

* Song *We Give You Glory*
Jeremy Camp

* Confession of Sin
Gracious God, we confess that we often wish to spend all of our time with you on the mountaintop, where we are sure of your presence. We confess that when we come down from the mountain, we are inclined to go back to our routines unchanged. We are overwhelmed by the brokenness we see in the world. We struggle to see you in the faces of our neighbor. Forgive us, O God, when our vision is limited. Give us eyes to see your way in the world. Give us grace and strength to follow where Christ leads.

* Assurance of Forgiveness

* Response *This I Believe (The Creed)*
Ben Fielding | Matt Crocker

Proclaiming the Word

Children’s Message Karen De Graaf

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Exodus 24:9-18 Camden Honeycutt

Scripture: Mark 9:2-9

Sermon Rev. Josh Musser Gritter

Moment for Reflection

Responding to the Word

* Affirmation of Faith Rev. Lara Musser Gritter
We believe that God's grace is amazing.
Jesus is the good shepherd
who seeks us when we are lost,
who carries us home in his arms, rejoicing.
Jesus welcomes all who are prodigal
and welcomes all that is prodigal in us.
Our belonging to God does not depend on us.
We cannot earn God's love or secure our salvation.
We cannot force God to cease loving or saving us.
The Holy Spirit empowers us as the church
to depend on God's grace,

to extend grace to all who are lost, least, or lowly,
and to offer grace even to our enemies.
In Jesus, we see God’s heart revealed for all time:
Our very existence is sustained by God's grace.
God does not condemn us. God loves us.
God’s grace is all we need and is perfected in our
weakness. Nothing can separate us from God's
boundless love in Christ.

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer

Announcements & Celebrations

Offering

Offertory Praise Team

Holy Forever
Chris Tomlin | Phil Wickham | Brian Johnson | Jenn Johnson | Jason Ingram

* Doxology *New Doxology*
Louis Bourgeois | Thomas Ken | Thomas Miller

* Prayer of Dedication

Sending to share the Word

* Song *The Only Name (Yours Will Be)*
Benji Cowart

* Benediction

Postlude

*Those who are able are invited to stand.
Bold indicates words spoken in unison.

**The flowers are given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of their parents, Susie and Tom Thurston
and Mary Rose and Joseph Sember, Sr.,
by Susan and Joe Sember.**

Celebrations this week:

Birthdays: Carol Denny, Sydney Emblar, Eleanor Sandifer, Betsy Snow, Karen Wenker, Lyn Beaver, Pace Fowler, Carolyn Glasgow

Anniversaries: Matt and Allison Dunkin, Dennis and Elayne McCoy, Karl and Lynn Hales

Joys and Concerns:

Charles Hoffman (Sharon Hoffman’s brother), Clay Burleson, Jared, Meredith, Dempsey, and Teague Rowland

Libby Moore, on the death of her mother, Wanda Moore.

Family, friends, and First Presbyterian on the death of our Director of Music, Tim Waugh.

Continuing Concerns:

Fred Aggers, Bill and Sybil Baker, Malcolm Bullock, CC Crofton, Eric Finland (Glenn and Nancy Phillips's son-in-law), Mike Gobble (Christina Lewis’s uncle), Maria Hudson, Vonnie Jordan (Mike Jordan’s mother), Jonathan Lynch (Roxanne Myers’s nephew), Mary Repsher, Elizabeth Romska, John Smith, Jane Turner (Eleanor Sandifer’s sister)

Church Life

Ministry Area – Deeply Rooted

Welcome! We welcome all new and returning visitors to First Pres. Please take a moment to sign the friendship register and leave an email or phone number so we can contact you. We are glad you’re here and hope you feel God’s presence as you worship and fellowship among this community of believers.

Welcome! This morning we want to thank our guest musician, Dr. Charles Chandler, for worshiping with us today. Thank you, Dr. Chandler, for leading us in worship today.

Grow in Faith: Today, we celebrate High Attendance Sunday and Souper Bowl Sunday. The Sunday School Class that wins our high attendance awards will be announced next week. Thank you to everyone who supported Rowan Helping Ministries today with a donation.

Grow in Faith: A children’s bulletin and busy bag are available in the Lewis Hall foyer to help our youngest saints engage in worship in a developmentally appropriate way.

