



# Transfiguration of the Lord and Sacrament of Baptism February 15, 2026



**Meditative Thought:** *"The fruit of silence is prayer, the fruit of prayer is faith, the fruit of faith is love, the fruit of love is service, and the fruit of service is peace."*  
– Mother Teresa of Calcutta

## We Enter into God's Presence

*\*Please stand in body or spirit*

### Prelude

#### **\*Welcome / Greetings**

*Signing of the Friendship Pad & Prayer Cards*

Sue Carlson

**Call to Worship** Exodus 24, Matthew 17

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One: As God called to Moses from the mountain,

**All: We are called to be God's people.**

One: As Jesus called the disciples to climb with him  
to the peak of another mountain,

**All: We are called to follow wherever he leads.**

One: As the disciples stood in awe at the sound of  
God's voice,

**All: We are called to worship in wonder and  
praise.**

One: Let us worship God.

**\*Opening Hymn # 788** *I Was There to Hearing Your Borneing Cry*

**Prayer of Confession (in unison)**

Pastor Craig Aue

**All: Holy God, we confess that we do not trust You fully. We put our hope in worldly gain and in human promises, and feel defeated and lost when things fall apart. You have given us love more fully than anything we could experience in this world, but we do not seek it, we do not hold on to it, and we continue to look to our own means of assurance and security. Forgive us Lord. Call us back to put our trust in You and not be afraid. May we hear your words to us, as clearly as the disciples did on the day of the Transfiguration; and may we rise up and not be afraid. We pray in the name of Jesus, who continues to love us and offer us mercy and grace. Amen.**

(A time of silent, personal prayer).

**Words of Assurance**

Pastor Craig Aue

**Recognition of New Members**

**The Sacrament of Baptism for Bennett Patrick Lesoski**

**Hymn # 486 (vs. 1 & 4)**    *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

## **We Hear God's Word**

**Anthem**

**Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 17:1-9

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**Reflection**

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## **We Respond to God's Word**

**Offertory & Collection of Prayer Cards**

Pastor Craig Aue

**\*Doxology #606**

**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.**

**Prayers of the People, Prayers of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer** Sue Carlson

Receive these prayers, O God — spoken aloud and held in silence — and gather them into your mercy and love, as we join our voices in the prayer Jesus taught us, saying:

**“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.”**

## **We Follow God's Word into the World**

**\*Hymn of Sending**     *Lord Jesus, What a Wonder!*     (Tune - "O Jesus, I Have Promised")

Lord Jesus, what a wonder and what a glorious sight,  
as present, past and future together came to light.  
There, James and John and Peter saw in a whole new way  
your holiness and splendor, and God's new coming day.

We wonder at your glory; God's radiance shone in you!  
Yet part of this great story is what God said to do.  
A voice came down from heaven. "Here's my beloved Son.  
I'm pleased with him. So listen!"— yet, Christ, what have we done?

We build great halls and churches In honor of your name.  
We sing your joyful praises, again, to do the same.  
Yet we have trouble listening to words of love you taught.  
So now your world is suffering and people are distraught.

O Jesus, may we listen and hear your call once more  
to love and care and welcome, to serve the lost and poor.  
May we speak up for justice and show compassion, too.  
When love becomes our practice, that's how we'll honor you.

Tune: Arthur Henry Mann, 1888

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**\*Benediction**

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**Postlude**

*How Firm a Foundation*

arr. Jason Payne

### **Join us for a Lenten Study via Zoom.**

This Lent take a meaningful walk with Jesus that invites reflection, inspires spiritual attentiveness, and opens your heart to the many forms following Jesus can take in daily life. Starting on Tuesday, February 17 at 7:15 p.m. via zoom, and continuing throughout Lent, JOY Study will study ***Meeting Jesus on the Road: A Lenten Study*** by Presbyterians Cynthia Campbell and Christine Coy Fohr. If you have any questions and for the Zoom link, see Sharon.

### **Ash Wednesday**

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a 40-day period before Easter, and represents repentance, mortality, and renewal symbolized by placing ashes on your forehead in the shape of a cross. The ashes remind us that we are “dust to dust” but also to have hope in Christ’s resurrection. It is a time of self-reflection, fasting, prayer, and turning back to God before Easter.

This year at FPCF, we will do something a bit different than our usual Ash Wednesday service. The sanctuary will be open to the congregation and the community on February 18 from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m., with soft candlelight and contemplative music conducive to prayer and meditation. You may arrive any time between 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and stay as long as you wish during this time. A meditation sheet will be provided with readings and prayers to assist in your worship time.

A container of ashes will be available on the Communion Table for self-imposition of ashes. Please feel free to invite others for whom this may be a meaningful way to begin Lent.

### **Ushers Needed**

We are looking for ushers to serve once a month, even or odd. If you are interested, please see Deborah Draper.

