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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PENDLETON, OREGON –MARCH 2ND, 2025
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY



PASTOR: REV. JONATHAN MITCHELL
MUSIC LEADERS: CARLY ELDER, STEVE MULLER
LITURGIST: BARBARA CLARK

- **BOLD** words are spoken together
- The nursery is open for children aged 0-5
- There are children's worship activity booklets available!

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN #193 *Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain*

CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM LUKE 9

God of the mountaintop, you call us to journey with you.

Shine upon us; grant us sacred illumination; dazzle us with your beauty and glory.

In the midst of our weary souls and exhausted bodies,

Transfigure our imaginations and reveal to us what is possible.

In the face of unceasing violence and endless wars,

Transfigure our imaginations and reveal to us what is possible.

In the midst of crushing disasters, natural and humanmade,

Transfigure our imaginations and reveal to us what is possible.

Move us from scarcity and cynicism and transfigure our lowly visions to reveal the abundant life of your realm.

Help us to keep watch so that we might leave the mountaintop inspired to do your work of transformation in the valley below.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

FROM LUKE 9

Gracious God, we tremble in the presence of your glory and power.

Strengthen our courage, that we might look upon your love and stop shrinking away in fear.

Embolden us to trust your grace, no matter how grave our transgressions or ashamed our hearts may be.

Shine upon us with your mercy, that we may shine for all to see.

Grant us confidence in both your grace and your abundant love.

(time for silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

...Join me in these words of forgiveness:

By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*GLORIA PATRI

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.***

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

...May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

Greet one another with the peace of Christ

HYMN #190

Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

OT P. 78

EXODUS 34:29-35

GOSPEL LESSON

NT P. 65

LUKE 9:28-43A

SERMON

Down from the Mountain

ANTHEM

Beautiful Saviour

CHANCEL CHOIR

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY GTG #607

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
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.

*HYMN #227 *Jesus, Remember Me*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

*HYMN #15 *All Creatures of Our God and King*

*BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please sign and pass the fellowship pads at the end of the pews. It is a great way to determine who sits in the pew next to you. Please join us for coffee hour following worship in the Rogers Room.
- Our annual Lenten Soup Supper series begins Ash Wednesday, March 5, First Christian Church at 7:00 PM. There will be no soup on Ash Wednesday. See the flyer below for the entire schedule.
- There is also a Youth Lent Service next month, also starting on March 5th. Encourage your youth to participate. Flyer with Youth Lent Service schedule and information is below.
- The first meeting for The 40 Days with Matthew, volume 2 discussion is March 16th at 4 PM. Please let Darcey Ridgway know you are interested as soon as possible so she can order books for everyone.
- Congregational Vitality is hosting a ladies tea on Sunday, March 9 at 1:00 PM. This is a fun tradition for the church. Invite your neighbors and friends.
- Join us for a grounds clean-up work day on Saturday, March 22nd from 9 AM to Noon.
- OREGON INTERFAITH EARTH SUMMIT. It will be held at the Pendleton Library Community Room on Sunday, March 16, from 12 to 2 p.m. More info is below.



Please join us for our shared weekly Lenten evening soup suppers followed by our services. The season of Lent is a time of solemnity, self-sacrifice, and prayer. Come encounter God in faith, fellowship, and worship. All offerings taken during these services will go to Helping Hand and its efforts to help those in our community. This year's theme for Lent is: **Blessings and Woes**

3/5/2025	Ash Wednesday 7 pm Service Rev. Charlotte Wells	First Christian Church 215 N Main St.
3/12/2025	Soup and Service 6pm then 7pm Rev. Ann Marie Hardin	First Presbyterian Church 201 SW Dorion Ave.
3/19/2025	Soup and Service 6pm then 7pm Rev. Jonathan Mitchell	Peace Lutheran Church 210 NW 9 th St.
3/26/2025	Soup and Service 6pm then 7pm Rev. Karyn Dyx	Episcopal Church of the Redeemer 241 SE 2 nd Ave.
4/2/2025	Soup and Service 6pm then 7pm Rev. Travis Larsen	First Christian Church 215 N Main St.
4/9/2025	Soup and Service 6pm then 7pm Pastor Patty Nance	First Presbyterian Church 201 SW Dorion St.



LENT YOUTH EVENTS

We are hoping to engage the youth during this Lent season.

We are encouraging them to attend all Lent services with some scheduled events connected to a few of them. Please see below for more information.

March 5th - Youth Group Dinner & Lent

When: 5:30 pm Dinner, 7:00 pm Service

What: Enjoying dinner and Ash Wednesday together

Where: Dinner TBD, Lent Service @ First Christian Church

Who: High Schoolers

March 19th - Youth Centered Lent

When: 6 pm Soup, 7 pm Service

Where: Peace Lutheran Church

Who: Middle and High Schoolers

What: Middle schoolers and high schoolers will volunteer to serve soup, set up tables, and clean up during the shared soup supper

April 9th - Youth Group Lent

When: 6 pm soup, 7 pm Service

What: Enjoying soup and Lent together

Where: First Presbyterian Church

Who: High Schoolers

Please encourage your youth to attend those events and forward this email to anyone who is interested. Be on the lookout for some potential Easter service projects and Easter egg hunts.





Please join us for “40 Days with the Gospel of Matthew (Volume 1)” Bible study! The first part of this study will start on January 6, 2025 and end on February 14, 2025 (40 days). This daily devotional journal will take you through Matthew 15:20.

The second part of this study (40 Days with the Gospel of Matthew, Volume 2) will begin with Matthew 15:21-28 and will start on March 5, 2025 and end on Easter. This “40 Days” series is intended to be both devotional and journal that encourages the reader to study, reflect, discern and pray about that day’s Scripture reading.

There is space after each daily Scripture entry to write about the key words or phrases that resonate with you and a place to write your insights.

Group discussions will be led by Pastor Jonathan on the following dates:

(Part 1): January 12, January 26 and February 16.

(Part 2): March 16 and April 6.

Books will be provided by the Congregational Vitality Commission and are also available at Brett’s Books. Please let Darcey Ridgway know if you are interested so the correct number of books can be ordered. She can be reached at (541) 310-0951.

Any and all questions about this Bible study can also be directed to Darcey.

OREGON INTERFAITH EARTH SUMMIT

**Sunday, March 16 at 12-2 p.m.
Pendleton Library Community Room**



Connect with people of faith and goodwill to explore “climate safety and health.” Learn how we can work together to protect our community from climate change.

This is an in-person gathering, held simultaneously with other communities across the state. Feel free to join us early and stay late for refreshments and conversation!

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