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## Our Vision

As we boldly proclaim the transformative power of God's word, we will inspire with our past, care for all in our present, and nurture disciples for our future.

**The Church at Worship  
Transfiguration Sunday  
February 15, 2026  
10:30 am**

The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore, Pastor  
The Rev. Dr. Lal Rodawla, Associate Pastor  
Genie Richards, Youth & Communications Director  
Sarah Clark, Children's Ministry Director  
Alex Sims, Director of Music  
Ron Nice, Pianist/Organist  
Roy Phillips, Finance Administrator  
Ruth Welch, Office Administrator

## Officers of the Week

**Nick Turkas  
Keeley Etter  
Geri Petitt**

## Welcome and Announcements

Prelude	“Shine, Jesus Shine”	Ron Nice, synthesizer
Moment for Mission	“Black History Month”	Anne Wood
<b>Gathering as God’s People</b>		

Call to Worship (From *Presbyterian Outlook*, February 15, 2026)

One: Our God is holy and mighty, a leader who loves justice, who established honesty, justice, and righteousness

**All: God has done this! We exalt you, O God! We worship at your footstool. You are holy!**

One: Miriam, Moses and Aaron were among them, and Samuel, too was among those who invoked the Name; they called on God, and God answered them.

**All: We exalt you, O Lord our God, and we worship you at your holy mountain; for you, O God, are holy!**

Sharing the Peace of Christ (Based on Philippians 4:6-7)

One: Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be known to God.

**All: And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.**

One: May the peace of God through Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us share Christ’s peace with one another.

\*Opening Hymn “Lift Every Voice and Sing” #339

\*Opening Prayer

God of majesty and might, you have blessed us with revelations of your glory. Give us the gift of faith, that we may hear your voice for ourselves and see Jesus Christ revealed to us that we may stand on our own without fear. Amen.

## Act of Confession

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (From *Presbyterian Outlook*—February 15, 2026)

God of radiant light, we confess that we are a people who are sometimes too comfortable dwelling in darkness. We say we want things to change, that we do not accept the way things are. But, in reality, we want someone else to take care of the changing. We resist transformation and sometimes do not even believe it is possible. Forgive our unbelief. Soften our hearts toward one another and ourselves. May your spirit move through and among us. Make us light bearers for your sake, and for the sake of your people. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

\*Gloria

"I've Got Peace like a River"

#623

1. I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in my soul.  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in my soul.
  
2. I've got joy like a river,  
I've got joy like a river,  
I've got joy like a river in my soul.  
I've got joy like a river,  
I've got joy like a river,  
I've got joy like a river in my soul.

### **The Baptisms of Christopher Reece Calisto Pato, Wyatt Alexander Calisto Pato, and Elliott Randall Calisto Pato**

Presentation of Christopher Reece Calisto Pato, Wyatt Alexander Calisto Pato, and Elliott Randall Calisto Pato  
Parents: Jennifer Griggs and Antonio Calisto Pato

Profession of Faith/Questions to the Parents

- Do you desire that Christopher Pato, Wyatt Pato, and Elliott Pato be baptized? **I do.**
- Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith and to teach that faith to your children? **I do.**
- Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.**
- Who is your Lord and Savior? **Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**
- Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? **I will, with God's help.**

Question to the Congregation:

- Do you, as the members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Christopher, Wyatt, and Elliott by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to grow in faith in this church? Do you?

**Congregational Response: We do.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Baptism

Welcome

Congregational Response

"Jesus Loves Me!"

#188

**Hearing God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson:

Matthew 17:1-9

p.18, N.T. Pew Bible

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Anthem:

“The Lord is My Light”  
Chancel Choir

John Carter

Time with Children:

Anne Wood

Second Scripture Lesson:

Matthew 17:14-25

p.19, N.T. Pew Bible

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

“When Life Is Complicated, Painful, or Just Normal”

The Rev. Dr. Lal Rodawla

### Responding to God’s Word

\*Hymn of Response

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

#478 WR

1. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
that calls me from a world of care,  
and bids me at my Father's throne  
make all my wants and wishes known.  
In seasons of distress and grief,  
my soul has often found relief,  
and oft escaped the tempter's snare  
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!
2. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
the joys I feel, the bliss I share  
of those whose anxious spirits burn  
with strong desires for thy return!  
With such I hasten to the place  
where God my Savior shows his face,  
and gladly take my station there,  
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!
3. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
thy wings shall my petition bear  
to him whose truth and faithfulness  
engage the waiting soul to bless.  
And since he bids me seek his face,  
believe his word, and trust his grace,  
I'll cast on him my every care,  
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Prayers of the People 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Invitation to Giving

(Thank you for keeping your giving current.)

Offertory

“If With All Your Heart (Elijah)”

Felix Mendelssohn

\*Doxology

#606

\*Prayer of Dedication

(From *Presbyterian Outlook*—February 15, 2026)

Gracious and holy God, we give you thanks for the many gifts in our lives. We are well and truly blessed. We dedicate these offerings to you. Multiply them beyond our imagining, that others might experience your love and grace, your mercy and justice. May we come to know a world where each person is enough and has enough. These things we ask boldly in Christ’s name. Amen

\*Affirmation of Faith

(From *A Declaration of Faith*)

We know our efforts cannot bring in God’s kingdom. But hope plunges us into the struggle for victories over evil that are possible now in the world, the church, and our individual lives. Hope gives us courage and energy to contend against all opposition, however invincible it may seem, for the new world and the new humanity that are surely coming. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord. Amen.

