First Presbyterian Church Worship Bulletin 2.11.24 Transfiguration & Communion

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Prayer of the Day

God of healing light and love, when someone in your world suffers, you suffer as well. Restore your world and heal your children so that no one needs to suffer any longer. Amen.

Remembering our Baptism

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

Prelude Shout to the Lord Arr: Marianne Kim

*Call to Worship

With friends and strangers, with family and neighbors, we gather:

Come among us, Healing God, with that love which never ends.

With faith reaching out to touch, with hearts straining to trust, we hope:

Come among us, Friend of the broken,
with your compassion which makes us whole.

With word and wonder, with silence and song, we wait:

Come among us, Mystery of Wholeness,
to lift us to our feet to follow you.

*Hymn of Praise Shine, Jesus, Shine STF#2173

Refrain:

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light

1. Lord, the light of Your love is shining In the midst of the darkness, shining Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us Set us free by the truth You now bring us Shine on me, shine on me

Refrain

2.Lord, I come to Your awesome presence From the shadows into Your radiance By the blood, I may enter Your brightness Search me, try me, consume all my darkness Shine on me, shine on me Refrain

3. As we gaze on Your kingly brightness So our faces display Your likeness Ever-changing from glory to glory Mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story Shine on me, shine on me

Refrain

Laying Our Burdens Before Christ

All too often, O God, it is the hem of sin we cling to, letting it drag us through the mud of fear and failures. You offer us that love which will always be with us, but we find it difficult to share it with those who need it most. You fill us with an abundance of gifts, but we think we need them all for ourselves. Forgive us, God of Gentle Hope. You do not keep a list of all that we have done wrong, but erase our failings and foolishness, writing a new ending for our lives. You touch us with your grace, you lift us to our feet, you strengthen us so we may follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in service to all your children.

Prayer Song As the Deer STF2025

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you. You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you. You alone are my strength, my shield, To you alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.

Silent Reflection and Confession

*Proclamation of the Gospel

Worship Leader Only: Please stand and join me in the Proclamation of the Gospel...

This is the good news, dear friends: God's love has no ending; God's hope rests upon us each day; God's forgiveness restores us to new life.

Our God listens to us - to our cries, and to our joys; to our hopes and to our hearts. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Since Christ has opened his heart to us, let us open our hearts to one another, and God will be glorified. The peace of Christ be with you **And also with you.**

Let us greet one another in the name of our Lord.

*The Gloria Patri

Prayer for God's Wisdom

O God, tell us what we need to hear, and show us what we ought to do to obey Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings Mark 5:21-43, 9:1-8

Message Healing God on the Mountain

Offering Our Gifts and Ourselves to God

Offertory Father, I Adore You Arr: Fred Bock

*Doxology #592

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Receive and bless these gifts and our lives, O God, which we offer in response to your steadfast love revealed so clearly in Jesus. As he transformed people's lives with the healing power of his love, so may lives continue to be transformed through these gifts, our love and our witness. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

*Hymn Amazing Grace #280

1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed!

3 Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come; 'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

4 The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise Then when we'd first begun.

The Lord's Supper

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.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving with Prayers of the Community and the Lord's Prayer

Distribution of Elements

Prayer after Communion

*Benediction

God, our Creator, we are held in your everlasting arms. Jesus, our Savior, we are healed by your wounded hands. Holy Spirit, be present as we reach out to one another in love.

Postlude Amazing Grace Arr: Mark Hayes

Remembering in Prayer

<u>Praise and Thanksgiving:</u> (Lord, hear our praise): The ministry of the church through camps and conference centers.

Ministry of the Church in the Community: Koinonia House

Healing and Encouragement (Lord, hear our prayer):

<u>Homebound:</u> Jean, Ernie, Carlene and Wayne, Les, Sheri and Jim, Connie S

For those seeking healing and comfort: Stephanie's dad, Dan, Sam, Eric B, Kimberly & Chris, Mary Jo, Gene, Kevin, Denny, Chelsea, Dorothy, Peggy's family, Tracey, Shannon, Freya and family, Katelyn, Ross, Preston, George, Corban, Nicholas F & his family, Cindy & Steve, Ukraine, Gaza, and Israel.

For Our World: An end to violence against women.

Psalm of Encouragement:

The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge Psalm 50:6

Upcoming Events

CFN dinners will continue on Wednesdays through March 13 with the exception of Valentine's Day, February 14!

Ash Wednesday Service will be February 14 at St. Peter's at 5:30

Evening Prayer will be February 27 be at 7:00pm in the sanctuary

Lenten Devotional is on its way!

Would you like to add your voice or musical talents for **Special Music** over Lent or for Easter? Let the pastors know!

On-line donations are now being accepted. If you wish to support the church ministry by donating with your credit or debit card, click on the "Give Now" link on the church webpage, www.fpclagrande.org, or use the QR code.

