Illumination**

God of shining splendor, your voice makes the earth  
tremble in wonder. Illumine us with your spirit so that we  
may hear your word and live as faithful disciples through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Scripture Readings**

**2 Kings 2:1-12**

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a  
whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah  
said to Elisha, "Stay here, for the Lord has sent me as far as  
Bethel."

**Scripture Readings** (cont.)**2 Kings 2:1-12**

Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here, for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing, yet if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

**Mark 9:2-9**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling bright, such as no one on earth could brighten them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

**Sermon***"Going Down the Mountain"***\*Hymn of Response** *GTG No. 314**"Longing for Light,  
We Wait in Darkness"***Offering****\*Doxology****Communion Hymn** No. 507*"Come to the Table of Grace"***Invitation to the Lord's Table****Prayer of Great 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 our thanks and praise**

It is truly right...

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,****God of power and might,****Heaven and earth are full of your glory.****Hosanna in the highest****Blessed is the one who comes in your name.****Hosanna in the highest.**

...Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died****Christ is risen****Christ will come again**

Gracious God, pour out...

...all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,  
now and forever. **Amen.****The Lord's Prayer****Breaking of the Bread****Communion****Prayer after Communion****\*Closing Hymn** *GTG No. 192**"Shine, Jesus, Shine"***Benediction****Postlude**

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