



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FENTON

To be a loving community of faith dedicated to helping people know Jesus Christ and grow, share and serve as his disciples.

Transfiguration Sunday
February 15th, 2026 10:00 a.m.

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP —based on Psalm 99:1-3

The Lord is Sovereign; let the people tremble in awe.

God is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion and is high above all peoples.

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God, and worship God upon the holy mountain.

OPENING PRAYER

God of glory and mercy, before his death in shame your Son went to the mountain top and you revealed his life in glory. Where prophets witnessed to him, you proclaimed him to be your Son, but he returned to die among us. Help us to face evil with courage, knowing that all things, even death, are subject to your transforming power. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN PH #726 “Will You Come and Follow Me”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Peter, James, and John went up on the side of a mountain with Jesus and experienced glory. But then Peter wanted to stay. “It’s good for us to be here. Let’s get comfortable.” We are also often tempted to keep the experience of the Divine to ourselves, to enjoy the company of the saints instead of going back down the mountain to continue the work of the Kingdom of God. God knows this temptation of our hearts, so let us confess and pray for forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Eternal God, we confess that we have praised you with our lips but have not glorified you with our lives. Have mercy on us, we pray, for our weak faith that fades under pressure, for our quick enthusiasm that just as quickly dies, for the hopes we proclaim but do not pursue. Forgive us, Lord God, and give us new trust in your power, that we may live for justice and tell of your loving-kindness by our acts as by our words, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON—based on 2 Corinthians 3:17-18

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and transformed! Praise be to God!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, you revealed to the disciples the everlasting glory of Jesus Christ. Grant us, who have not seen and yet believe, the gift of your Holy Spirit, that we may boldly live the gospel and shine with your transforming glory as people changed and changing through the redeeming presence of our Savior. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 41:15-16

15 I will make of you a threshing sledge,
sharp, new, and having teeth;
you shall thresh the mountains and crush them,
and you shall make the hills like chaff.

16 You shall winnow them, and the wind shall carry them away,
and the tempest shall scatter them.

Then you shall rejoice in the LORD;
in the Holy One of Israel you shall glory.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Luke 18:18-30

18 A certain ruler asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”
19 Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. **20** You know the commandments: ‘You shall not commit adultery. You shall not murder. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness. Honor your father and mother.’”

” **21** He replied, “I have kept all these since my youth.” **22** When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “There is still one thing lacking. Sell all that you own and distribute the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” **23** But when he heard this, he became sad, for he was very rich. **24** Jesus looked at him and said, “How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! **25** Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

26 Those who heard it said, “Then who can be saved?” **27** He replied, “What is impossible for mortals is possible for God.”

28 Then Peter said, “Look, we have left our homes and followed you.” **29** And he said to them, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God **30** who will not get back very much more in this age and in the age to come eternal life.”

TABLETALK WITH GOD’S CHILDREN

SERMON Anti-Greed Gospel: The Creative Kingdom Pastor Robbie Carnes

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

How might our greed and fear keep us from imagining what Jesus’ Kingdom could look like in our lives?

Have you ever had a creative insight on what the Kingdom of God could be in our world? Who can you share it with?

HYMN PH #370 BH #293 “This is My Father’s World”

BEARING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD

OFFERING

On the mountaintop, Jesus was revealed in blinding light. Today, we bring our gifts, asking that they be transformed to bring light, hope, and grace to the world around us. Let us offer our tithes and offerings to God.

(If you would like a written prayer request included in our prayers today, please indicate that and an usher will collect them)

Let us pray:

God of Transformation, we come together as those who have met you on the mountaintop. We have each had our holy encounters with you; and in those moments, we have wanted to stay on the mountain and retreat from the world. We know that is our longing, not yours. So, as we offer our gifts this morning in response to your blessings in our life, remind us that our mission begins as we leave this place, and help us hold our memories of those mountaintop encounters with you in our hearts. We pray boldly in Jesus' name. Amen.

Will the Ushers Please come forward.

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

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. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 PH #263 BH #142 "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"

CHARGE

O God, before the passion of your one and only Son you revealed his glory upon the holy mountain:

Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE

Peace be with you!...and also with you!

Announcements

Be sure to visit the sign-up table before you leave on Sunday mornings! There are many opportunities to volunteer and serve.

Closed Captions during worship are available on the TV located in the Sanctuary Annex. Please see Mike Cupp, Jason Allen or Kelly Sunman-Davis with questions.

Do you use the T Coil hearing loop? If you are having trouble with the system, please info Mike Cupp.

Thursday Evening Griefshare has been discontinued. A new group will be forming after Easter

Keep an eye out for your next “Invite a Presbyterian” opportunity! In a season when resources feel stretched, community becomes even more precious. Consider extending a friendly invitation to someone new or someone different—whether it’s lunch with friends, a movie, a museum visit, or a concert outing. When one of us shows up, it may be the gentle nudge someone else needs to feel included and encouraged. Small invitations can build strong fellowship.

Tuesday Adult Bible Study - Join us on Tuesday Mornings at 11am, we will be watching and discussing season 5 of The Chosen

Sunday Evening Study - 5PM – 6:15PM in the Conference room of 4square Tax, 205 Lincoln St, Fenton. Led by Larry Zimble, this group will study the book “Desire of the Everlasting Hills” by Thomas Cahill.

Winter Women’s Bible Study - Abide, a study of 1, 2, & 3 John by Jen Wilkin
Wednesdays, through March 11 from 10am – noon in person OR
Thursdays, through March 12 from 6:30 – 8pm via zoom only

Annual Scout Pancake Breakfast Sunday, February 15th, 8:30am-9:30am & 11:00am-12:00pm. Come for the pancakes and stay for worship or come for worship and stay for the pancakes. Either way, you don't want to miss the Scouts Annual Thank You FFPC Pancake Breakfast

Annual Chili Cook-Off Sunday February 22nd after worship- Bring your favorite Chili & condiments to share. Sign-up in Fellowship Hall.

Growing Personally & Spiritually - A faith-based journey toward peace, balance, & joy

Are your relationships—personal or spiritual—feeling a little off course? Do you long for more joy, clarity, or calm in your daily life? Are you wondering where your path is leading?

If your heart is asking these questions, you're not alone—and this group is for you.

GPS offers a compassionate, faith-centered space to pause, reflect, and reconnect with what truly matters. Together, we'll explore life's challenges, celebrate its blessings, and support one another as we grow in confidence, grace, and peace.

Where: Fenton First Presbyterian Church – Youth Room

When: Mondays, ongoing from 5:30–6:30 p.m., beginning January 5, 2026

Why: To nurture our spiritual and personal growth, learning to navigate life with steadiness and joy.

How: By reading thoughtful texts, sharing personal experiences, and walking alongside one another in faith and friendship. Come as you are! Bring your questions, your hopes, and your heart!

Ash Wednesday Service - February 18th, 7-9pm, Prayer Stations & Reflection

Lenten Simple Meals at St. Jude's Episcopal Church- Join us Thursdays through Lent at 5:30 PM, beginning February 26th, for a simple meal of soup, salad, and bread, followed by thought-provoking study and discussion. This Lent, we will be watching and reflecting on Season 5 of The Chosen. All are welcome!

Men's Lunch - Fenton Winery, Friday, March 6, time TBD

Potato Bake - Sunday, March 15 after Worship

The FFPC Session invites the congregation to join them in pray about the following: Peace and Unity for our country. Wisdom and Understanding for our leadership. The many life transitions that our church and our members are experiencing. Come, Lord Jesus, Come.