

ST. PAUL UCC

February 15, 2026
Transfiguration Sunday



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Sunday, February 15, 2026 ~ 9:00 am
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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

<i>Visiting Clergy</i>	Craig Bielke
<i>Director of Music</i>	Dr. Tristan Frampton
<i>Organist</i>	Cynthia Johnson
<i>Liturgist</i>	Peggy Burke

WELCOME

PRELUDE

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

Tune: Deo Gracias

arr. James W. Krug

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

As God called to Moses from the mountain,

we are called to be God's people.

As Jesus called the disciples to climb with him
to the peak of another mountain,

we are called to follow wherever he leads.

As the disciples stood in awe at the sound of God's voice,

we are called to worship in wonder and praise.

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy One, Light of light, God of all creation, long ago you showed yourself
to the disciples in Jesus' transfiguration. Shine in us, around us, and
through us, that the world may see your glory in the faces of your people—
faces transfigured in the light of your love. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

peace

BE WITH YOU

***OPENING HYMN**

326 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain

Chords: D, G, A, D, Bm

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the wil - der-ness

Chords: E, A, D, G, A, D

call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest-less-ness,

Chords: Bm, G, A7, D, G, D

stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.

Chords: D, G, A, G, D/F#, A/E

1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand
 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness, Cont'd

then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;

and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

to Refrain
A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

CALL TO AND UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Though we want to walk with Moses and see God's holy radiance, we hide in the mist of our own desires, unable to perceive the presence of God's grace. While we want a world of justice and peace, we walk in clouds of selfishness, unable to share God's loving-kindness. Though we want to follow Jesus up the mountain, we cower in fear, unable to bear the light of God.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

In the blazing light of God's grace, Jesus touches us to say, "Get up and do not be afraid." In the name of Christ, all is forgiven. **Amen.**

ANTHEM

Upon a Holy Mount
by David Schwoebel
Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURES

Exodus 24:12-18
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9

Peggy Burke
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SERMON

Craig Bielke

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.**

RECEIVING OF THE GIFTS AND OFFERTORY MUSIC

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
arr. Robert W. Thygerson

***DOXOLOGY (Tune: Old Hundreth)**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ in whom God's grace we know
Praise Spirit, with us evermore
One God, triune, whom we adore. Amen**

DEDICATION PRAYER

Radiant God, you meet us in moments of mystery and transformation, calling us to listen, to follow, and to give ourselves in love. Let these offerings be more than habit; let them reflect the light of Christ we have glimpsed on the mountaintop and the hope we carry into the valleys below. Use them—and us—to shine your love where shadows linger, until all your beloved children know they are seen, named, and cherished. In the name of your Beloved Son, we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

(see next page)

COMMISSIONING, CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Allein Gott in der Höh sie Ehr
(All Glory Be to God on High)
by Johann Pachelbel

 *Ash* 
Wednesday

SERVICE
February 18th, 2026
@ 7pm

 St. Paul UCC
115 W. B. St., Belleville 

Shrove Tuesday

Pancake & Sausage Supper and a Skit

Enjoy pancakes & sausage served family style, along with a slice of King Cake

Be entertained by our very own
**St. Paul Players performing
"Purple Pancake Panic"**

Come feast the evening prior to
**Ash Wednesday -
Tuesday, Feb. 17 @ 6 PM in Heritage Hall**

2026 Annual Meeting

February 22, 2026

Immediately following worship service.

- Accept Annual Reports
- Review 2025 final budget
- Vote on by-laws change

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 **THANK YOU TO ALL WHO
PARTICIPATED IN THE
2026 SOUPER-BOWL OF CARING!**

292 POUNDS OF FOOD COLLECTED!



Copies of the 2025 Annual Reports are available in the Narthex.

501 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

G C $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{G}{A}$ G $\frac{D}{A}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ C $\frac{G}{D}$ D G $\frac{C}{E}$ C Am7 $\frac{G}{D}$ D7 G

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this bar - ren land;
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing stream doth flow;
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious fears sub-side;

G C $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{G}{A}$ G $\frac{D}{A}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ C $\frac{G}{D}$ D G $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ C $\frac{G}{D}$ D D G

I am weak, but thou art might-y—hold me with thy power-ful hand:
 let the fire and cloud-y pil - lar lead me all my jour - ney through:
 bear me through the swell-ing cur-rent, land me safe on Ca-naan's side:

D7 $\frac{G}{D}$ D7 $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G D7 G $\frac{G}{B}$ D7 $\frac{D}{A}$ G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ Em7

Bread of heav - en, Bread of heav - en, feed me till I want no
 Strong De - liv - erer, strong De - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
 Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to

D D7 $\frac{G}{B}$ D7 G C $\frac{G}{D}$ D7 G

more, (want no more,) feed me till I want no more.
 shield, (strength and shield,) be thou still my strength and shield.
 thee, (give to thee,) I will ev - er give to thee.

UPCOMING CLERGY

FEBRUARY 22 - REV. JOAN MIER

MARCH 1 - REV. DR. CHANCE BEELER

MARCH 8 - CRAIG BIELKE

MARCH 15 - REV. JOAN MIER



Weekly Offerings		2/6/2026
Operating	\$	10,101.76
Building Fund	\$	15.00
	\$	10,116.76
Giving YTD	\$	43,991.76
*Large donation		
Weekly Budget	\$	6,781.69
Budget to Date	\$	33,908.46
Total Budget	\$	352,648.00

Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service

February 1, 2026	81	+ Online Participants
February 2, 2025	90	+ Online Participants

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Carol Hotz & Fred Hotz
 Tim Ritter
 Tim Ritter Jr., son of Sandy & Tim Ritter
 Lou Ann Niemann
 Ralph Eckart, brother in-law of
 Marlene Mueller
 Mike Llamas, brother in law of Mimi Llamas
 Jennifer Wick, daughter of
 Stephenie Bauza
 Gene Buxton
 Al Stahl
 Audrey Krummrich
 Rosie Keller
 Laura Sadler
 Mike Foppe
 Alec Zaber

**Please call the church for
 prayer requests:
 618-233-3303 stpaulucc.org**

Please consider being a coffee hour host for March & April

It takes about 15-20 min to set up. Our guests arrive about 10:00. Better to have their coffee ready at that time. Last coffee call no later than 11:00, if not sooner. Takes about 20-25 min to clean up. Printed instructions are available. Assistance is always available.

Contact the office to sign up!



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