### **First Pres member Terri Haas named Teacher of the Year**

Terri Haas, a long-time member of First Pres Farmington, was recently recognized as Teacher of the Year for Farmington Public School (FPS) District. The FPS Facebook announcement read: “Terri has served FPS for nearly three decades in a variety of roles, including Adult and Community Education and Social Studies. Colleagues describe her as an educator who goes above and beyond to create an engaging, supportive learning environment. She has embraced the district’s reimagined program model, built cross-curricular connections, and helped expand dual credit opportunities. Terri is also known for strong relationships with students, families, and graduates, plus steady leadership that strengthens school culture.” Congratulations, Terri! Thanks for all you do for our community.

### **Individual Offering Envelopes Will No Longer Be Supplied**

As the demand for individual offering envelopes no longer meets the minimum order requirement, envelopes were not ordered for 2026-saving \$250. Leftover boxes of envelopes from previous years are available; please contact the office if interested. The use of monthly electronic withdrawals (ACH) is also encouraged, which is easy to use.

### **QR Code for Donations!**

If you ever forget to go to the ATM, or simply don't carry cash on you, we're including the church QR code for a more streamlined donation process. To donate, just scan the QR code and follow the prompt.



### **Hospitality Time Schedule**

You are invited to bring ONE food item on ONE Sunday each month. Your Sunday depends on the first letter of your last name. It would be greatly appreciated if you are also able to help with set-up or clean-up. Please note healthy options are welcome as well such as fruit, eggs, cheese & crackers, veggies etc. Here's the upcoming schedule:

- February 22: Last names beginning A-D
- March 1: Last names beginning E-K
- March 8: Last names beginning L-R
- March 15: Last names beginning S-Z

## **First Presbyterian Church Staff**

### **Ministers of the Church**

**Parish Associate/Temp Acting Head of Staff**

**Minister of Music**

**Office Administrative Assistant**

**Sexton**

**AV Tech Intern**

### **Members of the Congregation**

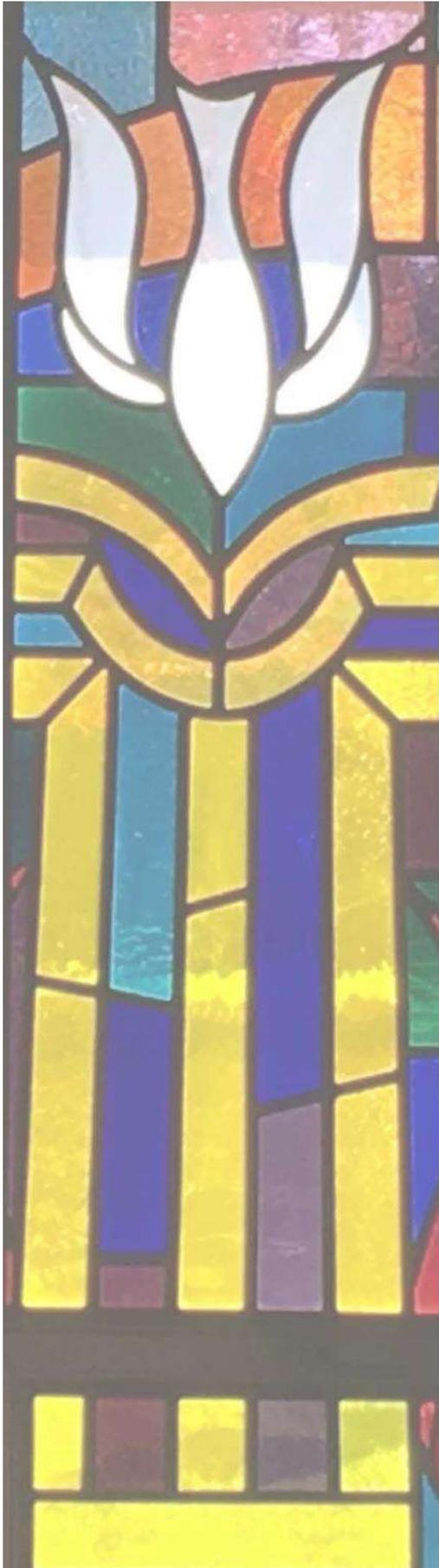
**Rev. Craig S. Aue**

**Peter Cartwright**

**Jennifer Taub**

**Richard Spurgeon**

**Lidia Neathamer**



# Connecting Our Community

Sharing together in ministry is a privilege that shapes us as the community of Christ. Unlike the early church in Acts 2, we do not hold all things in common, just a tiny share of our gifts to nurture the work of the Holy Spirit among us. Thank you for sharing in our life together and the work of the Presbytery of Detroit.

## **2026 Per Capita \$41/ Per Member**

- **Presbytery of Detroit – \$26.34**
- **Synod of the Covenant – \$ 3.40**
- **General Assembly – \$11.26**

The 2026 Per Capita is based on the congregations' reported membership for **December 31, 2024**. These amounts have increased slightly over time, but well below the rate of inflation, reflecting the increased cost of doing our work and careful stewardship.

*To fulfill the Presbytery of Detroit Per Capita obligations with the PC (U.S.A.) and the Synod of the Covenant, the Presbytery of Detroit funds 100% of the Per Capita owed to General Assembly and the Synod, even the deficit of what congregations do not submit.*