

*First Presbyterian Church of Inverness, Florida*

*March 2, 2025*

*Transfiguration of the Lord*



**Prelude**

Dr. Marina Veiler

**Welcome**

**Introit**

*Be Thou My Vision*

Beth Evans

**Opening Sentences**

God of the mountaintop, you call us to journey with you.

**Shine upon us; grant us sacred illumination; dazzle us with your beauty and glory.**

In the midst of our weary souls and exhausted bodies,

**Transfigure our imaginations and reveal to us what is possible.**

In the face of unceasing violence and endless wars,

**Transfigure our imaginations and reveal to us what is possible.**

In the midst of crushing disasters, natural and humanmade,

**Transfigure our imaginations and reveal to us what is possible.**

Move us from scarcity and cynicism and transfigure our lowly visions to reveal the abundant life of your realm.

**Help us to keep watch so that we might leave the mountaintop inspired to do your work of transformation in the valley below. Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**God who dazzles, just as you revealed yourself in Christ at the mount of transfiguration, you send your Spirit now to work in our midst. Show us this day the light of your presence. Reveal to us your power and glory. Illumine our hearts and lives with your brilliance that we might envision a world transfigured in your image. Amen.**

\*Hymn #12

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:  
In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.  
Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;  
We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

**Confession and Pardon**

**Holy Lord, we confess that we do not always seek the light of your way. We are satisfied to dwell in darkness, holding fast to the comforts of material fortune. We ignore the needs of others, and selfishly look the other way when our neighbors are oppressed. In your merciful way, help us to establish your equity in the world. Move us to protect creation and ensure equality, that all of our siblings may have a share of your abundance and the safety of your peace, and that the light of your face may shine upon all creation. (silent confession) Let all God's children say, Amen.**

**\*Passing Christ's Peace**

**\*Gloria**

**Children's Sermon**

Lori Wolford

**Anthem**

*How Great Thou Art*

Beth Evans

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Gospel Lesson**

Luke 9:28–36

**Sermon**

*What Does Your Face Say?*

Rev. Lou Ellen Hartley

**Hymn of Preparation #**

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

1 Let us break bread to- geth-er on our knees; (on our knees)  
2 Let us drink wine to- geth-er on our knees; (on our knees)  
3 Let us praise God to- geth-er on our knees; (on our knees)

let us break bread to- geth-er on our knees. (on our knees)  
let us drink wine to- geth-er on our knees. (on our knees)  
let us praise God to- geth-er on our knees. (on our knees)

*Refrain*

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris- ing sun,

O Lord, have mer- cy on me. (on me)

## Sacrament of Communion

### Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

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.**

### Sharing the Bread and the Cup

### Prayer after Communion

#### \*Closing Hymn #547 *Go My Children with My Blessing (verse 1)*

1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.  
2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.  
3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.

Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.

In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-  
Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his  
Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here my ten-der com-fort

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glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure."  
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#### \*Benediction and Postlude

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**Church Office Hours**

9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday  
Closed on Friday

**Our Elders**

Class of 2025: Jerry Reynolds, Leah Robinson, Keith Spong  
Class of 2026: Barbara Caudill, Bruce Cook, John Morrison, Lesa Shelton  
Class of 2027: Caryl Birstler, Clark Stillwell, Lynnette Strickland

**Our Deacons**

Class of 2025: Pedro Fuentes, Amanda Morrison  
Class of 2026: Ray Birstler, Donna Dublo, Toni Scott  
Class of 2027: Terri Christoffers, Jacob Gleason, Ron Shafer

**WORSHIP FLOWERS**

Worship Flowers are given today by the Savary Endowment.

**Nursery and Sunday School for All Ages**

Infants and Pre-K	CE Hall, Room 2	Ms. Vicki
Elementary (K-5)	CE Hall, Room 4	Ms. Mary Beth
Adult Sunday School	Library	Pastor Lou Ellen Hartley
Secondary/Youth Group (6-12)	CE Hall, Room 5 5:30 p.m.	Ms. Lori, Mr. Ron

## **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**

You are all invited to join us in the Library on Sunday mornings for Pastor Lou Ellen's adult Sunday School Class. We will be learning about Lent and we would love for you to join us.

## **SINGLES EATING TOGETHER**

SET will meet on Wednesday, **March 5<sup>th</sup>** at LaPergola, 2780 North Florida Avenue, Hernando, at 4:00 p.m.

## **WORSHIP FLOWERS**

If you would like to honor someone special by ordering worship flowers for the Sanctuary, we have several Sundays open in March. Two arrangements are just \$37.00. Sign up at the Ask-Me-Desk and drop your check in the offering plate. Be sure to note "Worship Flowers (date)" on the memo line of your check.

## **CHECK OUT OUR THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY**

Pastor Lou Ellen is holding Bible study on **Thursdays at 10:00 a.m., in the Library**. The topic is "*Say More About That*". We look deeper into the Sunday worship service scripture to discuss how it is applicable in our daily lives.

