



First Presbyterian Church

of Raleigh, North Carolina

Serving Christ from the heart of the city to the ends of the earth with love, faith, and action.

February 15, 2026

Transfiguration of the Lord

We Gather in God's Presence

Gathering Music

Chiming of the Trinity

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger

Introit

The Voice from the Cloud

Daniel Pinkham (1923-2006)

Call to Worship

The glory of God shines like a consuming fire.

We have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The voice of God thunders like a mighty storm.

Out of the cloud, God speaks: This is my beloved Son; listen to him!

In faith and joy, let us worship God!

*Hymn 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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Prayer of Confession

The Rev. Laurie Taylor Weicher

God of all glory, beauty, and grace, we have tried to hide from you—to hide our faces, to hide our sin—yet you have never hidden your love for us. We have tried to search for you—in temples, in clouds, on mountaintops—yet you have already revealed yourself to us in the face of Jesus Christ. Forgive us and transform us so that our lives may shine with your glory, beauty, and grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Let us continue our confession in silence)

Assurance of Pardon

Response to Pardon

Friends in Christ, in response to this gift of God's grace, how then shall we live?

With gratitude, following after the Lord Jesus Christ, who calls us to love God with heart, soul, mind, and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves.

This is the way of Jesus, in whom we find life!

Welcome to Worship!

Some notes about the service:

*An asterisk denotes standing, in body or spirit.

Words in bold are read aloud by the congregation.

From its beginning, the Christian community has gathered on the first day of the week to hear the Scriptures read and proclaimed and to offer its worship. That is at the heart of what we do on this day too.

In singing our praises to God in the hymn, we become aware of God's holiness. In knowing of God's holiness, we also become painfully aware of our sin and selfishness. We offer our prayer of confession and receive forgiveness thanks to the unmerited grace of God.

Having been forgiven,
we are moved to sing
our praises to the one
who makes that
forgiveness possible.

*Response of Gratitude | Hymn 582

GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

World without end, without end. Amen.

World with out end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

We Listen and Respond to God's Word

Children's Moment (11:00)

Beth Thaxton

Hymn 399 *God Welcomes All*

**God welcomes all, stranger and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.**

*After the Children's Moment, children ages 4 - 2nd gr. are invited to the Library for
Children's Church with and will return following the sermon.*

Prayer for Illumination

Barger Jeutter (8:30) | Fran Yohman (11:00)

Scripture Reading Exodus 24: 12-18

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Rise, Shine!

Dale Wood

The lyrics to the anthem may be found on the back page of the bulletin

Scripture Reading Matthew 17: 1-8

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

*Christology: Christ the Fulfillment
of All Things*

The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger

Silent Reflection

*Hymn 274

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

PICARDY

*Affirmation of Faith: *The Theological Declaration of Barmen*

The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the Church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that it is solely his property, and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance. Amen.

We are ending our
sermon series centered
around the idea of
Christology today.
Christology is the
theological exploration of
who Christ is and the
work he does in the
world and on behalf of
humanity.

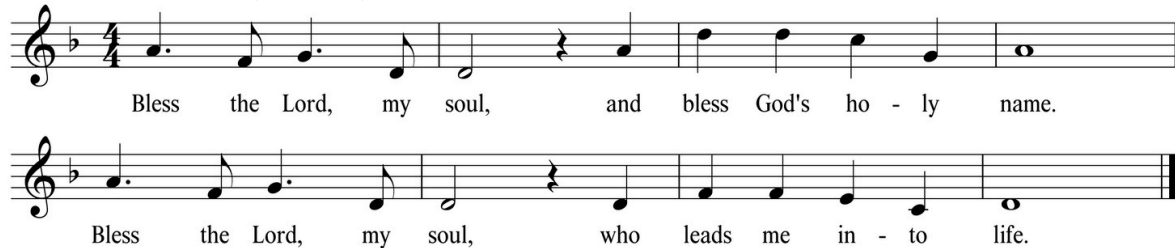
Joys and Concerns of the Church Family

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession 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.

Response to Prayer | Hymn 544

BLESS THE LORD (Taize)



We respond to the word of God by lifting up to God the Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession. These prayers may be for the church universal, the world and the nation, those in authority, the church community, and persons in distressing circumstances or in special need.

Moment for Mission Family Promise of the Triangle Paul Brustofski (8:30) Scott Ferris (11:00)

An Invitation to Give An Offering

Offertory *O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair* Agincourt Hymn See Hymn 189

*Doxology | Hymn 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

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*Prayer of Dedication

We Carry God's Word into the World

*Hymn 757 *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples* KINGSFOLD

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response | Hymn 295 stanza 4

SINE NOMINE

**Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you till the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!"
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

In the charge and benediction we are assured of God's peace and blessing; we end worship seeking to follow Christ's way, sustained by the Holy Spirit.

*Chiming of the Trinity

Postlude *Maestoso* John Williams (b. 1932)

Anthem

Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered our human story; God in him is centered. He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, with grace unbounded.	Come celebrate; your banners high unfurling, Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling. To all the world go out and tell the story of Jesus' glory.
See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling; He brings us freedom, light and life and healing. All men and women, who by guilt are driven, now are forgiven.	Tell how the Father sent his Son to save us. Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us. Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation His new creation.

The Chancel flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and are given in loving memory of Ed Taylor on his February birthday by his wife, Mable, and the Taylor family.

