



# Transfiguration *of the* Lord

**St. Paul's United Church of Christ**

*A welcoming Christ-centered community...*

Transfiguration Sunday

Feb 15, 2026  
9:30am Worship

## **We're Glad You're Here!**

**Welcome:** *St. Paul's creates experiences of joyful fellowship where children, youth, adults, and the elderly build open and honest relationships of mutual support. In welcoming the ongoing transformative power of the Holy Spirit, we find freedom from social stigmas and shame. This in turn empowers us to address isolation and marginalization in ourselves and in our wider community.*

## **Today's Scripture Readings**

Exodus 24:12-18 + Matthew 17:1-9

Ministers of the Gospel – All Who Gather for God's Worship

Guest Worship Leader – Rev. Kris Hayden

Reader – Janeen Adil

Ushers – Nancy Hughes and Pat Babel

Accompanist – Barb Moyer

Acolyte – Diane Johnson

## **Flower Dedication**

**Join us for Sunday Morning Music & Worship  
9:30 – 10:30am Sunday In-Person / Zoom Worship**

Connect online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86359317508>

Or by phone to listen to the service:

Call 1-646-876-9923 and when prompted, enter the meeting ID: 863 5931 7508

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## Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

*(please rise, in body or in spirit)*

### Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus said: I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but have the light of life.

**All: Glory be to God, and to Jesus Christ, the Word of Light, in whom God is made known in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### Opening Hymn:

**“We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding”**

**NCH #182**

*[New Century Hymnal]*

### Prayer of Transformation and New Life

Leader: God has come to us in Christ, but we often live as if it made no difference. Let us confess our sin.

**All: Loving God, you have come to us in Jesus; yet we confess that we often refuse to receive you. We live in the world as if we did not know you. You revealed your glory through all that Jesus said and did, and yet we are slow to trust in your ultimate power to reconcile the world to yourself. Forgive us, God, and give us new hearts to love and serve you. Make yourself known to us as we live today. For we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ, in whom you most fully have revealed your glory. Amen.**

*(a moment of quiet reflection)*

## **Words of Grace**

Leader: Be of good courage, for God sent the Word into the world not to judge but to save. I say to you in the name of Jesus Christ: Your sin is forgiven.

**All: Through the power of the Spirit, let us live as children of God. Amen**

## **Passing the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**Hymn: "Jesus Shall Reign"**

**NCH #300**

*[New Century Hymnal]*

## **We Listen For God's Word: Scripture**

Exodus 24:12-18 *[page #55]* + Matthew 17:1-9 *[page #14]*

**Sermon: *Dazzling Reign***

## **Affirmation of Faith: (UCC Statement of Faith, NCH #885)**

Leader: We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

**ALL: In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior,**

**You have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.**

**You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.**

**You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.**

**You promise to all who trust you, forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.**

**Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.**

## **Gathering the Prayers of the People**

*After each petition, we will say the following –*

Leader: Holy One...

**All: Hear Our Prayer**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**All: Our Creator, 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.**

## **Offering Dedication**

*(please rise, in body or in spirit)*

**Sending Hymn: "Shine, Jesus, Shine"**

**W&R #319**

*[Worship & Rejoice Hymnal]*

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# Shine, Jesus, Shine / Brilla, Jesús

## Verses / Estrofas



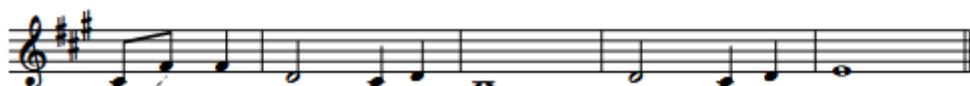
1. Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, In the  
2. Lord, I come to your awe - some pres - ence, From the  
3. As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness, So our  
*1. Dios, la luz de tu a - mor bri - llan - do es - tá; en el*  
*2. A tu san - ta pre - sen - cia ven - go; de la*  
*3. Con - tem - plan - do tu faz bri - llan - te, nues - tros*



midst of the dark - ness, shin - ing. Je - sus, Light of the  
shad - ows in - to your ra - diance; By the blood I may  
fac - es dis - play your like - ness, Ev - er chang - ing from  
*me - dio de las ti - nie - blas, Cris - to, e - res la*  
*som - bra a tu luz ra - dian - te, pue - do en - trar a tra -*  
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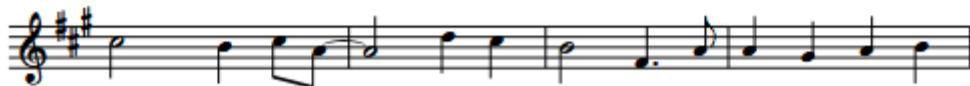


