

Service of Worship

February 15th, 2026

Transfiguration Sunday



First Presbyterian Church of Fort Thomas

Rev. Dr. Holly Robertson, Pastor
Rick Marquardt, Guest Organist

Fanfare
Welcome & Announcements
Prelude

The Gathering

*Call to Worship

One: It is good to be here in this sacred space, in the shelter of God's love and hope.

All: **It is good to be here with folks we know well, as well as with new friends, joining with all of God's beloved, siblings of Jesus.**

One: It is good to be here, where we can hear God's voice, calling us to be eyewitnesses to the Spirit's presence.

Scripture

Psalm 97

pg. 551

All hymns and responses will be played through once before singing starts.

*Opening Hymn

"Shall We Gather at the River"

Hymn #375

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Our judgment often becomes clouded by our foolishness, Sheltering God, and so we make all the wrong choices. We let fancy philosophies draw us away from your grace. The flowery words of politicians can lead us into valleys of worry and despair. Our fears can convince us that those around us are conspiring against us.

You can take all our foolishness, Creative God, and make us wise enough to see you among us. You take the shards of our broken lives to recast us into a faithful people. You speak gently to us, so we can listen to your dreams of our seeing each person as your beloved, even as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, sees us through such eyes.

*Assurance of God's Love

On mountaintops and in valleys, in moments when our lives are shrouded and as well as when we reflect Christ's light, God is with us, declaring we are the beloved!

In this moment, in every moment, may we glimpse the grace of God which comes and transfigures our lives. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

*Responsorial Hymn

"We Are Standing on Holy Ground"

Hymn #406

"We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around; let us praise Jesus now; we are standing in his presence on holy ground."

*Greeting in Christ's Name

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we are one forgiven family. Let us continue to worship God in thanksgiving as we greet those who join us in prayer and praise.

As we have been welcomed by God, we now seek to welcome those among us.

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

(Friends, while still maintaining the safety of the peace sign, let us take a holy moment of active greeting. Move to the 3 pews around you, sharing God's peace with God's people before returning to your seats.)

The Word

Time with the children
Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Matthew 17:1-9

Pew Bible, pg. 18

Sermon

“Still and Silent”

Rev. Dr. Holly Robertson

Response to Grace

*Hymn

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

Hymn #451

Affirmation of Faith from The Nicene Creed:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Call for the Offering
Offertory

“All Creatures of Our God and King”
Ringers in Harmony

*Doxology

Hymn #582

“Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.”

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Sending

*Closing Hymn

“O Christ, the Great Foundation”

Hymn #361

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

Hymn #726 v. 5

“Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.”

Postlude

“Prelude in A”

Normal Warren

(Please remain seated and reflect upon the service)

WORSHIP NOTES

Liturgist: Lois Rogers

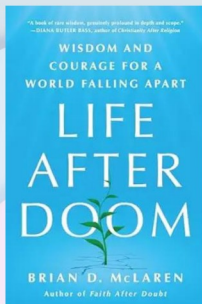
Acolyte: Young Family

*All are invited to stand in body or spirit

All Hymns from Glory to God hymnal, unless noted otherwise

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