

Opportunities to Worship, Fellowship, & Serve

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Transfiguration Sunday: The Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord recalls the revelation of Christ's glory in a "dazzling light" on Mount Tabor in the presence of three of His disciples, Peter, James, and John. Christ was transfigured before their eyes, shining with divine light, and He was joined by Moses and Elijah, representing the Old Testament Law and the prophets. The Transfiguration occurred in the early months of the year (occurs on the last Sunday of Epiphany and before the first Sunday of Lent) after Jesus revealed to His disciples that He would be put to death in Jerusalem and before He made His way to Jerusalem for the events of His Passion during Holy Week.

March Get Involved, Stay Involved Member Challenge: Continuing last month's mission goals, we will offer a goal each month for you to reach. The goal for March: *Attend a new or old Sunday School class and remain in attendance for the entire month of March.*

Food Pantry Needs: The food pantry needs can openers for the homeless who come to our church to get a food donation. Some cans must be opened with a can opener. We also need pop-top cans of food (ex. meats, fruits, soups, pasta, pudding cups).

Fireflies & Youth: Fireflies & Youth will meet Sunday March 2nd. March 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th are still open for dinner. Please contact Lesley Jean Watson if you are interested in providing a meal.

Ash Wednesday Service: March 5th at 6:00pm. The imposition of ashes will take place at this service. Please plan to be here.

Men's BBQ: The Men's BBQ is April 5th, 2025. Drive through pick up only from 11:00am-2:00pm. Tickets are \$12.00. If you need tickets, please see Joey Mills or drop by the church office.

Graduates: Please contact the church office if you have a high school or college graduate this year.

Tithes needed weekly: **\$5,928.83.**; Received Feb. 23rd: **\$4,767.75.**

Church School Attendance Feb. 23rd: **35**; Worship Attendance Feb. 23rd: **75**

Liturgist: **Thomas Samuel**; Greeter: **Debbie Elmore**

Head Usher: **David McLean**; Nursery: **Reagan Freeman & Kelly Dusa**

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THE TRANSFIGURATION

THE SECOND DAY OF MARCH 2025

THE CHURCH WITH A HEART *in* THE HEART OF CHERAW

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY - WHITE

MARCH 2ND, 2025 | 11:00AM

† THE PEOPLE STAND

ORGAN VOLUNTARY | When Morning Guilds the Skies

Dan Gaylon

CHIMING & WELCOME

Thomas Samuel

We welcome each of you to this service! We pray that this time together will be a blessing in your life.

Please take note of our important announcements found on the back of this bulletin.

OPENING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Keith Stewart

†**PROCESSIONAL HYMN 185** | When Morning Guilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

†**THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881** | The Apostles' Creed

Thomas Samuel

†GLORIA PATRI 70

MEINEKE

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

PSALTER 819-820 | Psalm 99

Thomas Samuel

The congregation is encouraged to sing the Psalm Response with the choir at each red "R."

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Keith Stewart

†**HYMN 258** | O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair

WAREHAM

OFFERTORY | I Stand Amazed

An offering is collected to support the work of First United Methodist Church. If you are visiting, please sign a visitor's card and place it in the offering plate so we may connect with you. Scan the QR code to the right for digital offerings.

Gabriel



†DOXOLOGY & OFFERTORY PRAYER

OLD 100TH

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

ANTHEM | Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

Carl Schalk

Jesus, take us to the mountain, where, with Peter, James, and John, we are dazzled by Your glory, light as blinding as the sun. There prepare for us the night by the vision of that sight.

What do You want us to see there, that Your close companions saw? Your divinity revealed there fills us with the self-same awe. Clothed in flesh like ours You go matched to meet our deadliest foe.

What do you want is to hear there, that Your dear disciples heard? Once again the Voice from heaven says of the Incarnate Word: "Listen, listen, ev'ry one, This is my beloved Son!"

Take us to that other mountain where we see You glorified, where You shouted "It is finished!" where for all the world You died. Hear the stunned centurion: "Truly This was God's own Son!"

We who have beheld your glory, risen and ascended Lord, cannot help but tell the story, all that we have seen and heard; say with Peter, James, and John: "You are God's beloved Son!"

†**SCRIPTURE READING** | Luke 9: 28-43

Rev. Keith Stewart

SERMON | *Coming Back to Reality*

Rev. Keith Stewart

†**RECESSIONAL HYMN 176** | Majesty!

MAJESTY

*We will sing this hymn **TWICE***

†**DISMISSAL WITH PRAYER**

Rev. Keith Stewart

†**CHORAL BENEDICTION** | Amen

Amen

†**ORGAN VOLUNTARY** | Shine, Jesus Shine

Graham Kendrick

OUR PRAYER LIST | PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR ALL ON THE PRAYER LIST!

Our Church, Our President, Congress, Governors, Mayors, State and local employees, all health care workers, EMT's, firefighters, law enforcement officers, all young and aged people with mental illnesses, all who defend our Nation, Shep Straughn, Betty Thrailkill, Mary Burr, Martha Griggs, Thomas McKinnon, Curtis Jones, Tony Thrailkill, Bobby Spears, Kathy Treadaway (friend of Henrietta Kollitz), Shannon Johnson, Pam Walter (Angie Smith's cousin), Adam Faile, James Thurman (Angie Smith's Dad), and the family of Ellison Outen.