FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

Combined Worship Service
Transfiguration Sunday

February 15, 2026

The Service for the Lord's Day

BREATH PRAYER
Inhale: Develop courage and resilience in us,
Exhale: that we may walk in love and bring forth justice.

WE GATHER

PRELUDE Because of Your Love — Paul Baloche
Contemporary Ensemble

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

- Declaration of Quorum
- Opening Prayer
- Call for the Meeting: This meeting has been called for the purpose of receiving and acting on a Session recommendation concerning the property and buildings.
- Privilege of the Floor to the Stated Clerk of Mountain Laurel Presbytery
- Electing tellers to count ballots

*CALL TO WORSHIP
One: Your voice calls to us.
All: Your light transforms us.
One: Your waters renew us.
All: Your bread and cup strengthen us.
One: Filled with gratitude for such gifts, we gather to offer thanks and praise.
All: Glory to you, O God; Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GATHERING HYMN
God is Here *(see insert)* — ABBOT'S LEIGH

WE CONFESS

*Please stand as you are able

CALL TO CONFESSION

*EMBODIED PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE TO OUR FORGIVENESS (sung)

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

WE LISTEN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Bob Hunsicker
Mark 9:2-8

PROCLAIMING TOGETHER Being Transfigured

WE RESPOND

PRAYERFUL REFLECTION AND CONVERSATION

- What about this transfiguration feels hardest to you? What are you most afraid of?
- What about this transfiguration might you be excited about? What are you hopeful for?

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *Confessions of 1967)*

In Jesus of Nazareth true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all. Jesus Christ is God with us. To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

*RESPONDING HYMN

How Firm a Foundation *(see insert)* FOUNDATION

OFFERING AND PLEDGE DEDICATION

Call to Give

Offertory Be Not Afraid Philip Stopford

Chancel Choir

*Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD HUNDREDTH

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

*SENDING HYMN

Let Us Build a House *(see insert)* TWO OAKS

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Song Without Words, Op. 38, No. 4 "Hope" Felix Mendelssohn