Welcome to worship, as we celebrate the Transfiguration of Our Lord. May God's grace nurture and strengthen you today. Here at Fairfield, we offer a contemporary service at 9:00; Sunday School for all ages at 10:00 and our traditional service at 11:00. Please ask Dr. Steve Starzer, Rev. Mike Watson or any of the ushers for information on various programs and ministries. You may also call the church office at (804) 730-7164 or e-mail us: office@fairfieldpcusa.org or visit our website: www.fairfieldpcusa.org

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Ed & Judy Baggett Norm Ballmer Linda Canyock Becky Clark Walt Fadeley Rae Hayden & family Susan Patterson's friend, Abbey Barbara Wash Herta Wenninger All who serve our nation here and abroad.

Please call the church office (804) 730-7164 or let a pastor know at the end of the service for someone to be on our prayer list. Names will normally be listed in the bulletin for 3 weeks, unless we receive updates.

The flowers in the sanctuary last week were given by Bonnie Creekmore in memory of Charles Moore, Sr. for his birthday. A second set was given by Shirley McGhee in memory of her husband, Harry for his birthday. Both were born on February 24!

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by John Longest to the Glory of God and in memory of his father, Willard Longest.

**Infant/Toddler:** Abbey Glass & Majken Whitaker

Next Week: Angela Blue & Marge Wantz

<u>Our liturgist</u> this Sunday will be **Jackson Vignola** for the combined worship service today. (10:30am)

**MCEF Collection** is today. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please write MCEF in the memo part of your check and mark it on the offering envelope as well. Thank you.

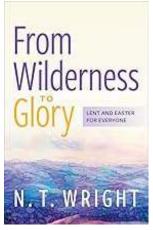
**ALL CHURCH DINNER NIGHT!** Join us tonight for Children's Dance (4:00pm), Prek-5th Grade Joy Choir (4:30pm), Youth Group (4:30pm) and the adult program listed below. Dinner will follow at 5:30pm.

March 2 - All Church Night Lecture: Celebrating our Common Testament As we draw our sermon series "Celebrating our Common Roots" to a close, we have a wonderful opportunity for one final conversation regarding our common Scriptural roots - the Old Testament. We are blessed to have a guest speaker: Rev. Crystal Varner-Parker, Hebrew scholar and pastor of Providence Forge Presbyterian Church. She will help us explore how to appreciate the Old Testament in its own light and not just as a tool for interpreting the New Testament. Lecture and conversation starts at 4:30pm.

**The Prayer Shawl Knitting Group** will meet this **Wednesday, March 5**<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am in the Barlow Parlor. Come share your knitting projects with other knitters. If you don't know how to knit, one of the ladies will teach you.

The deadline for bulletin items is Wednesday, 12:00pm.

**Ash Wednesday Service**: join us for a meditative service as we set forth with Jesus on the Lenten journey to the cross, **this coming Wednesday, March 5th at 6:30pm in the sanctuary.** 



Lenten Study Opportunity - As you know in the Church calendar, Lent is a period of preparation for the coming glory of Easter morning. This year's Lenten Sermon Series will be based on the book From Wilderness to Glory: Lent and Easter for Everyone by N. T. Wright. Each Sunday in Lent, March 9 through April 13 from 4:30 to 5:30 in the Open Door classroom, there will be a discussion of that Sunday's sermon topic. These discussions will give you the opportunity to delve deeper into that morning's sermon and scripture. Please consider joining us and adding your name to the sign-up sheet

available at both services or via the link below. You can also pick up a copy of the book at that time. We are asking for a \$12 donation to cover most of the cost of the book. Hope to see many of you joining this Lenten preparation. Sign up here: <a href="https://forms.gle/jtDjUg34mmmgRHG39">https://forms.gle/jtDjUg34mmmgRHG39</a>

Do you want to boost your knowledge, empower yourself to act and create a safe space for someone to open up about their mental health challenges? Fairfield is assisting Hanover's Behavioral Health and Wellness Team by providing space for several upcoming classes. Registration is required and is done by Eventbrite. Majken Whitaker is the facilitator for a least two of the three offerings and can answer any questions you may have. These classes are FREE and will help you feel prepared for discussions about these topics.

• **March 11**<sup>th</sup> safeTALK training, 4:30-5:00pm, dinner provided. Training will begin promptly at 5:00pm and conclude at 8:30pm. You will learn how to reach out to someone thinking about suicide and help them keep safe by promptly connecting them to further support. Your role as a connector is the focus of this training. <a href="https://bit.ly/safe31125">https://bit.ly/safe31125</a>

More information about these upcoming trainings can be found in our March newsletter.

- April 8<sup>th</sup> Kintsugi ACE Training, 9:00am 10:45am.
- May 13<sup>th</sup> Adult Mental Health First Aid, 9:00am 4:00pm. In person session.

**2025 Church Directories** are located in the front of the Family Center and the back of the Sanctuary. Please, please only take one. Thank you!

<u>Reminder:</u> Please be sure to call the church office if you would like to use a room for a meeting or event. A room to meet in might not always be available if it isn't on the calendar. This also helps Donna from "overbooking" rooms due to conflicts. You can also get the latest updates to our calendar online at <a href="https://www.fairfieldpcusa.org">www.fairfieldpcusa.org</a>.

## Coming up:

- Men of the Church Breakfast, March 11
- Fellowship Circle, March 11
- Joyful Readers Circle, March 11
- safeTALK session, March 11

THIS WEEK 'S CHURCH MEETINGS & EVENTS		
Mar. 2	Combined Worship Service (Sanctuary)	10:30am
	New Beginnings Church Worship Servi	ce (FC) 11:00am -12:00pm
	All Church Night	4:30pm
Mar. 3	Classical Conversations	8:00am - 4:00pm
	Pickleball (FC)	5:30-7:30pm
	AA Meeting (#29)	6:00-8:00pm
Mar. 4	Pickleball (FC)	11:00am - 1:00pm
	NBC Choir (#14)	5:30pm
	Facilities Management Meeting (#26)	6:30pm
	Deacon's Meeting (#20)	7:00pm
Mar. 5	Prayer Shawl Ministry (Barlow Parlor)	10:00am
	Pickleball (FC)	5:30-7:30pm
	Ash Wednesday Service (sanctuary)	6:30pm
	Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	after Ash Wednesday service
	Praise Band Practice (FC)	8:00pm
Mar. 6	Pickleball (FC)	11:00am - 1:00pm
	CAP (Family Center)	6:30pm
	Fairfield Ringers Practice (sanctuary)	7:00pm



He was transfigured before them ... and his clothes became dazzling white ... Mark 9:2-3, NRSV