world, shine up - on us; Set us free by the truth you now  
en - ter your bright - ness; Search me, try me, con - sume all my  
glo - ry to glo - ry, Mir - rored here, may our lives tell your  
*luz de es - te mun - do, tu ver - dad re - ve - la - da nos*  
*vés de la san - gre; prué - ba - me y con - su - me mi os -*  
*glo - ria en glo - ria, nues - tras vi - das re - fle - jan tu his -*



bring us: Shine on me; Shine on me.  
dark - ness: Shine on me; Shine on me.  
sto - ry: Shine on me; Shine on me.  
*li - bra. Bri - lla en mí. Bri - lla en mí.*  
*cu - ri - dad. Bri - lla en mí. Bri - lla en mí.*  
*to - ria. Bri - lla en mí. Bri - lla en mí.*

## Refrain / Estribillo



Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry.  
*Bri - lla, Je - sús, re - fle - jan - do la luz del Pa - dre;*

## Shine, Jesus, Shine (cont)



Blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, riv - er, flow,  
*Es - pí - ri - tu, ar - de en nues - tro ser. Flu - yan do - quier*



flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy. Send forth your Word,  
*rí - os de com - pa - sión y gra - cia; man - da po - der*



Lord, and let there be light!  
*y que ven - ga la luz.*

Text: Graham Kendrick, b.1950; tr. by Luis Alfredo Díaz and Lori Black Matisis  
Tune: SHINE, 9 9 10 10 33 with refrain, Graham Kendrick, b.1950, arr. by Tom Fenke  
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## Benediction

## Postlude

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## **Announcements**

**The first Sunday of Lent is February 22<sup>nd</sup>.** We will be having imposition of ashes for those who desire it. Daily devotional cards for each day of Lent, as we had last year, will also be available. This year's theme is : "Tell Me Something Good."

### **GOOD NEWS TO SHARE!!! BIRDSBORO SHARES IS LIVE!!!!**

Birdsboro Shares is a mutual aid network that we have been working on. This is a network of neighbors helping neighbors. Whether you have a need, a resource/skill to share, or both, we all enter the network the same way., through the Birdsboro Shares form on St Paul's website. See link:

<https://stpaulsbirdsboro.org/birdsboro-shares-mutual-aid-network/>

Your help is needed to get the word out, so please share with friends and neighbors!!.

**Altar Flowers for February** - We have openings for altar flower dedications. If you'd like to honor or memorialize someone, contact Wanda Druzba at 610-385-3382 or see her at church for information and to reserve a date. Thank you.

**Bible Study** is held in the upper room in the church each Sunday beginning at 8:30am. Join us for good conversation and discussion about the books of the bible.

**"Prayers of the People"** – Our current Elders will be holding meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday evening of each month at 6pm via Zoom. All are welcome including phone participants. Contact Pat Babel at 484-949-5033 to be included in the email distribution. Thank you!

### **Caring Closet starting for 2025-2026 school year**

Ashley Griffith, the coordinator for the Daniel Boone School District's "Caring Closet" sent a flyer to the church asking for the following:

- \* Boys underwear for our Primary Center & Intermediate Center, S-XL & 4/5-12; & all sizes for Middle & High School
- \* Girls underwear for our Primary Center & Intermediate Center, S-XL & 4/5-12; & all sizes for Middle & High School
- \* Universal items such as applesauce squeeze pouches & individual goldfish snacks; children's toothpaste & toothbrushes; deodorant; tampons & panty liners

**Boyer's 1% Caring & Sharing** – When shopping at Boyer's don't forget to have the cashier scan your 1% Caring & Sharing card (this card has St. Paul's name printed on the back of it). Every time you use the card Boyer's will give St. Paul's a rebate check totaling 1% of the total purchases made by those who used the card. This is a simple and easy way to help St. Paul's. If you don't have a card but would like one, please contact the church office.

**Redner's Save-A-Tape** – We are still collecting Redner's tapes for which St. Paul's can receive 1% of the total bill (Excluding items controlled by the government such as tax, milk and tobacco products). Redner's accepts receipts for redemption up to three years from their printed date and there is no dollar limit. Start saving tapes today! You can drop your receipts in the weekly offering plate or mailed to the church office.

