



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FEBRUARY 15, 2026 | 11:00 AM

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

The Church with a Heart in the Heart of Cheraw

ORDER OF WORSHIP

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY – WHITE

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Welcome to worship at First United Methodist Church of Cheraw.
Whether you're visiting with us, long-time member, or looking for a church home, we are honored that you've chosen to join us for worship.
A cross (†) denotes standing when directed for those who are able.

PRELUDE

The Transfiguration

Dale Wood

When Morning Guilds the Skies

Daniel Gaymon

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

INTROIT

Jesus, the Light of the World

WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT

Christ, by highest heaven adored. Jesus, the light of the world. Christ, the everlasting Lord, Jesus, the Light of the world. We'll walk in the light, beautiful light. Come where the dew drops of mercy shine bright. Oh, shine all around us by day and by night. Jesus, the light of the world.

WELCOME

Sammy Quick

† **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 258** *Choir and congregation stand together*

O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair

WAREHAM

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Kovas

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.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Sammy Quick

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of the God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

†GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

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 739 – PSALM 2 R 1

Sammy Quick

The Liturgist reads the light typeface. The congregation reads the bold typeface in response. The Psalm response is sung at each R.

†HYMN TFWS 2102 *Choir and congregation stand together*

Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

GENEVA

OFFERTORY & 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!"

†DOXOLOGY

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

†Matthew 17: 1–9 *congregation stands*

Rev. Kovas

SERMON

A Life of Descending

Rev. Kovas

HOLY COMMUNION

(UMH 12–13; 17–18)

ANTHEM DURING COMMUNION

In Remembrance Medley

Dennis Allen

It was His love that sent Him there, It was His love that breathed the prayer: "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." It was His love that said, "I offer Myself for you." It was His love, it was Jesus' love, It was His love that said, "I offer Myself for you." It was my sin upon the cross, It was my Jesus who paid the cost with tender mercy that satisfies your soul; It was His love that said, "Rise up and let me see you whole." In remembrance of Me, eat this bread. In remembrance of Me, drink this wine. In remembrance of Me, pray for the time when God's own will is done. In remembrance of Me, heal the sick. In remembrance of Me, feed the poor. In remembrance of Me, open the door and let your brother in. Take, eat, and be comforted; Drink, and remember, too, that this is My body and precious blood shed for you. In remembrance of Me, search for truth. In remembrance of Me, always love. In remembrance of Me, don't look above, but in your heart, look in your heart for God. Do this in remembrance of Me.

†HYMN 176 *Choir and congregation stand together*

Majesty! Worship His Majesty

MAJESTY

†DISMISSAL & PRAYER

Rev. Kovas

†CHORAL BENEDICTION *please remain standing*

Amen

Danish

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen

†POSTLUDE

Holy, Holy, Holy!

John Maysfield

PRAYER CONCERNS

Let us faithfully pray for Shep Straughn, Emily Marsh, Martha Griggs, Thomas & Sharon McKinnon, Frank Shutt, Pal Moore, Kaitlyn Freeman, Lesley Jean Watson, Pam Walter (Angie Smith's cousin), Wyatt Smith (Gini Eddins MMO Child), Nadia Harris, the family of Jimmie Creech, Gailya Wilson, John Trussell, James Thurman (Angie Smith's dad), Gayle Davis, the family of Forest Bassham (Penny Quick's friend), Martha Starling, Kim Carnell, Judy Dixon, Lucy Parsons, the family of Karen Rogers (friend of Jackson Stone and many in the choir), and the family of Jack Van Deman.

As members of God's family, remember those who are trapped in the cycle of addiction and those who walk with them. Remember the over-thinkers, the worriers, the depressed, and those riddled with anxiety. Remember the young and aged who struggle with chronic mental illnesses. Remember those who serve and defend our great nation, including our president, congress, governors, mayors, state & local employees, health care workers and doctors, EMTs, firefighters, law enforcement officers, and those who labor tirelessly with no relief. We also remember those who live with progressive neurological or immunological diseases and loved ones who support them. At this time in the cold winter months, let us particularly remember those without a home who must endure the bitter cold days and even colder nights, including animals that have been neglected. Remember the oppressed and marginalized, those without food and water, and those who are scorned. Finally, remember those who do not know the love of Jesus. Remember those who have been hurt by religion and have turned away from God that they might experience Jesus' great redeeming love once more. Remember those who pray but find their prayers unanswered. Remember those who feel like giving up. Remember those who are persecuted in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and those who have died defending it.

LORD, IN YOUR MERCY: HEAR OUR PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY is observed in the Christian liturgical calendar as a threshold moment between the season of Epiphany, which highlights the light and revelation of Christ, and the season of Lent, which focuses on reflection, repentance, and preparation for Easter. The day commemorates the event described in Matthew 17:1-9, where Jesus is transfigured on a mountaintop before Peter, James, and John, his face shining and his clothes dazzling white, revealing his divine nature. The paraments are white to reflect this high holy day.

