

## TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

**Welcome and Announcements**

*Please sign the Friendship Folder and pass it to others seated on your pew.*

**Minute for Mission**

*Kairos  
Crosses on the Corner*

Margaret Bardin  
Liz Reed

**Passing the Peace of Christ****Prelude** *My Song Is Love Unknown*

FPC Handbells

Barbara Baltzer Kinyon

**Introit Hymn #193** *Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain (v.1)*

Joachim Neander

**†Call to Worship**

James Taylor

**One:** God summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**All:** **Every time we encounter beauty, God's perfection shines forth, calling to us.**

**One:** God's revelation is a devouring fire, burning away our doubts.

**All:** **The heavens declare God's righteousness, for God is creator, judge, and redeemer.**

**†Hymn #15** *All Creatures of Our God and King*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Ushers will collect yellow Prayer Request cards.*

*All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
O brother sun with golden beam, O sister moon with silver gleam, sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*O brother wind with clouds and rain, you nurture gifts of fruit and grain. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
O sister water, flowing clear, make music for your Lord to hear. Sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*O brother fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shadows of the night. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Dear mother earth, who day by day unfolds such blessings on our way, sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*All who for love of God forgive, all who in pain or sorrow grieve, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ bears your burdens and your fears; so, even in the midst of tears, sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty God, when we encounter beauty and love and wonder in the world, so often we seek to control it, to contain it. Forgive us for all the ways we seek to pull things under our power, for the ways we seek to fashion the world and put ourselves first. Forgive our selfishness, God, our pushing aside your command to love in order to comfort ourselves. Renew us in your image and help us serve you.**

**(Silent Confession)**

**Assurance of Pardon**

†Gloria Patri #581

*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.*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament Reading** II Kings 2:1-11

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you" So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven.

**Anthem** *As a Little Child*

Joseph M. Martin

*O you must become as a little child, as a little child and come unto Him.  
Yes, you must become as a little child to share in the kingdom of God.  
Come unto Jesus, run into His arms.  
Come unto Jesus and you can share the kingdom of God.  
Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so;  
Little ones to Him belong. They are weak but He is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me, now I can share the kingdom of God.  
O you can share the kingdom of God.  
Yes, Jesus loves me.*

**New Testament Reading** Mark 9:2-8

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus.

**Sermon** *"Listen to Him!"*

Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair

†Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed (p.35)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall**

come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

†Hymn #190 *Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory*

GENEVA

*Swiftly pass the clouds of glory, heaven's voice, the dazzling light;  
Moses and Elijah vanish; Christ alone commands the height!  
Peter, James, and John fall silent, turning from the summit's rise  
downward toward the shadowed valley where their Lord has fixed his eyes.  
Glimpsed and gone the revelation, they shall gain and keep its truth,  
not by building on the mountain any shrine or sacred booth,  
But by following the Savior through the valley to the cross  
and by testing faith's resilience through betrayal, pain, and loss.  
Lord, transfigure our perception with the purest light that shines,  
and recast our life's intentions to the shape of your designs,  
Till we seek no other glory than what lies past Calvary's hill  
and our living and our dying and our rising by your will.*

### **Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

#### **Call to Offering**

**Offertory** *Fugue in A Flat Major (BWV862)*

Johann Sebastian Bach

#### **†Doxology**

#### **†Prayer of Dedication**

†Hymn #189 *O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair*

DEO GRACIAS

*O wondrous sight, O vision fair of glory that the church shall share,  
which Christ upon the mountain shows, where brighter than the sun he glows!  
From age to age the tale declare, how with the three disciples there,  
where Moses and Elijah meet, the Lord holds converse high and sweet.  
The law and prophets there have place, two chosen witnesses of grace;  
the Father's voice from out the cloud proclaims his only Son aloud.  
With shining face and bright array Christ deigns to manifest today  
what glory shall be theirs above who joy in God with perfect love.  
And faithful hearts are raised on high by this great vision's mystery,  
for which in joyful strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.*

#### **†Charge and Benediction**

†Response #192 *Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining*

Graham Kendrick

**Postlude** *Fugue in C Major (BuxWV174)*

Dietrich Buxtehude

*The Postlude is given as an offering to God. Please remain seated.  
If you wish to express appreciation, please do so by saying "Amen."*

†Please stand in body or spirit

**The Session has called the Annual Meeting of the Congregation to follow worship today. The purpose of the meeting is to receive reports from our ministries and the 2024 Budget.**

*Flowers* today are given to *the glory of God* by Dan & Melba Slaven in memory of our parents, Alvin and Gertrude Hunt and Darris and Mildred Slaven.

**Worship** in the Sanctuary is at 10:30 am each Sunday. Livestream can be found at [fpcpasadena.org](http://fpcpasadena.org).

**FPC Sunday School: All classes except Men's Bible Study begin at 9 am.**

- **Sunday Morning Bible Study**—8:45 am in the Library. Led by Mark Corder.
- **Stepping Out in Faith**—Bride's Room & Zoom (*contact Bonnie Keith for the Zoom link*). Pat Abrams leads the current study of *Paul for Everyone: 1 Corinthians*, by N. T. Wright.
- **Current Christianity**—Room #8. Mark Clemmons leads the current study of the book *Elusive Grace: Loving Your Enemies While Striving for God's Justice* by Dr. Scott Black Johnston.
- **Kindergarten through 5th grade**—Room #7. Led by Bonnie Keith and Donna Gilchrest.
- **6th-12th grade** led by James Jackson and Brian Davis meets in Room #10.

**Please plan to stay briefly after worship today for the Annual Congregational meeting.**

**Birthday Celebration:** The Walters family invites you to help us celebrate Bruce Walters' 90th birthday **today from 2-4 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for some cake and fellowship!