Being Sent Out in God’s Name

\*Closing Hymn

“Because He Lives”

Bill & Gloria Gaither

1. God sent His son, they called Him, Jesus;  
He came to love, heal and forgive;  
He lived and died to buy my pardon,  
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

*Refrain:*

*Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,  
Because He lives, all fear is gone;  
Because I know He holds the future,  
And life is worth the living,  
Just because He lives!*

2. How sweet to hold a newborn baby,  
And feel the pride and joy he brings;  
But greater still the calm assurance:

This child can face uncertain days because He Lives! [Refrain]

3. And then one day, I'll cross the river,  
I'll fight life's final war with pain;

And then, as death gives way to victory,

I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives! [Refrain]

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Postlude

“Lord, Let Your Light Shine Forth (Elijah)”

Felix Mendelssohn

The Ushers today are Jo Hardin and Cindy Howard.

## Providence in Prayer

### Acute Concerns

Tina, friend of Carleen Clewis, William Dixon, Bruce Robinson, Darwin Collins, Roger Nussman, Jan Hargett, Judith Arey, Barbara Conner, Julie Brock, Sharon Starks, Kathy Cathey, Bob and Yasmin Craig, Willie Rea, Betsy Peace, Jaiden Dean, Morgan Jeffares, Ava, a friend of Carleen Clewis, Charlie Starks, Everette, Richard Dickey, Jenny Gidaro, John Gidaro, Joyce Pate, Tim Good's friend, Sean Byrd.

### Chronic Concerns

Nell Kilpatrick's daughter, Isabel Kilpatrick, Bo Hardee, Kim Hintz's mother, Sandy, Zachary Coger, Yo Yee Chacko, Martha Gilbert's mother,

### Grieving

Friends and family of Lois Willets (Phyllis long's mother) on her passing January 15, 2026  
Friends & family of Brian Tye, on his father's passing on January 5, 2026.

Please don't forget to mention the availability of Stephen Ministers to those who are hurting.  
To request a Stephen Minister, contact E. Lynn Finlon, [elynnfinlon@gmail.com](mailto:elynnfinlon@gmail.com) or  
Lal Rodawla, [lal@ppc1767.org](mailto:lal@ppc1767.org)

## **Children's Ministry Space Dedication: February 22nd at 11:45 am**

We are so excited that our new Children's Ministry Space is ready to be dedicated. Thanks to Sarah Clark and our Children's Ministry Team for all their hard work and preparations. This space is the result of the gifts you shared with us in the Capital Campaign and will serve our children well for years to come. We invite you to come over to the Children's Ministry Space upstairs in the CLC following worship on February 22nd. We will have a brief prayer and dedication service and you will have the opportunity to tour the new space.



### **New Year, Same Promises January and February Sermon Series**

**Rev. Dr. Jody Moore at Providence Presbyterian Church**

Every time the calendar changes to a new year, we feel we have the opportunity for a fresh start. A number of us will make new year's resolutions, such as changes to our diet, exercise, habits, or life-style, but in spite of those resolutions, most things stay the same for us. This may be a cause of disappointment, but there is some constants that we can celebrate. God's promises to us do not change when the calendar moves to a new year. We can depend on God, day by day, year after year. Many of the promises that we read in the Bible are relevant to us today. We will reflect together in the new year on celebrating God's consistent and dependable promises. This sermon series is inspired by the book *A Preacher's Guide to Lectionary Sermon Series* (this section is written by Katherine Wil-



**Please join us for worship on February 18, 2026 at 12 noon to  
Celebrate Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent.**

## Winter/Spring 2026 Tuesday Pastor's Bible Study

Beginning on February 3rd, we will have a Bible Study for nine consecutive Tuesdays from February 3rd until March 31st.

We will gather at 11:00 am and plan to meet for an hour. We will meet in person in the conference room in the Administration Building and also provide a Zoom link for those who want to join on-line. We will be studying the same passage on Tuesday that we will hear in worship the following Sunday.

Here is the schedule of classes for the winter and spring of 2026:

### Date Bible Passage We Are Studying

Feb 17	John 8:1-20
Feb 24	Genesis 3:1-13
Mar 3	John 4:4-42
Mar 10	John 9:1-41
Mar 17	John 11:1-45
Mar 24	Philippians 2:1-13
Mar 31	John 20:1-18

Here's the Zoom link if you want to join these Bible studies on-line:

### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81751629176?pwd=Cp6lqWfJILMrzMuLS8OxosZoflzXrz.i>

Meeting ID: 817 5162 9176

Passcode: 846356

We are currently planning our next youth Confirmation class. If you would like your child or grandchild to participate, please email Genie Richards, Director of Youth Ministry, [genie@ppc1767.org](mailto:genie@ppc1767.org), to learn more about this important milestone in our youth's faith journey. All rising 8th graders and unconfirmed high school students are eligible and encouraged to participate.

