



Chester Bethel UMC

February 15, 2026

9:30 AM

Sharing in Worship Leadership this morning:

Organist: Carmella Lynch
Bell Choir Director: Pam Manocchio
Preacher: Rev. Kelly Conner
Special Music: Laura Putman Crail
Greeter: Nancy Storer
Usher: Dora Greer
Worship Leader: Polly Brown

Prayer Joys and Concerns:

H=Health; L=Loss; LT=Long Term; O=Other

Betsey Taylor (L); Phyllis King (H); Lorraine MacMillan (H); David D. (H); Dom D. (H); Millie Burke (H); Janet Canavan (H); Keith Saulsbury (H); Steve Schellberg (H); Donna (H); Joseph Glasgow (H); Bill Hazel (H); Linda Lyons (H); Jean Andrews (H); Andrew R. (O); Bill and Doreen Jones (H); Mary Ann Box (H); Ramona Harlow (LT); Holly Dorner (H); Donna McCormick (H); DeBrock Family (O); Kim Nally; Gail Kracyla (H); Dominic King (LT); Jill Brownback (LT); Nancy Walker (LT); MaryAnn Rumford (LT); Rick Browne (LT); all peoples impacted by war (LT)

Please add prayer requests and updates to the list in the Narthex



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Announcements

- **Lenten Bible Study** has begun on Tuesdays at 7 pm (zoom) and will start in person on Feb. 19, at 10 am. (see Dates, below) The link and chapter assignments will be emailed the week prior; please let the office know if you would like to receive these notices.
- From January through June your financial mission giving will go to:
 - Habitat for Humanity
 - The Salvation Army
 - Food Bank of DelawarePlease continue with your generosity; we are helping many in need.

Dates To Remember

Feb. 15- Missions Meeting following church
Feb. 17 – Zoom Bible Study at 7 pm
Feb. 19th-In-Person Bible Study at 10 am
Feb. 18 – Ash Wednesday imposition of ashes at CB;
11:30 – 1:00 pm
Feb, 18th – Ash Wednesday Service at Mt. Lebanon
5:00 pm
Feb. 19 – Lent begins
Feb. 26 – Trustees Meeting at 6 pm

¹ Adapted from original written by Rev. Rob Smith, Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church, Apple Valley, MN.

February 15, 2026
Transfiguration Sunday

9:30 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP – for Transfiguration Sunday¹

Leader: Beyond our busyness, above the cold winter floor, there is a glory rising, born of heaven and reaching out to each one of us:

People: **a light that shines through the clouds – an invitation, seeking all of who we are, that transfigures the world,**

Leader: transforms darkness into hope, and brings life from a cross where old life ends and new life is born.

People: **In glory Jesus meets us here, raising us from depths of the valley to the height of the mountain, carrying the weight of our humanity to the heights of heaven's glory!**

Leader: Let us worship from the mountain and hear again:

All: **“This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!”**

*OPENING HYMN – “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”
TFWS #127

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.²

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“The World Methodist Social Affirmation” UMH #886

We believe in God, creator of the world and of all people; and in

² The Episcopal *Book of Common Prayer*.

Jesus Christ, incarnate among us, who died and rose again; and in the Holy Spirit, present with us to guide, strengthen, and comfort.

We rejoice in every sign of God's kingdom: in the upholding of human dignity and community; in every expression of love, justice, and reconciliation; in each act of self-giving on behalf of others; in the abundance of God's gifts entrusted to us that all may have enough; in responsible use of the earth's resources.

We confess our sin, individual and collective, by silence or action: through the violation of human dignity based on race, class, age, sex, nation, or faith; through the exploitation of people because of greed and indifference; through the misuse of power in personal, communal, national, and international life; through the search for security by those military and economic forces that threaten human existence; through the abuse of technology which endangers the earth and all life upon it.

We commit ourselves individually and as a community to the way of Christ: to take up the cross; to seek abundant life for all humanity; to struggle for peace with justice and freedom; to risk ourselves in faith, hope, and love, praying that God's kingdom may come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dear Forgiving God, train us to truly listen to your teaching not only with our ears, but also with our minds, our hearts, and with our souls, so that we might reflect the glory of your Spirit, love and truth. Amen.³

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 24:12-18
NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 17:1-9

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

***HYMN OF RESPONSE – “Immortal, Invincible, God Only Wise”
TFWS #103**

THANKSGIVINGS AND INTERCESSIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 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, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

You may place your cash or check offering into the plates we pass around at this time or mail your tithes and offerings to the church office. Thank you for working as Christ’s hands and feet in the world!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH #94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise Him all creatures here below! Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise Him, the source of all our gifts; praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***CLOSING HYMN – “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”
UMH #89**

***BENEDICTION – “Dazzling”⁴**

POSTLUDE

**Standing in body or in spirit
Music licensing CCLI #1642131, Streaming license CCLI #20705544*

³Adapted from original written by Valerie Noble:
<https://worshipwords.co.uk/prayer-for-illumination-valerie-noble-uk/>.

⁴ Written by Jan L. Richardson, and posted on *The Painted Prayerbook*:
<http://paintedprayerbook.com/>.

