

Frederick Presbyterian Church
Service of Word and Prayer
The Wednesday before the Transfiguration of the Lord
February 11, 2026

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit gathers us into a community of prayer.

GATHERING

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

OPENING SENTENCES

One: Blessed is the Lord our God, who revealed the law to Moses.

All: The Lord our God is holy!

One: Blessed is the Lord our God, who has spoken through the prophets.

All: The Lord our God is holy!

One: Blessed is the Lord our God, who came to us in Jesus Christ.

All: The Lord our God is holy!

One: The one who spoke and called light out of darkness now shines in our hearts.

All: The Lord our God is holy!

One: The one who comes and does not keep silence now speaks in our midst.

All: The Lord our God is holy!

One: Now we have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

All: The Lord our God is holy!

(After a brief silence...)

One: Great God of dazzling beauty and overshadowing majesty,
in Jesus Christ, your beloved, we glimpse the image of your glory.
Teach us to listen to him so that we may hear your voice and follow your holy way;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, in silence, in reflection.

PSALM 33 *(read in unison)*

Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous; praise is fitting for the upright.

Praise the LORD with the lyre; make music for God with a ten-stringed harp.

Sing for the LORD a new song; play your instrument skillfully with joyful sounds.

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PSALM 33 (continues)

For your word, O LORD, is right, and faithful are all your works.

You love righteousness and justice; your steadfast love fills the whole earth.

By your word were the heavens made, by the breath of your mouth all the hosts of heaven.

You gather up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin and store up the depths of the sea.

Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all who dwell in the world stand in awe.

For God spoke, and it came to pass; God commanded, and it stood fast.

The LORD brings the will of the nations to nothing and thwarts the designs of the peoples.

Your will, O LORD, stands fast forever, and the designs of your heart from age to age.

Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!

Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

The LORD looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.

God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.

God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.

A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.

*Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD, upon those who wait for your steadfast love,
to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.*

Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD, our helper and our shield.

Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.

Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

SCRIPTURE READING

[Romans 12:1-8](#)

One: . . . The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

(A period of silence follows for personal reflection.)

SCRIPTURE READING

[Matthew 17:1-9](#)

One: . . . The Word of the Lord.

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PRAYER

The Holy Spirit prays with us and through us.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

One: In Christ Jesus we meet the God who knows our weakness
and bears the wounds of the world.

All: Therefore, let us be bold as we pray,
trusting that God draws near to those in any kind of need.

(Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession are included.)

One: Into your wide embrace, O God, we place all our prayers,
spoken and unspoken, trusting that you will receive them into your heart of mercy,
Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

All: Amen.

One: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**All: *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us;
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.***

SENDING

The people of God depart to live as God's People in the world.

CLOSING RESPONSES

One: God all mighty, God most merciful bless us, keep us, and give us peace.

All: Amen.

One: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

One: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

(Signs and words of peace are exchanged . . .)

Join Us . . . February 18th

7:00 am - Imposition of Ashes (In-Person and Zoom)

6:15 pm - Light Dinner in Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm - Imposition of Ashes and Communion (In-Person and Facebook Live)



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