

# Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 15, 2026

9:00 a.m.

+ Indicates those times when all who are able may stand.  
**Bold indicates congregational response.**

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude "Prelude in Classic Style" Young

Call to Worship

Come to me and wait. I will give you instructions and commandments in written form.

**We come to you, and we wait to see and hear what you will say.**

In days past, I wrote on stone tablets, but now I write my words upon your heart that you may teach them.

**We offer our hearts to receive your words, and what we learn, we'll teach others.**

Heaven is open above you, and the kin-dom is within you.

**Wherever we go, the kin-dom comes.**

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray.

**God, who invited Moses to come up the mountain to receive from you, we invite you to come among us and receive from us. May we become more whole as we wait in confident expectation of the deepening of the love that is shared between us. Amen.**

First Reading of Scripture

Exodus 24:12-18 NRSVue

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church...

**Thanks be to God!**

+ Opening Hymn No. 655 "Come Away From Rush and Hurry"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Holy One, Waiting is not always easy for us, especially while living in a realm where instant gratification is perceived as proof of being blessed. You wait for us and on us often. Help us to remember that we are to be of good courage as we wait on you and for you. Amen.**

Words of Grace

Moses went up the mountain and waited forty days and forty nights while the Holy One gave him the words that bring his people life. Let us give thanks that God waits with us no matter how long and transforms us in the waiting. We are forgiven.

**Praise be to God! Amen.**

Giving from Our Hearts



*It is the generosity of the friends and members of this church which supports this ministry.*

*While the ministry at Zion is sustained by more than dollars and cents, the monetary giving is vital to the work we do. We give thanks for all who have supported Zion over the years. For those contributing financially, there is an offering plate just outside the sanctuary or you can donate online through the online giving button at zionunion.org.*

+ Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

+ Prayer of Dedication

**Patient One, receive these gifts that we could hardly wait to give you. May they be used to meet the needs of those who have been waiting for relief. Amen.**

Second Reading of Scripture

Matthew 17:1-9 NRSVue

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church...

**Thanks be to God!**

Anthem                                    *“Savior Look Upon the Tears”*                                    arr. Weber  
Chancel Choir + John Phillips, soprano saxophone

Sermon

Pastoral Prayer

The Prayer of Our Savior

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.

+ Closing Hymn No. 319                                    *“Shine, Jesus, Shine”*

+ Benediction

+ Postlude                                    *“Praising the Almighty”*                                    Broughton

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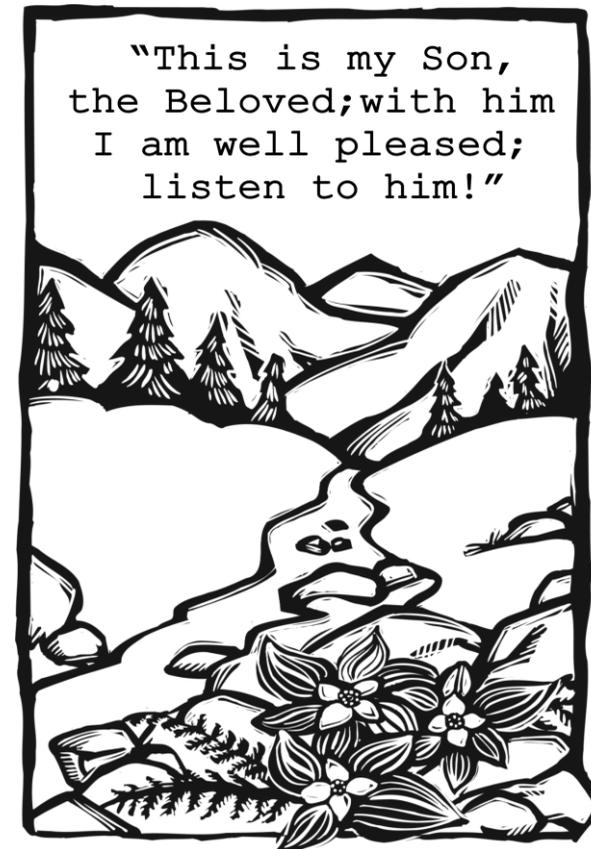
**Wait: Service Prayers for the sixth Sunday after Epiphany** was written by Rev. Teña T. Nock, who serves as the Associate Pastor of Digital Ministry, First United Church of Tampa, United Church of Christ. Mystic in the making. <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/after-epiphany-6a-february-15/>

