

ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
"Bringing People to Christ and Christ to People"

February 15, 2026

9:45 a.m.

Transfiguration Sunday

PRELUDE (*Please prepare your hearts and minds for worship.*)

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

WELCOME – Hearing assistance and large print materials are available. See an usher.

***CALL TO WORSHIP (*Please rise in body or spirit.)**

Leader: The Word of God is planted in our hearts.

People: May our hearts be receptive to the Word.

Leader: The Love of God rains down on us.

People: May our souls soak in the wonder of God's love.

Leader: The Breath of God blows softly within us.

People: May our minds be stirred by the power of God's spirit.

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***HYMN Every Time I Feel the Spirit**

UMH 404

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. ¹⁶For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, ¹⁸I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live ²⁰and that you may love the Lord your

God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the Lord is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH 95

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.

***BLESSING THE OFFERING**

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN Joyful, Joyful (vs 1-3)

UMH 89

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 119:1-8

Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the Lord. ²Blessed are those who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart—³they do no wrong but follow his ways. ⁴You have laid down precepts that are to be fully obeyed. ⁵Oh, that my ways were steadfast in obeying your decrees! ⁶Then I would not be put to shame when I consider all your commands. ⁷I will praise you with an upright heart as I learn your righteous laws. ⁸I will obey your decrees; do not utterly forsake me.

MESSAGE God's Promise of Freedom

*HYMN Immortal, Invisible

UMH 103

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Jesus, Name Above

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EXTINGUISHING OF ALTAR CANDLES

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH DIRECTORY – We are in the process of updating directory information. Please take a moment to verify and update information as needed when the form is passed to you. Initial by your name so we know you have checked the information.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Join us after the service to enjoy a variety of soups, chili, and stews and vote on your favorite to win the 2026 St. John's Wooden Spoon Award! All proceeds benefit projects supported by the Missions Team.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE – February 18 at 6:00 p.m.

WEEKEND FOOD BAGS – will be packed after the service next week, February 22.

FIRST BAPTIST FOOD BANK – Requests include soups, syrup, pancake mix, canned vegetables (corn, green beans, mixed), and macaroni and cheese.

PRAAYER CHAIN – Call or text Pat Kern at 443-783-6423

NEWSLETTER – Submit information to Paul Nelson at pnelson37@gmail.com by the 23rd of each month.

SOCIAL HOUR – See Buddy Pennewell or Cathy Grim to help.