## **GATHERED UP**

We gather in the fellowship hall for worship and a pot luck dinner every Sunday at 5:30. Join us for a casual and interactive time of worship and sharing. Bring a friend, a dish to share, and worship with us.

## **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES**

**Wednesday, March 5 at 10:30 am and 5:30 pm in the Sanctuary**

Yes! This year we will have two opportunities to mark the beginning of Lent as we offer a morning and an evening time for worship. Ash Wednesday is an important day in the life of the church as we begin our season of preparation for Easter with a time of confession and reflection. Please note, due to issues with the stove, we will not be offering a meal before the service.

## **OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE**

The Session is looking for someone to coordinate the *Operation Christmas Child* program in our church. This is the Christmas shoebox ministry we have done for a number of years. If you are interested in coordinating the program, please contact the church office or email the pastor at [revhartley1000@gmail.com](mailto:revhartley1000@gmail.com). Thank you!

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

### Sunday, March 2, 2025

#### *Communion*

- 9:00 Adult Sunday School-Library
- 10:00 Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 10:00 Children's Sunday School-CE Wing
- 1:00 Anchored – Liberty Park
- 5:30 Gathered Up Service – FH

### Monday, March 3, 2025

- 5:30 Boy Scouts

### Tuesday, March 4, 2025

- \*8:30 Blessings
- 10:00 Prayer Gathering – Parlor
- 11:00 Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary

### Wednesday, March 5, 2025

- \*8:30 Blessings
- 9:00 Staff Meeting
- 4:30 Singles Eating Together – LaPergola

### Thursday, March 6, 2025

- 8:30 Blessings
- 10:00 Thursday Bible Study – Library
- 12:00 – 3:00 Craft Group – Youth Room
- 6:00 Theology & Wine

### Friday, March 7, 2025

### Saturday, March 8, 2025

- \* 8:30 – 3:00 Relief Share - FH
- \*10:00 -11:30 CCCC Rehearsal – Sanctuary

### Sunday, March 9, 2025

#### *Adjust Your Clock-Spring Forward One Hour*

- 9:00 Adult Sunday School-Library
- 10:00 Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 10:00 Children's Sunday School-CE Wing
- 5:30 Anchored
- 5:30 Gathered Up Service – FH

\*Outside Group

FH = Fellowship Hall

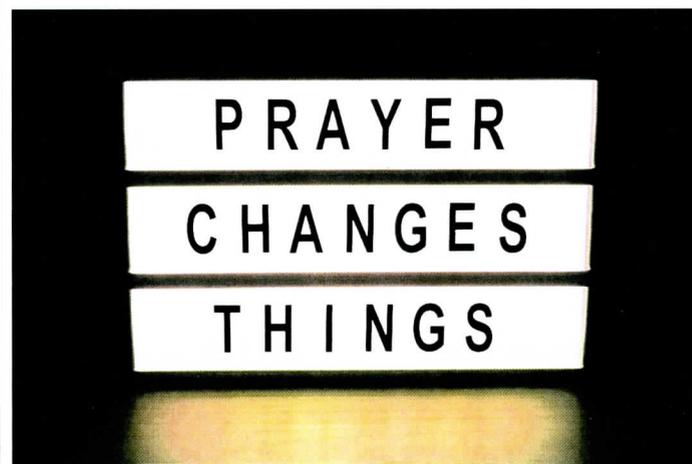
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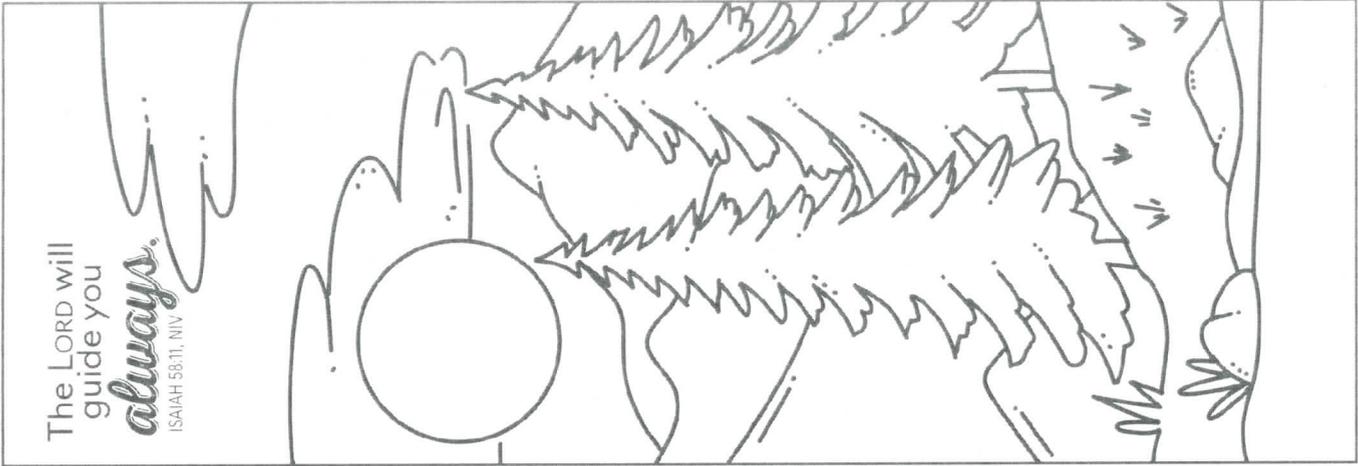
TO THOSE SERVING TODAY

