

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

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A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(As we prepare to worship, please silence all mobile devices.)

*For those joining worship via live stream, please prepare your bread and cup before worship
so that we might partake of the elements at the same time during today's service.*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, AND CONCERNS

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Rebecca Groom te Velde

INTROIT

Jesus on the Mountain Peak

St. Albinus

*Jesus on the mountain peak stands alone in glory blazing.
Let us if we dare to speak join the saints and angels praising!
Alleluia!*

*This is God's beloved Son! Law and prophets sing before him.
First and last and only one. All creation shall adore him!
Alleluia!*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Mindy Douglas

Leader: From a cloud and in a crowd, God speaks to us.
People: **Calling us to be lovers of justice, to share hope with the broken.**
Leader: On mountaintops and in neighborhoods, Christ calls to us.
People: **With a word, and with wonder, molding us into who we are.**
Leader: On the playground and at the workstation, the Spirit whispers in our hearts.
People: **We gather up our fears, as well as our dreams, and offer them to God.**
All: **Let us worship God.**

***OPENING HYMN**

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

*All creatures worship God most high, lift up your voice in earth and sky, alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O sing ye, O sing ye, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*Dear mother earth, who day by day, unfoldest blessings on our way, alleluia, alleluia!
The flow'rs and fruits that in thee grow, let them God's glory also show,
O sing ye, O sing ye, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*And ev'ryone, with tender heart, forgiving others, take your part, alleluia, alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, sing praise and cast on God your care,
O sing ye, O sing ye, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*Let all things their Creator bless, and worship God in humbleness, alleluia, alleluia!
To God all thanks and praise belong! Join in the everlasting song:
O sing ye, O sing ye, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*Those who are able, please stand.

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

John Weicher

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

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.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

***THE PEACE**

John Weicher

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Carl Rist

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Gracious God,

in order that the children of earth

might discern good from evil

you sent your Son to be the light of the world.

As Christ shines upon us,

may we learn what pleases you,

and live in all truth and goodness;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever. Amen.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 24:12-18

(Pew Bible, OT Page 70)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Carl Rist

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 17:1-9

(Pew Bible, NT Page 18)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Mindy Douglas

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Holy Befold"

Mindy Douglas

***HYMN NO. 190**

Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

Geneva

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*in unison*) *Nicene Creed* Esther Hethcox
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Lenore Champion

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Esther Hethcox

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem

How Shall I Sing that Majesty

arr. J. R. Daniels

How shall I sing that majesty which angels do admire?

Let dust in dust and silence lie; sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.

*Thousands of thousands stand around thy throne, O God most high;
ten thousand times ten thousand sound thy praise; but who am I?*

Thy brightness unto them appears, whilst I thy footsteps trace;

a sound of God comes to my ears, but they behold thy face.

*They sing, because thou art their Sun; Lord, send a beam on me;
for where heaven is but once begun there alleluias be.*

How great a being, Lord, is thine, which doth all beings keep!

Thy knowledge is the only line to sound so vast a deep.

*Thou art a sea without a shore, a sun without a sphere;
thy time is now and evermore, thy place is everywhere.*

**Doxology with Alleluias*

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below; alleluia; alleluia;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Esther Hethcox

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

John Weicher

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: Creating and liberating God,
you called your people into covenant with you
and sealed your trust with Moses on the mountain;
you called your people back to the covenant through your prophets
and spoke in a still small voice to Elijah on a mountain.

Then, in your Son Jesus, on a mountain

you stood between the Law and the Prophets
and revealed the radiance of your gospel.

On Calvary's hill your Son redeemed us by the blood of your new covenant,
and on the mountain in Galilee, he ascended to your right hand on high.

And so we gladly thank you, celebrating your glory with angels and archangels,
and all the company of heaven,
dazzled by your face and singing the hymn of your unending praise:

All (sung):

Sanctus

Pavlechko

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Leader: Dazzling God,
 you set up your tent and make your dwelling among us.
 Abide with us now through the power of your Holy Spirit,
 that your people may become a temple of your presence,
 and these gifts of bread and wine may be for us
 the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
 Great is the mystery of faith.