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**Organist:** Brenda Herring                                    **Council President:** Fern Dewert  
**Music Director:** Dr. Karen Stafford                                    **Church Custodian:** Joy Bradley

**We commit ourselves...  
to worship God  
to form faithful followers of Jesus  
and to care for our wider community.  
*We care as Christ cares.***



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Please take the Sunday News home with you for information and happenings during the week at Zion Church.

# SUNDAY NEWS

# FEBRUARY 15, 2026

## Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Lee Parks  
Ushers: Paul & Shanna Brinker Greeters: Kevin Vorderbruegge  
Sound Tech: Dan Mossoney Camera Tech: David Bean  
(Hearing devices are available if needed. Please ask an usher for one.)

**Usher Dismissal** - An usher will dismiss you by row at the conclusion of the service. They will begin at the front.

**Congregational Meeting – This Morning** – The February Congregational Meeting will follow the worship service this morning in the sanctuary.

## On Our List For Prayers

### **Health and Healing:**

Jim Doehring	Phyllis Olson	Carolyn Donoho	Charlotte Ellison
Brenda Viehland	Kim Yenzer	Kevin Vorderbruegge	Myrt Dunigan
Hettie Becker	Sarah Berghorn	Melva Puls	
Bruce Crane (at New Haven Care Center)		Barb Harvey (at Cedarhurst Senior Living in Wentzville)	
Chris Branch (niece of Gerry Hoelscher)		Sharon Waldrop (friend of Jim Doehring)	
Darlene Farrell (sister of Charlotte Ellison)		Mitch Angell (friend of Charlotte Ellison)	
Bill Stolle (friend of Jim Doehring)		Tammy Wettleing (friend of Charlotte Ellison)	
Eric Heitman (nephew of Jim Doehring)		Heather Gooch (great niece of Charlotte Ellison)	
S (Karen Stafford's CASA buddy)		Carol Mossoney (mother of Dan Mossoney)	
Bob Truel (husband of Shirley Truel)		Heather Frederick (niece of Marilyn Freiermuth)	
Nancy McKenzie (sister of Vicki Hooper)		Josh & Tricia Pardee-Jacka (friends of Charlotte Ellison)	
Mike Bailey (husband of Leslie Bailey)		Cindy Roach (friend of Charlotte Ellison)	
Glenda Foster (friend of Charlotte Ellison)		Vanessa Dobsch (niece of Charlotte Ellison)	
Mary Dobsch (sister of Charlotte Ellison)		Aubrey Reed (granddaughter of Charlotte Ellison)	
Pat Pappas (sister of Jim Doehring)		Jamie Koch (friend of Hettie Becker)	
Hallie Sammett (friend of Brenda Viehland)		Sophia Muller (daughter-in-law of Jeff & Denise Muller)	

### **Church Family Undergoing Cancer Treatment:**

Linda Kroeter	Jake McNeil (member of Zion & son of Sarah Davenport)
Susie Andell	Sarah Reed (daughter-in-law of Charlotte Ellison)
Cynthia Johnson (friend of Karen Stafford)	Don Frankenberg (uncle of Phyliss Fink)
Kim Gallagher (friend of Chris & Dawn Robinson)	Trish Kennedy (friend of Charlotte Ellison)
Allen Coffman (friend of Shawn Pehle)	Marissa Schollenberger (friend of Tom & Gayle Williams)
Aaron Dixon (nephew of Dan Mossoney)	Mike Meyer (friend of Mandy Frick)
Brenda (friend of Hettie Becker)	Britt Fassler (daughter of Nancy Kossmann)
Willie Beckett (nephew of Vicki Hooper)	Dasha Musante (granddaughter of Marilyn Stahlman)
Erica Sterling (friend of Amy Dewert)	Sammie Baker (friend of Brenda Viehland)
Sharon Birke (sister of Ron Griffin)	

### **Various Concerns:**

Prayer for our country and those actively serving:  
Aviation Structural Mechanic 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Hunter Grafrath (son of Lindsay & Greg Traffas, grandson of Mike & Lynne Elliott)  
Ross Groenke (son of Cindy & Dale Groenke)

## Christian Education/Faith Quest/Youth News

**This Morning** – All Sunday School classes will meet from 10-11 a.m.; *Faith Quest* – preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> grade will meet in the Bible Max Theatre; grades 7-12 will meet in the high school room.