**Super Bowl of Caring:** The youth will be collecting change, dollars, or checks before and after church **today** to support local food charities.

**Shrove Tuesday:** Fat Tuesday **Pancake Supper and Music** is **February 13 at 6 pm**. Fat Tuesday or Shrove Tuesday is part of the Mardi Gras celebration where people eat richer, fatter foods as a last indulgence before Lent begins. Pancakes are the traditional fare. Our Chancel Choir will prepare a pancake supper and provide musical entertainment. Invite friends and family! To make reservations, please text Bonnie at 713-385-1367 or email her at [bonnie@fpcpasadena.org](mailto:bonnie@fpcpasadena.org).

**Ash Wednesday Service will be on February 14 at 6 pm.**

**Crosses on the Corner** will be displayed in front of the church starting on Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday.

**Brunch and Book Group** meets on **Saturday, February 17** from **10 am to noon** in the Fellowship Hall. They will discuss the book *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. Bring a dish to share.

**Young at Heart** meets on **Thursday, February 15 at 10 am** for fellowship, fun, and games. Please bring a salad, sandwiches or dessert. Please join us: we have more fun when YOU are here!

**Presbyterian Women** continue their study from *Sacred Encounters* by Olive Mahabir. **Day Circle meets Tuesday, February 13th at 10 am**, led by Carol Parks and hosted by Betsy Marlow and Margaret Robison. **For this month only, Night Circle meets on Monday, February 19, at 6:30 pm**, led by Trixi Spires and Ruth Askine hosting. Bonnie Keith will provide Zoom login information via email before each meeting. If you are interested in joining either circle, please contact Bonnie Keith or Melba Slaven.

**Young at Heart Bus Trip:** Join us on **Friday, February 23** for tours of the Buffalo Bayou Park Cistern and Christ Church Cathedral. The bus loads at the FPC parking lot at 9 am, departs at 9:15 am and returns about 4 pm. Cost is \$13.00, plus your lunch at The Cloister, Treebeards Restaurant. Contact Ruth Askine at 713.515-9248 to sign up or for more information.

**Kairos Note-Writing Event:** Join us on **Monday, February 26 at 1:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall to write notes of encouragement. Mark Corder will attend the next Kairos in early March. If you cannot come, please write notes at home. There are guidelines from the warden that must be followed. Tips for writing notes and a bag to collect them are on the Kairos table in the Narthex.

**BBQ luncheon Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> after worship.** Tickets are available for \$15. Purchase your tickets at the table under the crosses in the narthex; all proceeds will contribute to funding the planning and preparation of the upcoming 85th Anniversary Celebration in 2025. We look forward to seeing you there!

\*The committee would appreciate donations of desserts to accompany the BBQ plates.

**Remember in your thoughts and prayers:**

**Health concerns:** Danny Slaven; Emma Abrams; Scott Bash, Josephine Carter's mother-in-law and brother-in-law; Frank Kucera; Maurice Barclay; Pat Pesl; Mike & Susan Wallace; Kay Hutson; Brad Stratton; Mary & Rex Knapik; Imelda Carrillo; Anne Berridge; Akilah Woods, friend of Samantha Cayton; Bill Myers, friend of John and Liz Griswold; Scott Moelman, Lou Anne Sinor's nephew; Sherry Sinor, the Sinor's daughter-in-law; Corrie Martinez, friend of Richard Heath; Leah Slaven; Joan Gibertini's daughter, Deborah Gaskins; Ukraine and the Middle East.

Sunday, Feb 11	Sunday School-Men's Class—Library	8:45 am
	Sunday School-All Ages	9:00 am
	Fellowship—FH	10:00 am
	Worship Service	10:30 am
	Congregational Meeting	11:30 am
	Discipleship Ministry—Library	11:45 am
	Handbell Practice—#11	12:15 pm
	<i>Bruce Walters 90th—FH</i>	2:00 pm
	<b>Ministerio Corban—FH</b>	<b>4-8:30 pm</b>
	Monday, Feb 12	Mission & Outreach Ministry—Library
	Session Meeting—FH	6:45 pm
Tuesday, Feb 13	PW Day Circle—FH	10:00 am
	Prayer Shawl—#10 & Zoom	1:30 pm
	Yoga- Chair—Oasis	5:00 pm
	<b>Shrove Pancake Supper—FH</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
	Yoga-Floor—Oasis	6:15 pm
Wednesday, Feb 14	Baywood Crossing	10:00 am
	Brown Bag & Bible—FH	12:00 pm
	<b>Ash Wednesday Service</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
	Choir Practice	7:00 pm
	<b>Private-Ministerio Corban—FH</b>	<b>7-10:00 pm</b>
Thursday, Feb 15	Men's Breakfast—Frank's	7:30 am
	Young at Heart—FH	10:00 am
	Intercessory Prayer—Library	11:00 am
	Chain Stitchers—FH	12:00 pm
	Yoga-Chair—FH	5:00 pm
	Chain Stitchers—#9	6:00 pm
	Yoga-Floor—FH	6:15 pm
Saturday, Feb 17	Brunch & Book Group—FH	10:00 am
Sunday, Feb 18	Sunday School-Men's Class—Library	8:45 am
	Sunday School-All Ages	9:00 am
	Fellowship—FH	10:00 am
	Worship Service- Communion	10:30 am
	Deacons Meeting—#10	11:30 am
	Handbell Practice—#11	12:15 pm
	<b>Ministerio Corban—FH</b>	<b>4-8:30 pm</b>

### Mission Statement

"Our mission is to live and share the good news of God's love, grace, and mercy in Jesus Christ, to equip people for discipleship and service, and to work for social justice and peace."

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#### **Leading in Worship Today**

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