



Transfiguration of Our Lord

Alleluia. This is my Son, my Chosen,
listen to him! Alleluia. (Luke 9:35)

February 15, 2026

First Presbyterian Church Portsmouth, Ohio

**February 15th, 2026
11 o'clock Worship Service**

**Rev. Lisa Eye, Minister of Word and Sacrament, Pastor
Elder Bruce MacDonald, Liturgist
Ms. Michele Imes, Director of Music
Dr. Phillip Roberts, Organist/Musician**

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

We are glad you came...

GATHERING TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY

*The asterisk indicates when we rise to our feet in spirit, as we are able in body.

Something to ponder as you prepare for worship:

On a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light... and a voice from the cloud said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' Matt. 17:1, 5

"Transfiguration" refers to a change in form or appearance. On Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday, we celebrate the revelation of divine glory in the human life of Jesus Christ. Jesus' radiant appearance on the mountaintop evokes the consuming fire of the glory of the Lord at Mount Sinai. Standing with Moses and Elijah, Jesus represents the fulfillment of the law and the prophets. The transfiguration looks back to Jesus' incarnation and baptism, as God again claims him as a beloved child. This event also looks forward to his death and resurrection, as the one who is lifted up on the cross will reveal the glorious victory of God.

Welcoming the Community

Elder Bruce MacDonald

Announcements & Celebrations

Elder MacDonald

Prelude

Dr. Phillip Roberts

****Call to Worship***

Elder MacDonald

Blessed is the Lord our God, who revealed the law to Moses.

Blessed is the Lord our God, who has spoken through the prophets,

Blessed is the Lord our God, who came to us in Jesus Christ.

The one who spoke and called light out of darkness now shines in our hearts.

The one who comes and does not keep silence now speaks in our midst.

Now we have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The Lord our God is holy!

Let us worship God together!

****Prayer of the Day***

Elder MacDonald

****Hymn of Praise #156***

"Sing of God Made Manifest"

GTG

****Call to Confession***

Elder MacDonald

****Prayer of Confession (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. Amen.

(silent confession)

****Declaration of Forgiveness***

Rev. Eye

*Response #774 v.1

“There Is Now a New Creation”

GTG

***There is now a new creation through the grace of Jesus Christ,
peace and reconciliation with the God of endless life!***

*Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

HEARING & PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Understanding

Rev. Eye

Scripture

Exodus 24:12-18

This is the word of the Lord. ***Praise be to God!***

Scripture

Matthew 17:1-9

This is the word of the Lord. ***Praise be to God!***

Sermon

*What Happens on the Mountaintop
Can't Stay on the Mountaintop*

The Rev. Lisa R. Eye

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn #193

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

GTG

Prayers of the People

Rev. Eye

Invitation to the Offering

Elder MacDonald

Offering Instrumental

Dr. Roberts

*The Doxology #606

GTG

**Thanksgiving & Dedication (unison)*

Elder McKinnon

God of mountaintops and valleys, whether our vision of you is clouded or
brilliantly clear, we offer our gifts to you in faith. Bless them so that they
may be transfigured into your presence in the world so that all may know
of your justice and saving love. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Rev. Eye

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you and thanks and praise, O Lord, our God.... 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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Dazzling God, you set up your tent and make your dwelling among us.... is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God. Eternal God.... Now with the confidence of being called your beloved children, hear us as we pray as Jesus taught his disciples to pray, saying, **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread and Sharing the Cup

The Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

CALL TO MISSION

Closing Hymn #498 Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken.* **GTG

Congregational Charge & Benediction* **Rev. Eye

Sending Song #748 "Go with Us, Lord" **GTG**

Acolyte Recessional

Postlude (Please be seated for Postlude)

Dr. Roberts

**THE PRAYER LIST IS POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD
IN THE EDUCATION ANNEX**

Please pray for your ability to be faithful disciples, family, and friends; our church, pastor, the session, deacons, committees, lay leadership, our ministry, outreach, and stewardship, the Boney Fiddle community and its churches, public schools, city of Portsmouth and its leadership, state and national leadership, and those incarcerated.

Our Church and Community Calendar, Feb. / Mar. 2026

The FPC Food Pantry will be closed until further notice due to Sanctuary Restoration.

Sunday Worship at 11:00 am, and all other scheduled meetings, are held in the Church Lounge during the Sanctuary Reststoration.

Sun. Feb.15: Communion Sunday, (postponed due to weather cancellation).

Wed. Feb.18: FPC Portsmouth, Ash Wednesday Worship, 5:30 pm.

Beginning Wed. Feb. 25th: Lenten meal, 5p, followed by Study, 5-30p-6:30p.and will continue through March 25th.

Wed. Mar. 11th: Session, 1P. / **Thurs. Mar.12th:** ASLC, 5p.

Sun. Mar. 29th: Palm Sunday Woorship, 11A.

Monthly Deacons Meeting TBA.

Monthly Armbrust Meeting TBA.

Church Contact Information

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SERMON NOTES

SERMON TITLE

SCRIPTURE VERSE(S)

WHAT DID I HEAR THAT RAISED QUESTIONS?

HOW CAN I APPLY THIS TO MY LIFE?

MY HEART-FELT PRAYER TO GOD FOR THOSE IN MY LIFE AND
MYSELF