Worship: Children are always welcome in worship. However, if your little one needs some time to wiggle or play, a nursery is available for children 4 and younger. The nursery is open from 8:15 to 12:15 each Sunday morning. Please see an usher for more information.

Grow in Friendship: All In Groups Winter/Spring 2024 begins February 18 and runs through March 31. Sign up by the clipboard ministry today, or use the QR Code.

Grow in Faith: Join us for Sunday School! We have classes for all ages, from toddlers to adults. See the Sunday School Brochure for more information.



Grow in Friendship: JOY (Just Older Youth) Games Day and Dinner – Join us tomorrow from 3:00 to 6:00 in Fellowship Hall. Bring card and board games and some chili or soup to share.

Worship Services: Ash Wednesday Worship is February 14. Join us at 6:00 pm in Lewis Hall for this special service which includes the imposition of ashes.

Grow in Faith: First Kids - All parents and children are invited to a special First Kids on February 14. We will enjoy dinner together at 5:30 and then attend Ash Wednesday worship together at 6:00 in Lewis Hall. Come and bring a friend as we usher in the Lenten season.

Grow in Faith: 2024 Lenten Devotionals – Nurture your faith, and prepare your hearts for Easter by engaging in a Lenten Study at home. Several devotions are available for families, couples, and individuals. Pick one up today from the member's table and take one for a friend.

Grow in Faith: Pretzel Making – Learn how a salty snack, Lent, and prayer are linked while making pretzels on Sunday morning, February 18, from 9:30 to 10:00 in the fellowship hall. Families are encouraged to attend and invite a friend!

Ministry Area – Core

Staff: Don't assume we know. Your pastors and congregation want to care for you through prayer, visitation, letters, and more. Help us support you in your joys and sorrows. Please remember to let the church office know of your needs. Let us love you.

Ministry Area – Branching Out

Seasonal Outreach: Lenten Prayer Breakfasts – Wednesday, February 14, is our kick-off to the Lenten Prayer Breakfasts at 7:00 am in **Fellowship Hall**. We will have an imposition of ashes during the brief program. Enjoy a full buffet breakfast. Cost: \$7 for adults, \$3 for children and youth, free for 4-year-olds and under. **Register on the friendship pad or by calling the church office.**

Reach: The Race Task Force Sunday evening group - "Black Fortunes" study begins February 18. On Zoom each Sunday at 7:00 pm, email Bessie Cook at egravescook@yahoo.com to attend or for more information.

Youth: High School Retreat – Save the date for the winter High School Deeper Discernment Retreat, March 15-17. \$50 per person. Please register for this opportunity by February 15. See Pastor Josh for more information.



Showing Up: Help us support the 75th anniversary of One Great Hour of Sharing. Our Feed the Fish competition begins next week in our Sunday School classes. Who will have the biggest fish this year?

Showing Up: Drew Aron, a First Pres active youth, is collecting necessity items for the Community Care Clinic in February and March. Donation boxes are in the Lewis Hall foyer and the receptionist's office. Needed: Clorox wipes, Kleenex, liquid hand soap, Lysol, paper towels, tall kitchen trash bags, and toilet paper. Let's all help to support this vital Rowan County ministry and Drew!

This Week's Events

Feb 11	8:30	Worship in Lewis Hall
	9:45	Sunday School, Youth Breakfast & Bible, New Elder Training
	11:00	Worship in Lewis Hall
Feb 12	10:00	Staff
	10:30	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	3:00	JOY Games & Dinner
	7:00	Gather Team
Feb 13	6:00	Stephen Ministers
Feb 14	7:00	Ash Wednesday Breakfast & program
	5:00	Handbell Rehearsal
	5:30	1 st Kids
	6:00p	Ash Wednesday Worship Service
	7:00	Choir Rehearsal
Feb 15	6:30	Praise Team Rehearsal, Youth @ RHM

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First Presbyterian Church

February 11, 2024
8:30 am

Transfiguration Sunday



Missional Priorities

Spirit-Centered Discipleship Friendships Across Differences
Hands-on Local Mission Embracing the Unchurched

Worship of the Living God

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Welcome

Rev. Josh Musser Gritter

* Call to Worship

Dr. Randy Kirby

based on Psalm 50

The mighty one, the Lord, speaks.

Out of Zion, God shines forth.

Our God comes close and does not keep silent.

God calls, "Gather to me, my faithful ones."

The heavens declare God's righteousness.

Speak to us, God, for we are listening.

Come, let us worship God.