



First Presbyterian Church

of Raleigh, North Carolina

Serving Christ from the heart of the city to the ends of the earth with love, faith and action.

February 11, 2024

Transfiguration of the Lord

We Gather in God's Presence

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Bagatelle in E flat Op. 33 No. 1

Beethoven

Davis Baker, piano

Call to Worship

Let us listen to God, whose voice speaks from top of the tallest mountain to the depths of humanity.

Give us ears to hear and hearts open to the Spirit.

Dazzled by the glory of Christ, let us trust God's movement among us now.

Come, Lord Jesus. Meet us in worship and send us out in love.

*Hymn

"The Mighty God with Power Speaks"

No. 13

Prayer of Confession

You know, O God, how often we set our mind on human things instead of divine things. You know the ways we try to force your Spirit to fit our agenda, to manipulate your grace for our own ends. You know that we are prone to thinking of our desires long before we ever consider yours. Transform and even transfigure us that our wills are aligned with your divine intentions. Hear now our silent prayers of confession offered before your throne of grace...

Kyrie

No. 575

Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

Response to Pardon

Friends in Christ, in response to this gift of God's grace, how then shall we live?
With gratitude, following after the Lord Jesus Christ, who calls us to love God with heart, soul, mind, and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves.

This is the way of Jesus, in whom we find life!

*Gloria Patri

No. 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Moment for Mission | Souper Bowl of Caring

Joys and Concerns of the Church Family

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Congregational Response to Prayer

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

We Listen and Respond to God's Word

A Moment for Children

"All Night, All Day"

Pathfinders and ROCKstars

Children's Church is offered for four years - second grade during the sermon.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

Psalm 50:1-6, Mark 9:2-9

Sermon

"More Amazement than Understanding" Laurie Taylor Weicher
Today's lay reader is Lee Corbett

*Hymn

"Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory"

No. 190

(Choir sings verse 1, congregation join in for verse 2 and 3)

*Affirmation of Faith (From *A Declaration of Faith*)

We recognize the work of God in Jesus' power and authority. He did what only God can do. We also recognize the work of God in Jesus' lowliness. When he lived as a servant and went humbly to his death the greatness that belongs only to God was manifest. In both his majesty and lowliness Jesus is the eternal Son of God, God himself with us.

An Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

“Sine Nomine”

Vaughan Williams

Chancel Choir

Arr. Earl Rosenberg

*Doxology

No. 609

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

*Prayer of Dedication

We Carry God's Word into the World

*Hymn

“Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken”

No. 81

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response

No. 748

Go with us Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in Your Spirit, strong and true, our lives may be our gift to you.

*Postlude

"Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott"

Johann Pachelbel

*All those who are able may stand.

Offertory Lyrics

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might,
Thou Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight,
Thou in the darkness drear their one true Light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from oceans farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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On the Calendar This Week February 11 – February 17

Today – Early Service 8:30a | Church School 9:45-10:40a | Late Service 11a | Souper Bowl of Caring 12:15-2:15p | Nominating Committee 2:15p | PW Circle 9 5:30-7p

Mon, Feb 12 – Bible Study 10:30-11:30a Vanguard Classroom | Circle 4 10:30a-12:15p | Staff Meeting 1-2p Bible Study 6-7p Vanguard Classroom | Handbells 7-8:30p

Tue, Feb 13 – Glenaire Bible Study 2-3p

Wed, Feb 14 – Early Birds 6:30-8a | Adult Fellowship 10-12p | Ash Wednesday Drive Through 11:30a-1p Committees 7-9p

Thu, Feb 15 – Choir Rehearsal 7-8:30p

Fri, Feb 16 – No activities or events scheduled.

Sat, Feb 17 – No activities or events scheduled.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Children's Valentines Day sale: Purchase Today + Pick up Pre-paid Orders Today

Online orders can be picked up all morning in the Edge Lobby. Extra flower pots and suncatchers are available for sale today while supplies last. All proceeds pay for the Haiti child sponsorship of 3 children. This sale is made possible by K-5th grade FPC children who painted and created during the Sunday evening children's program called Pathfinders and ROCKstars. Stop by our table!