**UCC Climate Hope Contest** – The 2026 UCC Climate Hope Poster Contest theme is "A Future with Hope". The theme comes from Jeremiah 29:11. Kids and youth can submit their art from February 6 through March 20. Pick up the art form from the church office. There will be winners from each age category and the final winning art will serve as the logo for UCC Climate Hope advocacy work through 2026.

## Adult Education

**This Morning** – JOY Adult Class meets from 10-11 a.m. in the lower level classroom.

## Church Calendar – February 15, 2026 to February 22, 2026

<b>Today -</b>	<b>The Transfiguration of Our Lord</b> <b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b> <b>10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour</b> <b>10:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting (sanctuary)</b>
<b>Mon., Feb. 16 -</b>	7:00 p.m. Church Council (classroom)
<b>Tues., Feb. 17 -</b>	1:30 p.m. Book Club (lower commons) 5:00-6:30 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (fellowship hall)
<b>Wed., Feb. 18 -</b>	10:00 a.m. March Newsletter assembled (fellowship hall) 12:00 noon Loops of Love (lower commons) 6:30 p.m. ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal (chapel)
<b>Thurs., Feb. 19 -</b>	8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Quilting Circle 1:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study (lower commons)
<b>Fri., Feb. 20 -</b>	7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use
<b>Sat., Feb. 21 -</b>	11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall in use
<b>Next Sun., Feb. 22 -</b>	<b>The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> <b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b> <b>10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour</b> <b>10:00 a.m. Green Team</b>

**March 'Spirit of Zion' newsletter articles due – Mon., Feb. 16** – Final articles for the March 'Spirit of Zion' newsletter are due in the church office on Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. The newsletter will be assembled on Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.

**Zion Book Club – Tues., Feb. 17** – Zion Book Club will be meeting on Tuesday afternoon, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. The book the group will be discussing is "A Single Thread" by Marie Bostwick.

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – Tues., Feb. 17** – Everyone is invited to the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> from 5-6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. A freewill donation will be collected for the Camp Scholarship Fund.

**Ash Wednesday Service – Wed., Feb. 18** – Ash Wednesday Service will be on Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30 p.m. and will include the imposition of ashes.

**Lenten Book Study** - During Lent, Rev Nick will be focusing on the days of Holy Week. Each week, we will explore a different day of the week leading up to Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. For those who wish to go deeper, there will be a weekly book study on Thursdays at 1 p.m. beginning February 19<sup>th</sup> in the Lower Commons. It will be a book study on "*The Last Week: A Day by day account of Jesus' Final Week in Jerusalem*" by John D. Corssan and Marcus Borg. If you are interested but the time doesn't work, please email Rev Nick, and we can set up a Zoom meeting in the evenings.

**For Sale by Quilters!** – In the lower commons the Zion Quilters have a full size afghan for sale for \$75. If you are interested in purchasing this afghan please contact Gail Mefford at 636-584-5932. Thank you!

**A Request from the Quilters** – Zion Quilters are asking if you or anyone you know has quilts that need to be quilted to please contact the church office or one of the quilters. Thank you!

**Little Food Pantry** – Thank you for the great support in keeping the Little Food Pantry going! A list of the most needed items is posted on the bulletin board in the lower commons. Monetary donations can also be given – contact the church office.

**Little Free Library** – Just a reminder that Zion has a Little Free Library located close to the corner of Washington and Springfield Avenue. If you have any gently used adult/children's books please feel free to drop them in the free library or drop them off in the church office. Thank you!

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