## Ushers

*Terrie Christoffers*  
*Sally McKenzie*



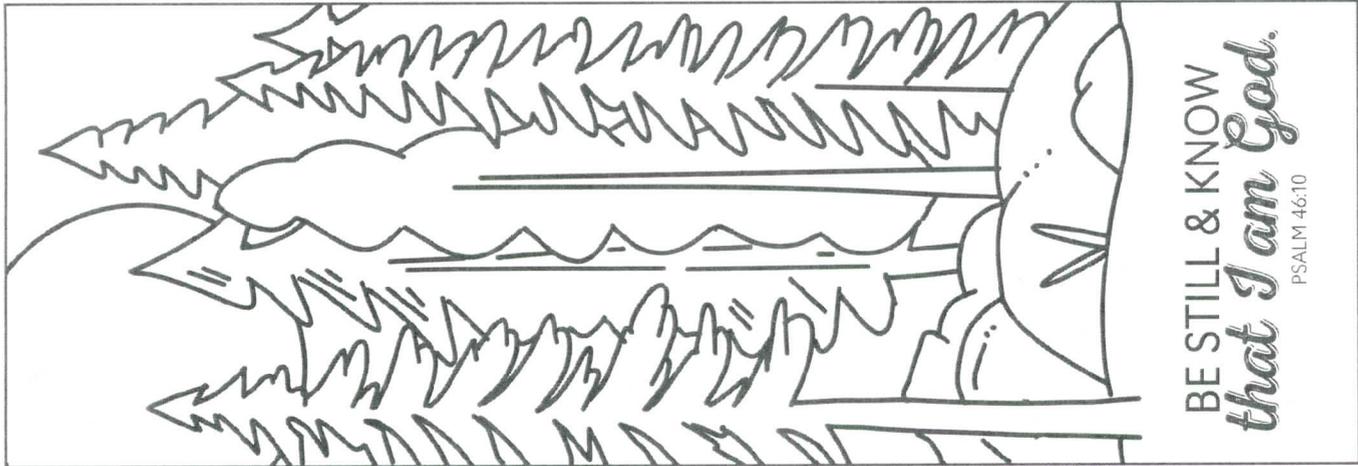
**Join Prayer Gathering in  
the Parlor every Tuesday  
at 10:00 a.m.**



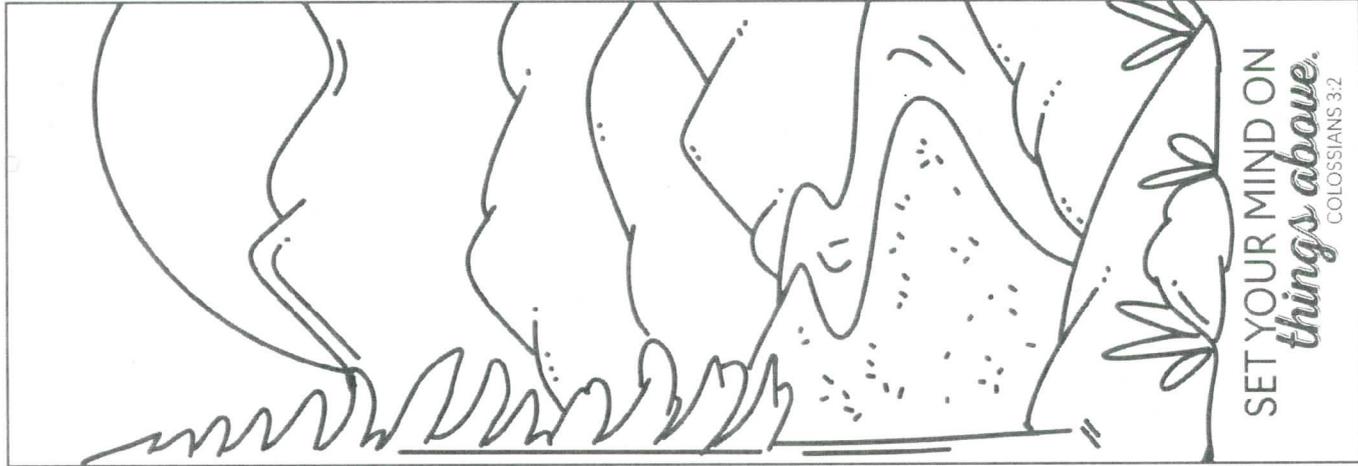
The LORD will  
guide you  
*always.*  
ISAIAH 58:11, NIV



*Joy*  
COMES IN  
THE MORNING.  
PSALM 30:5



BE STILL & KNOW  
*that I am God.*  
PSALM 46:10



SET YOUR MIND ON  
*things above.*  
COLOSSIANS 3:2