*Electronic Giving is available with the Vanco Mobile App or through our website "Give" page.*



### St Paul's Weekly Calendar

Sun, Feb 15	Worship (C)	9:30am
	New Millennium (CE)	7pm-8pm
Tues, Feb 17	Nancy Moyer Counseling (CE-LL)	5:30pm-7pm
Wed, Feb 18	Disciple Bible Study (CE)	9:30am-10:30am
Thurs, Feb 19	Nancy Moyer Counseling (CE-LL)	5:30pm-7pm
	Currently Sober (CE)	6:30-7:30pm
Fri, Feb 20	Beginners Meeting (CE)	7pm- 8pm
Sat, Feb 21	Nancy Moyer Counseling (CE-LL)	8:30am – 2pm
Sun, Feb 22	Worship (C)	9:30am
	New Millennium (CE)	7pm-8pm

This Week: Church Office Hours

Tues – Thurs 9:00am-1:00pm

This Week: Pastor Deb's Office Hours

Tues/remote 9:00am-1:00pm  
 Wed/in-office 9:00am-1:00pm  
 Thurs/remote 9:00am-1:00pm



The Covenant Association  
of the Keystone Conference UCC  
News from around the Association  
February 1, 2026

# Keystone

CONFERENCE  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

This is the very first Association-wide newsletter from Covenant Association. Our hope is for this monthly publication to strengthen connections among our 45 churches by sharing moments of joy and times of difficulty.

The main purpose of this inaugural issue is to introduce our leadership team and foster unity within Covenant Association, especially following the formation of the new Keystone Conference. The Association's leaders have been considering ways for us to remain connected as we continue serving our Lord and Savior together.

Covenant is now one of seven associations that make up Region 1 of the Keystone Conference, alongside Ursinus, Philadelphia, North Penn, Lebanon, York, and Lancaster.

Here are the members of the Executive Committee and the leadership for the Covenant Association:

- The Rev. Sharon S. Morris serves as Moderator. She is a retired clergy member who currently serves as part-time pastor at St. John's UCC in Pricetown. [revsmorris@gmail.com](mailto:revsmorris@gmail.com)
- We are seeking a Vice Moderator, ideally a layperson who enjoys leadership and creative connection-building. Please prayerfully consider if you are called to serve.
- Our secretary is the Rev. Linda Kozlowski, pastor of Good Shepherd UCC on Tuckerton Rd. in Muhlenberg Township. [pastorlindakoz@gmail.com](mailto:pastorlindakoz@gmail.com)
- Mr. Tom Wright is currently Treasurer and a member of Maiden Creek Church—a combined Lutheran and UCC congregation. The Rev. Tammie Wisniewski will be nominated to succeed him at our Spring meeting on April 26, 2026. [Twright128@ptd.net](mailto:Twright128@ptd.net)
- Our Committee on Ministry is co-chaired by the Rev. Dr. Steven Simpson ([pastorstevensimpson@gmail.com](mailto:pastorstevensimpson@gmail.com)) and the Rev. Tom Adil ([pastor.tom.adil@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.tom.adil@gmail.com)). This committee oversees pastoral care across the association and welcomes volunteers.

## The Covenant Association (*cont*)

- Mr. Carl Altenderfer chairs the subcommittee of the Committee on Ministry that is responsible for those seeking ordained ministry in the UCC, diligently supporting candidates as they discern their call to ministry. This committee also supports lay, commissioned and licensed pastors. [carl1801@comcast.net](mailto:carl1801@comcast.net)
- The nominating committee is chaired by the Rev. Mary Etta Mest, pastor at UCC of Robesonia ([maryettamest@gmail.com](mailto:maryettamest@gmail.com)). Recruiting volunteers is challenging, so please say yes if asked—it's a great way to meet others and share both joys and sorrows in church ministry.
- Currently, Mr. Rick Deerfield represents us on the Transition Board of the Keystone Conference, keeping us informed about broader conference news. The new Keystone Conference includes 20 associations, so there is much work ahead. [rickdeer@rocketmail.com](mailto:rickdeer@rocketmail.com)
- Our Regional Conference Minister, the Rev. Kevin McLemore, was previously on staff with the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference and now supports all seven associations in our region. [kevin@keystoneucc.org](mailto:kevin@keystoneucc.org)

To ensure care for our pastors during health issues, grief, or joyful events, the association created a Clergy Care Team made up of local pastors. More information will follow soon.

We hope this newsletter has been informative. Next month, we'll discuss the UCC and our covenantal polity. Future editions will feature highlights from individual congregations to help us get to know one another and the ministries happening throughout Covenant Association.

Mark your calendars! Our Spring Gathering is Sunday, April 26, 2026; location to be announced. We're looking forward to hearing our joint choir again!

Blessings to all of you!

The Rev. Sharon S. Morris, **Moderator**

Rev. Robert Turner manages our website and weekly eblast. Sign up for updates at [communications@covenantassociation.org](mailto:communications@covenantassociation.org) and visit our website at: [Covenantassociation.org](http://Covenantassociation.org)

There's a wealth of information available for you and your congregation!