All (sung):

Hymn No. 573



Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

Leader: Transfiguring God,
 it is good for us to be here.
 Through this holy sacrament make us your children,
 and be close to all who have no one
 to share your love and mercy with them.
 Make us your beloved and visit all who have no one to call them beloved.
 Give us grace to listen to your voice,
 and bring to your heart any who have no one to listen to them.
 Surround us with your prophetic company
 and take us up into the whirlwind of your glory,
 until the day comes when the waters of the Jordan are parted
 and the heavens are opened
 and the chariots bring us home to you,
 ever one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

All (sung):

Hymn No. 574



A - men, a - men, a - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*in unison*)

**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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

John Weicher

*COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(The bread is gluten free. The elements were prepared in a gluten-free area. Communion servers sanitize their hands prior to distributing the elements. Please come forward to receive the bread and cup.)

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Esther Hethcox

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: We give you thanks, Lord Jesus Christ,
For the gifts of grace we have received from your hand.
Now send us forth to reflect your light,
Proclaiming your saving death and resurrection
Until you come again in glory. Amen.

(If you are not staying for the congregational meeting, please leave during the last verse of the hymn.)

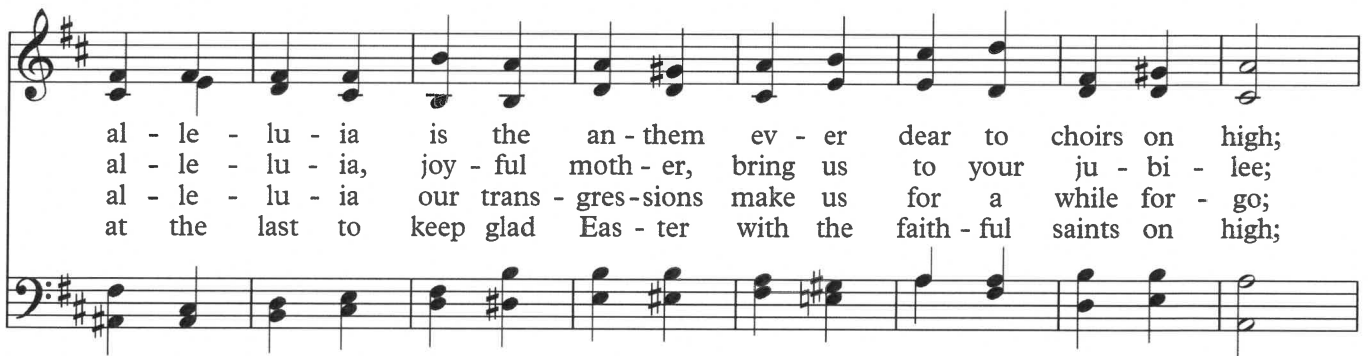
*HYMN

Alleluia, Song of Gladness

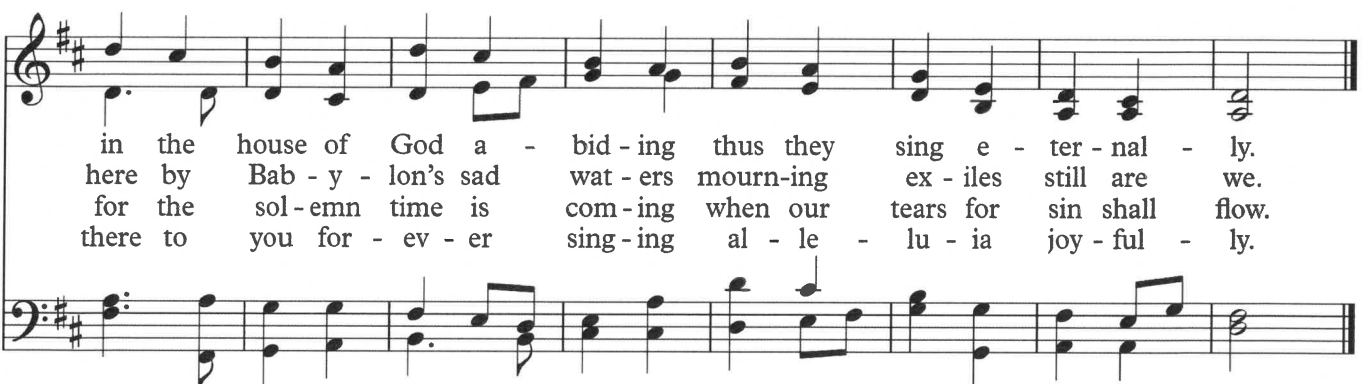
Lauda Anima



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can-not die;
2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
3 Al - le - lu - ia can-not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,



al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;
al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;
al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres-sions make us for a while for - go;
at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
here by Bab - y - lon's sad wat - ers mourn-ing ex - iles still are we.
for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.
there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Nominating Committee Report