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On the Calendar This Week February 15 – February 21

Today – Early Worship 8:30am | Sunday School 9:45am | Late Worship 11:00am | Mahjong 12:00pm
Pathfinders & ROCK Stars 5:00pm | Youth Group 5:30pm

Monday, February 16 – Staff Meeting 1:00pm

Tuesday, February 17 – Enough for Today Podcast 8:00am | CDC Chapel 10:30am

Wednesday, February 18 – Early Birds 6:30am | CDC Music 9:30am | Ash Wednesday Service 12:00pm & 6:00pm
Diaconate Meeting 7:00pm

Thursday, February 19 – Staff Mission Partner Field Trip 9:30am | Shower Ministry 11:30am | Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm

Friday, February 20 – No events or activities scheduled.

Saturday, February 21 – No events or activities scheduled.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Ash Wednesday Worship Services & Imposition of Ashes

As we begin the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, let us reflect and draw closer to God. Traditionally, people of faith have marked this beginning with the imposition of ashes. We invite you to receive the ashes at one of our worship services on Wednesday, February 18. There will be a midday service at 12:00 P.M. and an evening service at 6:00 P.M.

FPC Takes a Hike

As our pilgrims begin training for the Camino, anyone interested in doing some hiking is invited to join us each month for a hike. Our first one is Saturday, February 21 at 9am. We'll meet at the Visitors Center at Umstead Park (take the Glenwood Rd. entrance) and hike Sal's Branch Trail, a 2.8 mile loop. We'll walk once together with the option to hike it a second time to get in extra miles. Email Laurie Taylor Weicher with any questions.

FPC Book Club- In Person and on Zoom

Our next read for anyone who wants to join will be Sipsworth by Simon Van Booy. This lovely novel tells the story of Helen Cartwright, whose life is unexpectedly upended by a little something she finds. We'll discuss the book in person on Tuesday, February 24 at noon (bring your own lunch) or Tuesday, February 24 at 7pm over zoom. Please register online at <https://fpcraleigh.org/events>. Hope you can join us!

Lunch and Learn: Legal and Financial Steps to Good Aging

The Congregational Care committee invites you to a Lunch and Learn after the 11am service on Sunday, March 1. Church member and Elder Lawyer, Bill Alexander will lead a program to help us think about what legal and financial steps we can take to make things easier for us and our loved ones as we age. The FPC Foundation will also be there to talk about legacy gifts. All are welcome. Please register online at <https://fpcraleigh.org/events> so we have an accurate count for lunch. Reach out to Laurie Taylor Weicher with any questions.

Lenten Postludes

Once again, the Worship Committee has approved the practice of sitting for Postludes during the season of Lent. The Postlude is the final acclamation of praise or reflection of the Word for the day within the service of worship. A significant portion of organ literature comes from the composers and cathedrals of France. This Lent Karl's chosen to select postludes from the French School of organ music. All the pieces were composed by organists who served well known French cathedrals, including Notre Dame, Saint-Sulpice, Sainte-Clothilde, and Église de la Sainte-Trinité. The earliest piece is from the late French Classic School (ca. 1660- 1740); while others are from the Romantic (19 th c.) and Modern (20 th c.) eras. Look for short notes in the bulletin worship annotations week by week for a brief detail about each piece. The compositions are also chosen with the Lenten preaching series in mind: Marks of a Disciple – Boldness, Gratitude, Humility, Perseverance, Peace, and Compassion.

Lenten Reflections: Messages of Faith

On Sunday, March 1, at 7:15pm we will hold a service entitled Lenten Reflections. The service will explore themes of prayer, pronouncements, and promises for the Lenten season, with an emphasis on our united voices in song and praise. A variety of readings and poems will reflect the messages of the hymns. All ages are welcome.

FPC Shares Item for February

This month's FPC Shares item is Canned or Dried Beans! Bring this item and/or your favorite non-perishable food donations to the church. There are FPC Shares receptacles on both sides of the Edge Lobby and in two places in the Lisa Ham Gathering Space outside the sanctuary.

Mission Highlight

Family Promise of the Triangle

Each year in Wake County, nearly 8,000 children experience homelessness. Family Promise of the Triangle is working to bring that number down to zero. Family Promise of Wake County began in 1994 as Wake Interfaith Hospitality Network (WIHN), a 501(c)(3) organization providing church-based emergency shelter and meals to Wake County families experiencing temporary homelessness. Since then, they've expanded the services they offer to include life-skills training, case management provided by social workers, a day center and transitional housing.

They remain one of only three emergency shelters in Wake County to allow families to stay together, regardless of the ages and genders of the children and parents, sparing parents the difficult choice between keeping their families together and finding a safe place for their children to sleep. Family Promise is one of the few homelessness nonprofits to offer a continuum of services and partnerships to move families all the way from homelessness to safe, affordable, permanent housing. Their mission is to move families at risk of or experiencing homelessness into sustainable, permanent housing in our community through a continuum of support services. And, their broader vision is to help end homelessness in the Triangle altogether.

Family Promise has evolved from a church rotational emergency shelter program to a six-pronged approach aimed at helping the currently homeless community as well as helping to prevent homelessness. They focus on prevention, emergency shelter, rapid rehousing, and transitional housing.

The First Presbyterian Church Mission budget annually supports the work of Family Promise. We are excited to welcome Paul Brustofski and Scott Ferris in worship this morning to deliver a moment for mission.

To learn more about Family Promise of the Triangle, visit <https://www.familypromisetriangle.org/>