

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
All: **And also with you.**

\* PEACE RESPONSE: Sara Schaffzin

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN’S TIME D.C.E. Mylika Selah

*Children who want to go to Sunday School (K-7) can follow the teachers to their room. Younger children may be dropped off at the nursery (ages 0-4); all children should be picked up from their rooms and signed out following the service.*

\* HYMN: “Jesus on the Mountain Peak” Mowsley see bulletin insert

THE TORAH: Exodus 34: 29-35 p. 81 OT

THE GOSPEL: Luke 9: 28-36 p. 69-70 NT

One: The Word of the Lord  
All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE MESSAGE: “An Experience.”  
*“Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him; they appeared in glory.”  
- Luke 6: 30-31*

\* GLORIA PATRI:

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

\* RECEIVING TITHES AND OFFERINGS: Hebrews 13:16

One: “Do not neglect to do good and share what you have;  
All: **for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”**

OFFERTORY: “He, Watching over Israel” Felix Mendelssohn from Elijah, Op. 70 (1809-1847)

He, watching over Israel, slumbers not nor sleeps.  
Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish, God will quicken thee.

\* DOXOLOGY: to the tune of “All Creatures”

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow!  
Praise Christ, all creatures here below! Alleluia!  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Alleluia!**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from The Confession of 1967 (9.44, 9.55)

**God has created the peoples of the earth to be one universal family. In God’s reconciling love, God overcomes the barriers between peoples and breaks down every form of discrimination based on racial or ethnic difference, real or imaginary. The church is called to bring all people to receive and uphold one another as persons in all relationships of life: in employment, housing, education, leisure, marriage, family, church, and the exercise of political rights. Therefore, the church labors for the abolition of all racial discrimination and ministers to those injured by it. Congregations, individuals, or groups of Christians who exclude, dominate, or patronize others, however subtly, resist the Spirit of God and bring contempt on the faith which they profess.**

**With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.**

\* HYMN #186: “Come Now, You Blessed, Eat at My Table” Jeeva Sam

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION.

*We invite you to come forward down the center aisle to receive communion, holding out an open palm to receive bread and leaving your cup in the cup racks at the back of each pew. If you wish to have communion brought to you, please indicate this by raising a hand to the servers walking in the aisles. All are welcome to receive communion at Christ’s table.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOLLOWED BY THE 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 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.**

\* HYMN #190: “Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory” Geneva

BENEDICTION.

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE (sung twice):

POSTLUDE: Fuga in C Major D. Buxtehude

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*Join us after the service for coffee, cookies and fellowship time in the Narthex!*

## IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH:

- **Today in Adult Education:** Providing legal aid services for estate planning and incapacity planning. Valery Paul, Esq., from Legal Aid Society of Mid-New York, will introduce planning for the afterlife and illness. The Pauls are frequent attendees to our worship services. Please join us in Dodds Hall at 11:30.
- **Ash Wednesday Service: 3/5 at 7pm.** This Wednesday, March 5, marks Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Our service is held at 7pm, to which all are invited, and in which we confess our sins, lament the sorrows of the world, and receive the imposition of ashes.
- **Next Week in Adult Education: March 9.** The Rev. Dr. Kenneth I. Clarke, Sr., recently retired Director of the Tompkins County Office of Human Rights, will address how Lent can serve as a centering moment amidst the turbulence of our current time. Dr. Clarke, who led Cornell United Religious Work from 2001-2017, has preached and taught numerous times at First Presbyterian. We always look forward to his classes, and he says he welcomes the opportunity to once again engage the congregation.
- **Lenten Gathering, March 12 at 6:30pm:** Join us for a Lenten Soup Supper in Dodds Hall at 6:30pm on March 12<sup>th</sup>! There will be post-dinner discussions inspired by [A Rhythm of Prayer](#) - but ALL are welcome, and pre-reading is not required. Sign up in the Narthex at Fellowship time if you're able to contribute food!

### Our greeters today are:

Marilyn Ewing, Beth Patton, and Linda McLean.

### Our ushers today are:

Rick Vaughan, head; with Tom Owens,  
Deb Streeter, and Judy Vaughan.

**Today's Communion servers are:** Sylvia Reeves, Sebastian Vander Ploeg Fallon, Stella Martz, and Lorraine Maxwell.


**Flowers are given:** In loving memory of both mothers: Valerie Kohl (Bob's mom) and Ida Mae Swaney (Bobbie's mom), by Bobbie and Robert Kohut," Flowers were displayed in church on February 23

### We hold in our prayers:

David Brown; Jennifer Carlson; Donna Dauria;  
Mischa Dixon; Harris Faulkner; Jeff Lovell;  
Vivian and Jim Russell; and Marj Smart.

- **March 15-16 Youth Group Lock-in:** youth grades 6-12 join us in Dodds hall at 5:30 for a fun Exodus themed lock in! Bring a friend and your sleeping bag as we enjoy a night of games, adventures and yummy treats! Please RSVP by March 3 to [mylika.fpci@gmail.com](mailto:mylika.fpci@gmail.com)
- **Triennium in July:** Any youth or young adult 8th grade to age 24 interested in attending the PCUSA gathering of youth from all over the USA, please email [mylika.fpci@gmail.com](mailto:mylika.fpci@gmail.com) for more information.

*Next week—Daylight Savings Time begins!*



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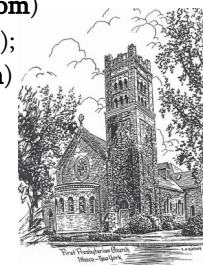
Saturday, March 8, 2025; 10:30am-12:30pm  
at  
**Christ the King Presbyterian Fellowship**  
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Spencer, NY, 14883

**Lunch to Follow!**  
*(sponsored by the Committee on Mission and Witness)*

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MARCH 2, 2025: TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

### PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

*This service is being livestreamed. You can view services on our website.  
Please share your name in the Friendship Pads at the end of each pew.*

PRELUDE: "Magnificat primi toni" Dietrich Buxtehude  
(1637-1707)

WELCOME. Rev. Kirianne E. Weaver

\* CALL TO WORSHIP: *from Luke 9: 28-35* Liturgist: Angie Chen

One: Jesus took with him Peter and John and James,

**All: and went up on the mountain to pray.**

One: And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed,

**All: and his clothes became bright as a flash of lightning.**

One: Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him.

**All: They appeared in glory and were speaking about his exodus-**

One: which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem.

**All: Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep,**

One: but as they awoke they saw his glory

**All: and the two men who stood with him...**

One: Then from the cloud came a voice that said:

**All: "This is my son, my Chosen one; listen to him!"**

\* HYMN #189: "O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair" *Deo Gracias*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Rev. Cynthia A. Weaver

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned: in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light, and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior... ...Time for silent confession.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

One: ...Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**