

February 15, 2026
10:00 AM

Transfiguration of the Lord

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FREEHOLD

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*Please stand if you are able

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude *Selection* Youth Bells

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Liturgist: The Lord is Sovereign; let the people tremble in awe.

All: God is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

Liturgist: The Lord is great in Zion and is high above all peoples.

All: Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God, and worship God upon the holy mountain.

Hymn #611 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Call to Confession (*spoken by the liturgist*)

We know that nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. Let us in freedom confess the wrong we have done.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of compassion,
in Jesus Christ we behold your transforming light,
yet we continue to live in darkness.
Preoccupied with ourselves,
we fail to see your work in the world.
We speak when we should listen;
we act when we should reflect.
Empower us to live in your light
and to walk in your ways
for the sake of him who is the light of the world,
Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

(Please take a moment for silent confession.)

Assurance of Pardon

Now the Lord is the Spirit,
and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.
And all of us, with unveiled faces,
seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror,
are being transformed into the same image
from one degree of glory to another,
for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and transformed! Praise be to God! Amen.

***Gloria Patri (Hymn #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.*

Passing of the Peace*A Time for Children**

Anthem *Goodness of God*

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Holy God,
you revealed to the disciples
the everlasting glory of Jesus Christ.
Grant us, who have not seen and yet believe,
the gift of your Holy Spirit,
that we may boldly live the gospel
and shine with your transforming glory
as people changed and changing
through the redeeming presence of our Savior. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 99 (Old Testament pg. 552)

Scripture Reading: Matthew 17:1-9 (New Testament pg. 18)

Sermon *Coming Home to the Holy* Dr. Mary Westfall

Responding to the Word

***Hymn #744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!**

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (*unison*)

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*

*On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Offering *He's Been Faithful* Matthew DeMarco

***Doxology** (Hymn #606)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Prayer of Thanksgiving** (*unison*)

*We give our thanks through our talents, our time, and our treasure.
Thanks be to God; whose love creates us!
Thanks be to God; whose mercy redeems us!
Thanks be to God; whose grace leads us into the future! Amen.*

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal pg. 35)

*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.*

***Hymn #839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!**

***The Holden Prayer**

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Benediction** *You Better Hold*

Postlude *Here I Am to Worship*



We welcome Rev. Dr. Mary Westfall into the pulpit today.

The Rev. Dr. Mary Westfall serves as the Relational Co-Leader of Coastlands Presbytery and in that role, she is "pastor to the pastors" and a resource for the 63 PC(USA) congregations across central New Jersey. Having grown up in the church in rural Colorado, Mary was ordained in 1988 and has served in urban, campus and mid-Council ministry in New York, New Hampshire, and California, before coming to New Jersey in 2023.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Prayer Requests: Please call or email the church office during the week to let us know of any requests for prayer you have. If you have a prayer request on Sunday morning, please use the Prayer Cards in the narthex to write out your requests. A greeter or usher can assist you with any questions you may have. Your prayer requests are important. Thank you for helping us stay on top of your prayer requests.

The church office will be closed tomorrow, February 16th, for President's Day.

The Session will continue to meet during our pastor search. The next session meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 17th. We are grateful to Reverend Robin Palmer-Burton, pastor at Old Tennent Presbyterian Church, for serving as our temporary moderator for our meetings. If you have any questions, please see an elder. You can also reach out to the church office for assistance.



Ash Wednesday is February 18th. We will celebrate Ash Wednesday starting at 6:30 PM with a Potluck Supper in Room A/B, followed by an informal worship around the tables, and concluding with the imposition of ashes. It will be a warm get-together of our church family as we begin the season of Lent.



Community Lenten Opportunities: Lenten prayer services will be celebrated on Wednesdays at 12:30 PM during Lent. The services are sponsored by the Greater Freehold Clergy Association.

The February 25th service will be held at the Reformed Church of Freehold, which is located at 67 W. Main Street in Freehold. Lunch will be served at 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM.



**EAT, PRAY,
EAT**

GREATER FREEHOLD CLERGY LENTEN SERVICES 2026

TOPIC: BREAKING OPEN THE SYMBOLS OF OUR
CHRISTIAN FAITH DURING THE LENTEN SEASON

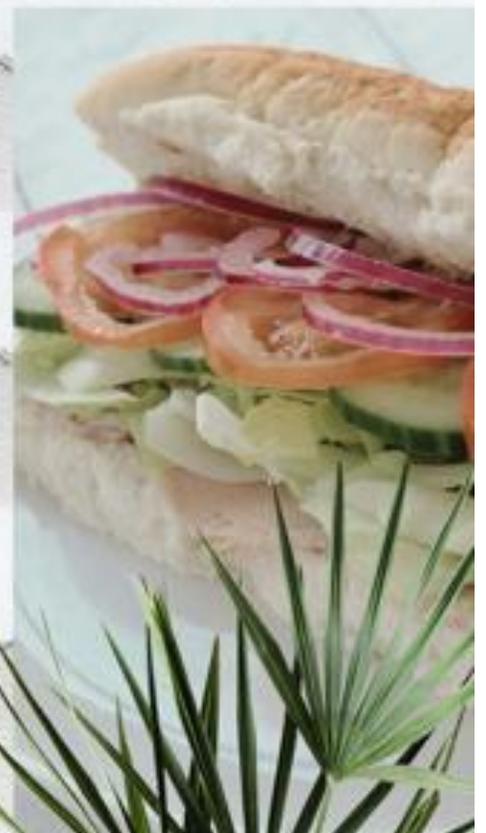


PLEASE JOIN US AS WE
PRAY, LEARN, AND EAT
TOGETHER

12:00 NOON: LUNCH
12:30PM: PRAYER
1:00PM: LUNCH

MEALS WILL VARY

WEEK	HOSTING CHURCH	SPEAKER
1 ST WEEK OF LENT FEBRUARY 25TH	THE REFORMED CHURCH IN FREEHOLD	REV. DAVID GROENEVELD SPEAKS ON "THE CROSS"
2 ND WEEK OF LENT MARCH 4TH	FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD	MSGR. SAM SIRIANNI SPEAKS ON "ASHES"
3 RD WEEK OF LENT MARCH 11TH	FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FREEHOLD	REV. MATT JONES SPEAKS ON "THE TORN CURTAIN"
4 TH WEEK OF LENT MARCH 18TH	BETHEL AME AT THE CO-CATHEDRAL OF ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE	BISHOP FRED RUBIN SPEAKS ON "THE WASH BASIN & THE TOWEL"
5 TH WEEK OF LENT MARCH 25TH	THE CO-CATHEDRAL OF ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE	REV. RUTH SCOTT SPEAKS ON "THE ALABASTER FLASK"
GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 3RD	FIRST BAPTIST NO LUNCH BUT MEETING BEGINS AT 12PM	REV. JONATHAN CLASS-RILEY SPEAKS ON "THE CROWN OF THORNS"



Welcome

We're Glad You're Here!

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LITURGIST	Diane Canto
USHERS	Mike Mancuso & Carol Matino
Next Week	Charlie Lloyd & Tom Morrice
OPENER	Chris Pilla
Next Week	Pat Kirk
CLOSER	Chris Pilla
Next Week	Charlie Lloyd
COUNTERS	Bill Canning & Kevin Truex
Next Week	Barbara Lloyd & Tom Morrice



Today's Guest Musicians:
Matthew DeMarco, Soloist
Youth Bells



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