Souper Bowl of Caring Church-Wide Lunch

Today at 12:15 help us tackle hunger. Menu will be soup and wings. Cost: Donations accepted to cover the cost of the meal and any proceeds will benefit A Place at the Table. No RSVP needed, just come and eat!

Adult Fellowship

Wednesday, February 14 | 10a-12p Donuts and coffee are calling again! You are invited to join others in the Edge Lobby to meet and greet friends and enjoy the refreshments. There will also be door prizes! All adults are welcome. Please come and bring a friend.

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 14 | 11:30a -1p As we begin the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, let us reflect and draw closer to God. Traditionally, people of faith have marked this beginning with the imposition of ashes. We invite you to receive the ashes and blessing at a drive through event in the FPC parking lot.

Raleigh Camerata Concert at FPC

Sunday February 18 | 4p FPC Raleigh will be hosting a concert by the Raleigh Camerata conducted by our director of music, Mark Woodcock. This professional orchestra will be performing on period instruments (i.e. hair bows, gut strings, and specialty instruments) to create a uniquely vibrant sound. Additionally, our very own Owen Beal has been named a winner of the High School Baroque Residency Competition and will be playing alongside the professional musicians for one of the pieces in the concert. Come experience the fire, emotion, and joy of rarely heard orchestral composers of the Classical period. For ticket information please visit <https://www.raleighcamerata.com/>. FPC typed in at check-out will reveal hidden tickets for FPC members that gives them \$5 off all ticket prices.

Inquirer's Class

Sunday, February 25 | 9:45a If you've been visiting with us and want to learn more about the church or are considering joining, please join us for an inquirer's class. We'll meet in the parlor, which is just off the sanctuary and gathering space. It'll be a chance for you to learn more about the church, meet staff and ministry leaders, and get to know other visitors as well. Email Laurie Taylor Weicher at lweicher@fpcraleigh.org with questions or to sign up, or just show up that morning. We'd love to see you!

Variety Show

Sunday, February 25 | 5p A favorite event of the year hosted by the youth! Our goal is to raise \$15,000 to support the HS Service Trip to Scotland. There are three components to this event: Silent Auction, Church-Wide Dinner with our youth as table servers, and the Variety Show-think "talent" but no talent necessary! Do you have an idea or want to help in a specific way, or have an auction item? Contact Beth Thaxton at bthaxton@fpcraleigh.org.

FPC Shares Item for February

This month's FPC Shares item is Canned or Dried Beans! Bring this item and/or your favorite non-perishable food donations to the church. There are FPC Shares receptacles on both sides of the Edge Lobby and in two places in the Lisa Ham Gathering Space outside the sanctuary.

Mission Partners & Highlights

Souper Bowl of Caring (SBoC)

In 1990, Souper Bowl of Caring (SBoC), began with a simple prayer: "**Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat**" was delivered to a small youth group at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC.

This gave birth to an idea. **Why not harness the energy and enthusiasm of Super Bowl weekend, a time when people come together for football, food and fun, to unite the nation for a higher good?** Individuals and groups could collect dollars in soup pots for those in need and send every dollar and food donation DIRECTLY to a local charity of THEIR choice.

The first year, they invited 22 area churches to join the team and collected \$5,700 with 100% of donations distributed to local-area charities. That was 1990. Since then, Souper Bowl of Caring has become a national, grass-roots, youth-inspired movement where ordinary people are doing extraordinary good. **Over \$190 MILLION in dollars has been generated while benefiting thousands of soup kitchens, food banks, meal programs and other hunger-relief charities in local communities.**

Souper Bowl of Caring's Mission is "**Uniting All Communities to Tackle Hunger**". For over 30 years, the Souper Bowl of Caring movement has been inspiring young people across the nation to tackle hunger in their local communities.

Join with our own FPC Youth this afternoon as they unite to tackle hunger. They will be collecting your donations in the back of Sanctuary and all proceeds collected will go to support *A Place at the Table*, a pay what you can café located at 300 W. Hargett St. Or, join us for soup and wings in Memorial Hall after the 11am service.