

St. John's United Church of Christ

10 A.M. Worship

February 15, 2026

Transfiguration

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Ringling of the Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

*(Please note the * indicates when you should stand*

Members and Visitors please make note of your attendance by signing in on the pew pads.)

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Peace be with you

And also, with you

Prelude

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

Arr. Smith/Hustad

*The Call to Worship

Lord, you have called us to the mountaintop.

Help us to look forward to where you would have us go.

Help us to listen carefully to the words of your healing love.

Open our hearts and spirits to receive your glorious directions.

Place your trust in the Lord in all your ways.

Lord, we have come here to give our lives to you. AMEN.

* Hymn

"Immortal Invisible, God Only Wise"

#66

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changest thee.**

**Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praises we render: O help us to see
that only the splendor of light hideth thee.**

*Gathering Prayer *(In Unison)*

God of the mountains and the valleys of our lives, we wait here, in this place apart, to hear and see your glory. Whether you come in dazzling light or quiet word, help us to interpret your message for us and our world. Amen.

"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"
**Child of God your loving parent,
 Learn to listen for God's call
 Grow to laugh and sing and worship,
 Trust and love God more than all.**

Special Music*"Ode to Joy"***Beethoven arr. Emerson****WE HEAR GOD'S WORD****Scriptures: Matthew 17:1-9****The Transfiguration**

17 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. 2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. 3 Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. 4 Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." 5 While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" 6 When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. 7 But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." 8 And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Message*** Hymn***"We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding"*

**We have come at Christ's own bidding
 to this high and holy place,
 where we wait with hope and longing
 for some token of God's grace.
 Here we pray for new assurance
 that our faith is not in vain,
 searching like those first disciples
 for a sign both clear and plain.**

**Light breaks through our clouds and
 shadows;
 splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word;
 Moses and Elijah marvel
 as the heavenly voice is heard.
 Eyes and hearts behold with wonder
 how the law and prophets meet:
 Christ, with garments drenched in brightness,
 stands transfigured and complete.**

**Strengthened by this glimpse of glory,
 fearful lest our faith decline,
 we like Peter find it tempting
 to remain and build a shrine.
 But true worship gives us courage
 to proclaim what we profess,
 that our daily lives may prove us
 people of the God we bless.**

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer *(In Unison)*

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.

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Invitation to Give Generously

(Thank you for being so generous in your care of St. John's UCC and its mission, through your participation and giving. Your stewardship makes a difference. You may make your offering several ways including in church, online or mail. We are grateful for your support.)

Offertory

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

Lemmel

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, you heavenly hosts;

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication** *(In Unison)*

Generous God, it is through your mercy that we have this ministry—the ministry of our talents and treasure, the ministry of our passion and purpose which come from you.

Strengthen our hearts for your service, and accept the grateful offerings we lay before you.

Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*** Hymn**

"Spirit"

#249

Chorus

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness

Blow through the wilderness

Calling and free

Spirit, Spirit of restlessness

Stir me from placidness, Wind

Wind on the sea

You moved on the waters

You called to the deep

Then You coaxed up the mountains

From the valleys of sleep

And over the eons

You called to each thing

Awake from your slumbers

And rise on your wings [Chorus]

You swept through the desert

You stung with the sand

And you gifted your people

With a law and a land

When they were confounded

With their idols and lies

Then You spoke through Your prophets

To open their eyes [Chorus]

You sang in a stable

You cried from a hill

Then You whispered in silence

When the whole world was still

And down in the city

You called once again

When You blew through Your people

On the rush of the wind [Chorus]

You call from tomorrow

You break ancient schemes

From the bondage of sorrow

The captives dream dreams

Our women see visions

Our men clear their eyes

With bold new decisions

Your people arise [Chorus]

Benediction

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Pastor: **Rev. Katie Jo Bielke**
Director of Music: **Ruth Notch**
Liturgist: **Kathy Scherr**
Usher Team: **Ken Ruff**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship/Lockup: **Jan Boehm**
Special Music: **Manchester and Chesterfield St. John's UCC Choirs**
Piano/Organ Duet: **Ellen Brandon & Ruth Notch**
Violinist: **Judy Lindquist**

Lydia's House shopping list can be located on the table in the Narthex

Lenten Study signup is now open

Announcements

**Tyler Ackerman, Karen (Scooter) Beatty, Rev. Dwayne Dollgener, Andy Kissel,
Danny Mueller, Anita Paz and Melanie Spangler.**

Please let us know your prayer concerns. Private prayer concerns speak
with Rev Katie Jo Bielke.

02/22/26 Service

Liturgist: **Jan Ittner**
Usher Team: **Jim Pisoni**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship/Lockup: **Jan Boehm**
Special Music: **Flautist**

03/01/26 Service

Liturgist: **Mike Kelly**
Usher Team: **Larry Sontag**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship/Lockup: **Carol Tindira**
Special Music: **Handbells**

03/08/26 Service

Liturgist: **Merilee Dauster**
Usher Team: **John Bartelt**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship/Lockup: **Carol Tindira**

Join us on Sundays

9:00 a.m. - **Fellowship** with coffee and donuts
10:00 a.m. - **Sunday School**
10:00 a.m. - **Worship**
In-Person, Facebook Live, or Virtual

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... Looking Ahead

Mon 02/16/26

Tue 02/17/26

Tue 02/17/26 10:00 AM

Wed 02/18/26 6:00 PM

Sun 02/22/26 9:15 AM

Sun 02/22/26 11:00 AM

Sun 02/22/26 4:00 PM

Mon 02/23/26 6:00 PM

Tue 02/24/26 6:30 PM

Wed 02/25/26 6:00 PM

Thu 02/26/26 5:30 PM

Sun 03/01/26 10 AM

Tue 03/03/26

Wed 03/04/26 6 PM

Presidents Day (office closed)

Bimonthly Newsletter ([subscribe](#))

Book Club "The Only Woman in the Room" by Marie Benedict

Ash Wed Service

Loaves & Fishes

Mission Meeting

Ronald McDonald House Dinner ([link](#))

Council Meeting

Women's Game Night ([link](#))

Lenten Study ([sign up](#))

Table Fellowship ([Join Us](#))

Communion Sunday

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Please check your News Notes/Website for specific information around upcoming activities

<https://www.stjohnsuccchesterfield.org/fellowship>

We are livestreaming Sunday morning services. You can join us live or watch the YouTube video later.

Facebook: Find the livestream here:



YouTube: View the video here:



Website: Find more Info here:



Offering



Sign up for the following fun activities: Using your phone and the QR code



**Sun, 2/22 4 pm
Ronald McDonald**



**Thu, 2/26 5:30 pm
Table Fellowship**



**Tue, 2/24 6:30 PM
Women's Game Night**



**Wed, 02/25/ 6 PM
Lenten Study**



Sat Mar 7 Lucky 7 Bingo Night to benefit Lydia's House ([link](#))

February 2026

15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	 HAPPY PRESIDENTS DAY Office Closed	 BOOK CLUB	 Ash Wednesday 6 pm			
 11 am Mission mtg 4 pm Ronald McDonald House	 6 pm Council Mtg	 Girls Night Out	 6 pm Lenten Study	 Table Fellowship		