Election of Officers and Nominating Committee for 2023-2024

Mindy Douglas

Mary Ann Compton

*BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

*POSTLUDE

All Creatures of Our God and King

Rebecca Groom te Velde



Welcome! Let us know you have joined us for worship by scanning this QR code.

First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship with us. We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Christ. We welcome individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender identity, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church.

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of **Allen Verhey** by his family.

Childcare: A staffed nursery and children's playroom are available on the second floor of the education building during worship. **Activity bags** are available in the foyer for children to use during worship.

Hearing Assistance Receivers are available from the ushers. Before you leave the sanctuary, please turn off the receiver and place it in the specially marked receptacle by the door or return it to an usher. Receivers are sanitized after each use.

Restroom locations: To the left and right as you exit the rear of the sanctuary; on the second floor of the education building; and on the first and second floors of the church house. There is an infant changing table in the restroom area located to the left as you exit the rear of the sanctuary.

Today's worship texts are taken from **Book of Common Worship** (1995 and 2018) and **Eucharistic Prayers**.

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

12 Noon Imposition of Ashes Service in the Memorial Garden

6:00 p.m. Evening worship with message by Amy Heit, imposition of ashes, and communion in the sanctuary

- Children are welcome in worship (no childcare available).
- Light meal of veggies and bean soup (vegetarian and GF) along with bread and beverages follows the worship.
- Please RSVP the number of people attending in your party (adults and children). Respond to the EVITE or call Sybil in the church office: 919-682-5511 x 217.
- Cost: For those over age 12, a **\$7.00 donation** is encouraged to help cover the cost of the meal. Cash, check, text, or credit card accepted at the meal.

We are also collecting nonperishable food donations for Iglesia Emanuel's food pantry. While all food donations and canned goods are appreciated, shelf-stable protein sources are needed, in particular (such as canned tuna or chicken). There will be boxes in the foyer for your donations.



~ Our Concerns ~

Condolences: The love and concern of the congregation are extended to:

- ***BJ Morton and family*** on the death of our dear member and her husband, ***Parker Morton***. Parker died Wednesday, February 15 at the age of 95. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held here at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, February 24. Arrangements by Clements Funeral Service, Durham.
- ***Omar Guess and family*** on the death of his grandmother. ***Mable Guess*** died Thursday, February 16 at the age of 98.

David Verner, preparing for surgery

Duke Hospital: ***Patrick Dobson***, son of Linda Dobson, brother of Nancy Kost, uncle of Jack Kost

