

First Presbyterian Church of Alton

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Transfiguration of the Lord

10 AM Sunday, February 15, 2026

GATHERING

PRELUDE "*Holy Ground*"arr Phillip Keveren

Welcome and Announcements

CALL TO WORSHIP

On a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured,
And God said: This is my Beloved Son.
And God spoke, calling light out of darkness,
God's glory shines in the face of Jesus Christ.
At the mountain of the Lord bow down,
For the Lord our God is holy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Oh God, in the transfiguration of your Son, you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah; and in the voice from the cloud you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us, with Christ, heirs of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

✦ **Hymn:** "*Immortal, Invisible God only Wise*"No. 263

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus said: Nothing is hidden that will not be disclosed, nor is anything secret that will not come to light. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The one who calls light out of darkness now shines in our hearts to reveal the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God!**

THE PEACE

Peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you.**

✦ **Gloria Patri**.....No. 579

Recognizing Pack #8121 on Scout Sunday

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy one, giver of all light, lift up our hearts and minds to Christ, the morning star that never fades. By the light of your Holy Spirit reveal to us your saving Word and lead us to offer our lives to you in service and in love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 24: 12-18
(Pg 70)

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM

Psalms 99 (insert)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Peter 1:16-21
(Pg 236)

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 17:1-9
(Pg 18)

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Message.....Pastor Ian Edward Caveny

✦ **Hymn: "Be Thou my Vision"**No. 339

✦ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles Creed pg 14

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In the face of Jesus Christ,
the wondrous will of God is revealed.
God of Glory, **transform this world.**
Prayers of Thanksgiving
Prayers of Intercession

The Lord’s Prayer *(DEBTS, DEBTORS)*

SENDING

OFFERING

Offertory Anthem.....*" Every Time I Feel the Spirit "*arr K. Billups

✦ **DOXOLOGY**.....No. 592 *(Lyrics only)*

✦ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

O God, we recognize that we have been blessed with great abundance. In offering these gifts, may we be strengthened to proclaim your faithfulness and your salvation this day and always. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

✦ **Hymn:** *"Lord, Be Glorified"*.....No. 2150 in Sing the Faith Hymnal

✦ **CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

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**PARTICIPATING IN OUR SERVICE TODAY:**

Message.....Pastor Ian Edward Caveny  
Liturgist.....Jane Cerbie  
Music Director.....Mark Brooks  
Audio/Streaming Technician.....Claudia Droste  
Ushers this Sunday will be.....Carolyn Bumbacher & Carolyn Macafee

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## Announcements:

After worship today, we will be celebrating Cub Scout Pack #8121 with an Ice Cream Social downstairs in the fellowship hall. All are welcome!

Pastor Ian will be hosting a brief Ash Wednesday service for the imposition of ashes on Wednesday, February 18th (this coming week) at 12:00 in the Chapel.

The work on the Education Wing roof has now been completed. If you have any questions regarding that work, or any of the other projects in-process in and around the church, you are invited to reach out to the Property Committee via Erin Frew or Pastor Ian.

Applications for new and renewal college scholarships are now being accepted. The deadline to get those in will be February 19th. Applications are available on the table by the chapel.

First Presbyterian Church is proud to continue our Music on the Riverbend Concert Series. For more information about future concerts in the series, please reach out to Mark Brooks or contact the church office. Brochures are also available in the narthex. Please note due to scheduling conflicts, the Elijah Lovejoy Memorial Concert has been changed to Sunday, March 22 at 3 pm with the Community Gospel Choir.

Pastor Ian hosts Bible Study on Sundays at 9 am in the Library and Wednesdays at 10 am in the library. All are welcomed to join!

February Birthdays: Katherine Schildroth Tomerlin (06), Mike Wilson (18), Debbie Gates (22)

February 22: Deacons Meeting

March 1: Session Meeting

Every 3rd Sunday cash in the offering plate goes to the Simpson fund that supports the Good Neighbor bags at Saturday Café.

**Outreach:** Saturday Café and Tuesday's Soup's On; Lunch served at 11:30, Fellowship Hall. Volunteers are welcome.

**Prayer List:** Linda Goheen, the Allen family, Tom Wilder, Aaron Delano, friends and family of John Thompson, Jeannine McNear, Laura Keating, friends and family of Jim Wigger, Tom Fields, friends and family of Ann Wangelin, friends and family of Christina Perez, Pearl Kantar, Jennifer Allman, Tony Grillo, Barb Harner, Forrest Bayer, Denny & Trebe Bradfish, World Peace. All are invited to share prayer requests during the Prayers of the People, to drop a Prayer Card in the plate during the Offering, or to request prayers by calling the church.

Members (and spouses) at home or living elsewhere: Donna McCoy, Linda and Gary Smith, Judy and Lyndal Colburn, Gladys Butler, Kathleen Stice, Jeannine McNear