MCARN FOOD BANK: The McArn Food Bank in need of the following items for their Backpack Ministry. These items may be placed in the basket outside the office door. **Mac and cheese cups, cereal cups, pop-tarts, instant grits/oatmeal cups, and pudding cups.** Thank you!

DON'T BE THE LONE RANGER: Watch the choir for your cue to stand when singing hymns. This additional time of remaining seated allows us to comfortably find the correct page of the hymn and all stand together. This process will become more familiar and hopefully keep us all on the same page.

SHROVE TUESDAY: Our Youth Ministry is sponsoring a Shrove Tuesday Fundraiser Dinner **February 17, 2026 at 5:30pm.** There is no cost for the pancake dinner. Donations made to the Fireflies and Youth are greatly appreciated.

ASH WEDNESDAY evening service is Wednesday, **February 18, 2026 at 6:00pm.** Please plan to begin the Lenten journey with us Ash Wednesday.

JOHN WESLEY'S DIRECTIONS FOR SINGING, RULE #2: *Sing them exactly as they are printed here, without altering or mending them at all; and if you have learned to sing them otherwise, unlearn it as soon as you can.* (This rule and the rest can be found in your United Methodist Hymnal pg. Vii)

JOY CLUB will meet Thursday, **February 19 at 12:00pm** in the fellowship hall. Bill's Grill of Patrick will provide hamburger steak with peppers and onions on the side, baked beans, salad, and rolls, and cake. The cost is \$12.00/person. We need to know if you will be attending by noon Friday, February 13. It is very important that you let us know by this date and time as we will not be able to change the number we give to the caterer after this date. **Amy Gavin** will be our guest speaker. Hand and Foot cards will be played at **9:30am**. Please indicate if you will be eating, playing cards, or both. Thank you, Gini Eddins.

IF YOU HAVE A STUDENT GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE, please contact the church office with this information.

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS!!! If you had heat, stayed dry, and had food to eat during this past winter storm, count your blessings! Now, share with your brothers & sisters by hanging extra blankets, sweaters, gloves, earmuffs, and scarves on our blessing fence. Large bags, black sharpies, and clothespins are still in the fellowship hall. Place self-opening cans of food in our blessing box. Please continue to donate to the McArn Food Bank. Thank you - *Missions/Evangelism*.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS: Memorials & Honorariums will be listed in the bulletin going forward. This was our standard at FUMC for many years. If you do not wish for your memorial or honorarium to be published in our weekly bulletin, please let the church office know or contact Jackson Stone when you submit it to the church office. If we do not hear from you concerning a memorial or honorarium, we will assume that it can be printed in the bulletin. Thank you in advance for working with us.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURE: The church office will be closed Monday, **February 16, 2026 for President's Day.**

THE MUSIC IN THE SERVICE TODAY reflects the holy day of Transfiguration. Could you imagine if we were in the place of the disciples? How would you respond to Jesus being "transfigured" right before your eyes?

SUNDAY February 15

9:15am.....Choir Rehearsal
10:00am.....Sunday School
11:00am.....Worship
5:30pm-7:00pm.....Fireflies & Youth

MONDAY February 16

Church Office Closed

TUESDAY February 17

9:00am-1:30pm.....Church office open
10:30am-12:00pm.....Planning
12:00pm.....**Bulletin Deadline**
5:30pm.....Shrove Pancake Supper

WEDNESDAY February 18

9:00am-1:30pm.....Church office open
5:00pm-5:30pm.....Handbell Rehearsal
6:00pm.....Ash Wed. Service
6:45pm-8:00pm.....Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY February 19

12:00pm.....Joy Club

SUNDAY February 22

9:15am.....Choir Rehearsal
10:00am.....Sunday School
11:00am.....Worship
5:30pm-7:00pm.....Fireflies & Youth

IN MEMORY OF MARY BURR & GEORGE ADAMS

MEMORIALS

by Martha Starling

IN MEMORY OF SHANNON JOHNSON

YOUTH

by Anthony Harris, Jr.

IN MEMORY OF JACK VAN DEMAN

GENERAL OPERATING

by Sally Smith



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| TITHE NEEDED WEEKLY..... | \$5,928.83 |
| CONTRIBUTIONS FEB 8..... | \$7,870.00 |
| SUNDAY SCHOOL FEB 8..... | 31 |
| WORSHIP FEB 8..... | 62 |
| LITURGIST | Sammy Quick |
| LITURGIST FEB 22..... | Zenda Rushing |
| GREETER..... | Jimmie Williamson |
| GREETER FEB 22..... | Jean & Manuel Assef |
| HEAD USHER FEB..... | Keith Smith |
| ALTAR GUILD FEB..... | Cindy Sanderson/Jackson Stone |
| ACOLYTE FEB..... | Carley Watson |
| NURSERY..... | Kelly Dusa |
| NURSERY FEB 22..... | Christy Ruffner |
| MCARN FOOD BANK..... | Peanut Butter |