Paul Cornsweet

Susan Cyr

Joe Harvard

Kerry Holbrook

Lee House

George Kafula

Mitzi Lesher-Thomas

Franzi Rokoske

Andy Widmark

Carol Wills

Care Communities

Croasdaile Pavilion: ***Dub Gulley***

Dubose Center at The Cedars, Chapel Hill: ***Arthur Clark***

Durham Ridge Assisted Living: ***Phillip Herndon***

Hillcrest Convalescent: ***Julian Boswell, Maxie Honeycutt, Jim Wolfe***

Family and Friends of the Congregation

Blaine Ballantyne, friend of Jane Brown

Kim Cummings, father of Drew Cummings

Grace, Chris James' great-niece

Bob Lucas, friend of Fred and Jo Ann Moore

John Wakefield, cousin of Vernon Neece

Brooke, roommate of Heidi Biermann

Father of Andres, friend of the congregation

Pam Hanson, mother of Laura Hanson

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

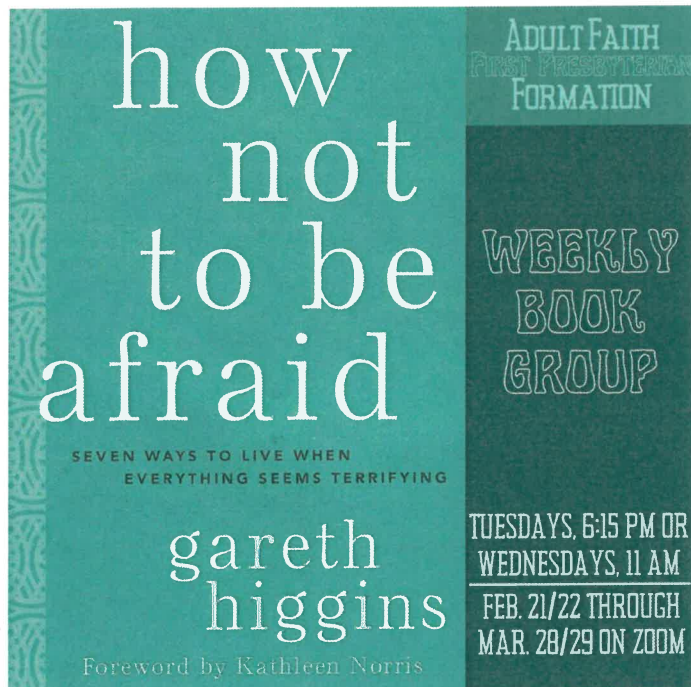
Continue to pray for and support earthquake victims in Syria and Turkey.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is providing emergency relief and short-term recovery in the impacted areas through long-standing partners in Syria, in addition to ACT Alliance members in Syria and Turkey. Gifts can be made by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check made payable to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) with "DR999999-ST Earthquake" written on the memo line and mailed to

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.),

P.O. Box 643700,

Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.



New Book Discussion Begins

Discussion Schedule

February 21/22 - chapters 1-2
 February 28/March 1 - chapters 3-5
 March 7/8 - chapters 6-7
 March 14/15 - chapters 8-9
 March 21/22 - chapters 10-11
 March 28/29 - chapter 12 and epilogue
 April 4 – Holy week – no meeting
 April 11 – Easter week – no meeting

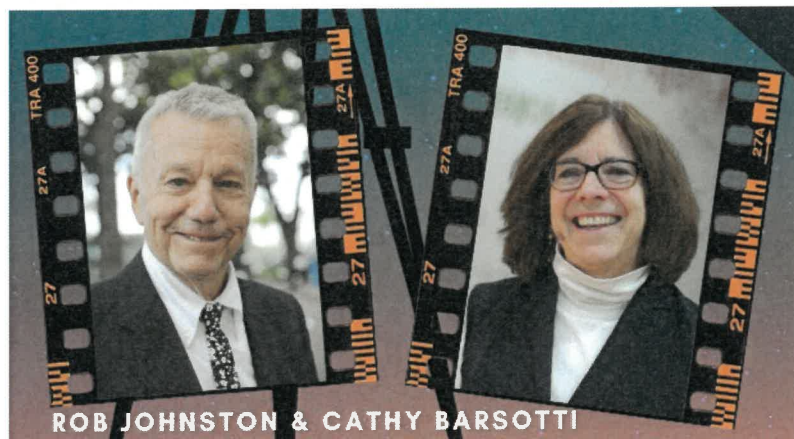
See Mindy Douglas on how to obtain a copy of the book.

ZOOM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82972133680?pwd=cktmUNZdXRSZ09NUkxhZklDTlIzQT09>

Save the Date!

MCPHERSON LECTURESHIP 2023

THEME: Finding God in the Movies



Sunday, March 26

9:45 a.m. Faith & Community Class

11:00 a.m. Worship

3:00 p.m. Community Lecture at FPC

Monday, March 27

9:00 a.m. Clergy and Youth Leader Breakfast at FPC



From the Nominating Committee

Nominees for Ruling Elder – Class of 2026

**Jon Abels
Jennie Alwood
Gordon Campbell
Conrad Carter
Amy Dillon
Alice Raney
Katharine Whitmore**

Nominees for Deacon – Class of 2026

**Rachel Bethune
Andy Henry
Kathryn Murchison
Mary Ashley Rose
Eric Wiebe**

Nominees for Deacon – Class of 2024

**Theodora (Teddie) Brown
Elizabeth Jones**

Nominees to Nominating Committee 2023-2024 (At-large)

