



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Your Love Awakens Me

Wickham/Quilala

Call to Worship

Beyond our busyness, above the cold winter floor,
there is glory rising and reaching out to each of us

**A light that shines through the clouds,
an invitation seeking all who we are that transfigures the world.**

This light that transforms darkness into hope,
that brings life from a cross, where old life ends and new life begins

It is God who meets us here, rising us up to the heights of glory.

Hymn # 743

O God, You Are My God

STEP BY STEP

O God, you are my God,
and I will ever praise you.
O God, you are my God,
and I will ever praise you.
I will seek you in the morning,
and I will learn to walk in your ways.
And step by step you'll lead me,
and I will follow you all of my days.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, on mountaintops and valley floors
you reveal to us the light of your love,
yet we have not opened our eyes fully to see you
or those working for your glory around us.
We have not loved you or our neighbor with our whole heart.
With each encounter let us be changed and transformed.
Help us O Lord to live our lives as a reflection of you
so that we may walk among our siblings
as a blessing bearing light into dark places.
Where we have previously been seeking
to stay comfortable in the ways we have been,
stir in us a new light, a different light,
one that fills us with courage to carry accountability and change
which brings forth justice and mercy,—
your justice and mercy that reaches every corner of the world
and brings back the joy of your presence.**

Assurance of Pardon

Response # 443

There Is A Redeemer

GREEN

1 There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son;
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

Refrain:

Thank you, O my Father,
for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit
till the work on earth is done.

2 Jesus, my Redeemer,
name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
hope for sinners slain. (Refrain)

3 When I stand in glory,
I will see his face;
there I'll serve my King forever
in that holy place. (Refrain)

Moment with Children

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading

2 Kings 2: 1-12

Sermon

Mary Moore Driggers, 2nd Year Student, Union Presbyterian Seminary

Affirmation of Faith

From "A Brief Statement of Faith", Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

**In life and death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life nor in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Prayers of the People

Offering

Offering of Music

I Am Here For You

Townend/Townend

Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn # 825

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

SWING LOW

Refrain:

Swing low, sweet chariot,
coming for to carry me home.

Swing low, sweet chariot,
coming for to carry me home.

1 I looked over Jordan, and what did I see
coming for to carry me home?
A band of angels coming after me,
coming for to carry me home. O, (Refrain)

2 If you get there before I do,
coming for to carry me home,
tell all my friends I'm coming too,
coming for to carry me home. O, (Refrain)

3 The brightest day that ever I saw,
coming for to carry me home,
when Jesus washed my sins away,
coming for to carry me home. O, (Refrain)

4 I'm sometimes up and sometimes down,
coming for to carry me home,
but still my soul feels heavenly bound,
coming for to carry me home. O, (Refrain)

Charge & Benediction

Postlude

We Will Stand

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Welcome to worship on this Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday. Please indicate your presence by emailing Lisa Johnson at lisaj@fpcgreer.org.

Please note that we have the capability to accept your offering via text message. Please text GIVE to 18649993612. You may also give on our website or by mailing a check to the church office.

We welcome Mary Moore Driggers to the pulpit this Lord's Day. Mary Moore was nurtured by this congregation in her growing up years and remains an active member. She is a graduate of Presbyterian College. She served as a Presbyterian Young Adult Volunteer in Mission in Los Angeles for a year. She now is in her second year as a student at Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, VA Campus.

The Call to Worship is adapted from the Rev. Rob Smith, Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church, Apple Valley, MN.

Special thanks to the FPCG Praise Team (Ameka Cruz, Mike Branham, Lee Loftis, Mark Pella, Wendi Arms, & special guest, Chad Wentzky) for sharing their musical gifts in worship today.



The following opportunities will be available to members of all ages during the season of Lent and we hope that you'll join us for one or more of these:

Ash Wednesday Drive Thru Service: Wednesday, February 17th, 11:00 am - Noon and 6:00 - 7:00 pm. Members of our FPCG Staff will be at the back parking lot of the church to provide prayer, a brief liturgy and imposition of ashes. You will also have an opportunity to pick up supplies for the other Lenten activities listed below

Lenten Congregational Zoom Event: Sunday Evenings @ 5:30 pm beginning February 21st. We will gather on zoom for a time of fellowship, study and prayer similar to the events that were held each week of Advent. At each of these services we will extinguish a candle as we prepare for holy week with scripture, reflection and the study of a Lenten Hymn. No preparation needed, but we encourage you to gather 6 candles to participate in the extinguishing of candles at home.

Lent in Plain Sight: Wednesday evenings @ 7:30 pm beginning February 24th. Each week Rev. Dr. Pete Peery and Rev. Dr. Al Masters will lead us in a Zoom discussion of Rev. Jill Duffield's book *Lent in Plain Sight*. *This book can be purchased from the church office for \$10, at the Ash Wednesday drive-thru or on Amazon. Please email Lisa Johnson if you'd like to participate in this study and to receive the Zoom link.*

Lent Activity Packs for Children & Youth: Staff and volunteers have been preparing packs of activities and devotions for the families of Youth and Children that will be available for pick up in the next week. Please check your email for more details.