**Tom Bacon
Bert Clere
Brent Curtis
Marie Sappenfield**

Submitted by Mary Ann Compton, Chair

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Capo 3: (Dm)

Fm

(Gm)

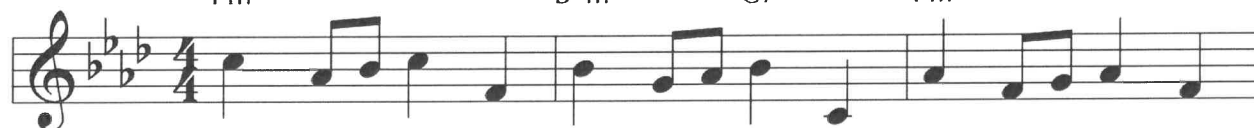
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(Dm)

Fm



1 Swift - ly pass the clouds of glo - ry, heav - en's voice, the
2 Glimpsed and gone the rev - e - la - tion, they shall gain and
3 Lord, trans-fig - ure our per - cep - tion with the pur - est

(Gm)

Bbm

(A7)

C7

(Dm)

Fm

(Gm)

Bbm

(A7)

C7



daz - zling light; Mo - ses and E - li - jah van - ish;
keep its truth, not by build - ing on the moun - tain
light that shines, and re - cast our life's in - ten - tions

(Dm)

Fm

(A7) (Dm)

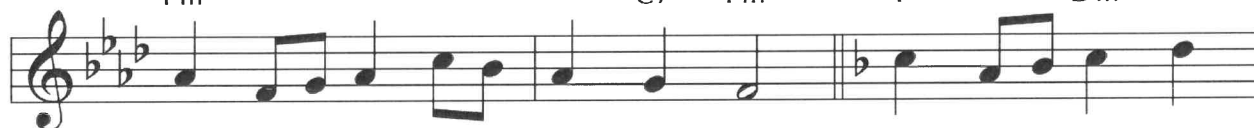
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Christ a - lone com - mands the height! Pe - ter, James, and
an - y shrine or sa - cred booth, but by fol - low -
to the shape of your de - signs, till we seek no

(Em)

Gm

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(A7) (D)

C7 F



John fall si - lent, turn - ing from the sum - mit's rise down - ward
ing the Sav - ior through the val - ley to the cross and by
oth - er glo - ry than what lies past Cal - vary's hill and our

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F C7 F



toward the shad - owed val - ley where their Lord has fixed his eyes.
test - ing faith's re - sil - ience through be - tray - al, pain, and loss.
liv - ing and our dy - ing and our ris - ing by your will.

This Week at a Glance!

<p>Later Today . . .</p> <p>12:15-3:15 PM Youth Group Ice Skating w/Trinity Ave PC (meet in foyer)</p> <p>8:00 PM MnM Fellowship (via Zoom)</p> <p>The LGBTQ+ Community gathering for later today has been postponed. A new date to be announced.</p>	<p>Monday, February 20</p> <p>1:30 PM Worship Planning</p> <hr/> <p>Tuesday, February 21</p> <p>5:00 PM Finance Committee</p> <p>6:15 PM (via Zoom) Book Study: <i>How Not to Be Afraid</i></p>	<p>Wednesday, February 22</p> <p>Ash Wednesday</p> <p>11:00 AM (via Zoom) Book Study: <i>How Not to Be Afraid</i></p> <p>12 Noon Prayer Service with Imposition of Ashes (Memorial Garden)</p> <p>6:00 PM Worship with Imposition of Ashes & Communion (Sanctuary) followed by a light supper (Watts-Hill Hall)</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>
<p>Thursday, February 23</p>	<p>Friday, February 24</p> <p>11:00 AM Service of Witness to the Resurrection for Parker Morton (Visitation with the family at 10:30 a.m. in the foyer)</p> <hr/> <p>Saturday, February 25</p> <p>9:00 AM - 3:00 PM New Hope Presbytery (FPC, Greenville)</p>	<p>Sunday, February 26 First Sunday in Lent</p> <p>9:45-10:45 AM Faith Formation for all ages</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship Rebecca Todd Peters, preaching (Hunger for Change Offering received)</p> <p>5:00-7:00 PM Youth Group with Youth Parents</p> <p>8:00 PM MnM Fellowship <i>via Zoom</i></p>

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