

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
February 15, 2026
Transfiguration Sunday

WELCOME AND GREETING

God is Good **All the time.**
All the time **God is Good**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

INTROIT "In This Very Room"

****CALL TO WORSHIP** Charlene Smith

On this Transfiguration Sunday, we gather on the mountaintop with Jesus, wondering what we will encounter. **We come to encounter God's glory revealed.** We witness the revelation of Christ's divinity made plain before us. **We come to witness God's glory revealed.** We remember that God's glory is not about spectacle but truth, not about show but about Love made real among us. **We come to remember God's glory revealed.** We follow Jesus down from the mountaintop into the valleys, as God's glory goes before us and behind us. **We come to be sent out to share God's glory revealed.** **Thanks be to God! Amen.**
-Dr. Lisa Hancock

****HYMN OF PRAISE** "We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding" TFWS 2103

****OPENING PRAYER** Charlene Smith
Radiant God, we come to you on the mountaintop to experience your glory. You come to us in the valleys. We meet you in gladness in a place where heaven and earth collide. May our worship of you encourage us on the journey and make us aspire to reflect your kingdom in the world. Transform us and keep us near to you. Amen.
- Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay

CHILDREN'S TIME PROCLAMATION

****SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 17:1-9

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

****Gloria Patri** 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.

SERMON Rev. Wil Posey

RESPONSE

****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 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Moments of silent prayer & personal confession.

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

RECEIVING OF GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Ukrainian Alleluia" Wesley Ringers

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****DOXOLOGY**
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.

****PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

****HYMN** "Be Thou My Vision" UMH 451

SENDING FORTH

BENEDICTION Rev. Wil Posey

****BENEDICTION** "Here Am I, Send Me"

Chiming of the Trinity

POSTLUDE

RESPONSE The light goes before us into the world.

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal TFWS: The Faith We Sing

**** Rise in body or spirit**
Our Service of Worship has ended
Our Worship through Service begins
All are welcomed to Worship.

Please assist us by registering your attendance in the App or notebooks located in the pews. If you didn't receive the text or email when we cancelled church please be sure we have you correct phone number and email address.

Please be aware that we are live streaming and recording this service and will be posting it to social media.

PRAYERS and CONCERNS
Ukraine and its people; Bill and Barbara Hughes; Carl Auvil; Teresa; Lori; Emma; Alice & Ron Lewis; Cindy; Carolyn; Carl & Christy Osborn; Baby Arlo; Baby Scottie; Joe Hartman; Michee Leone; Earl Riggs; Cissy Dyer.
PRAYER TEAM: Email: prayfumc@gmail.com
In an effort to have room for all prayer requests we will rotate off the names every 3 weeks unless indicated, either by a notation on the blue prayer request card or by calling the church office. 828-837-2718 or email: admin@murphyfirstumc.org, Prayer Requests can be submitted on our Facebook page, YouTube live stream or by calling the church office.

Memorial Donation

In Memory of Frances Sloan Pearson
By Janie Forrister and Tim & Lori Nicholson

Come renew your soul and tap into your creativity
with
Art & Soul

A contemplative art experience exploring themes such as wilderness, self-reflection, and compassion.
Using visual art and writing prompts, we will take time to breathe, contemplate, and create. No art background required. Materials provided.

At The Cherokee County Arts Council
Wednesdays from 1-2pm on the following dates in 2026
February 25th March 4th March 11th March 18th
Sponsored by Murphy First UMC, The CCAC, and Common Ground
To sign up-call Sue Corley 561-329-4111 or email pastorsuecorley@yahoo.com

Lenten Community Practices

Lenten Lectio Divina Mondays, Noon-12:45 February 23-March 30

Follow the Daily Reading from the gospel according to John. The daily reading plan is available on FUMC's website, Facebook page, and in the office upon request.

Centering Prayer – Tuesdays with Pastor Wil—Noon

Art and Soul – February 25, March 4,11,18 1-2 pm at the Cherokee County Arts Council

Soul Table—through acts of service and giving—Thursdays, in the Fellowship Hall

Parents of Young Children

During Worship (11am)*
Nursery (2 rooms) - Birth-2, and 3-5 year olds
Worship readiness—K-5th Grade
No Worship Readiness on Communion Sundays. Kids stay in church.

*Nursery is open from 9:45am-12pm, though children are welcome in worship and will then be released after Children's Time to return to their nursery or Worship Readiness or remain in the Sanctuary

2103 We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

1. We have come at Christ's own bidding to this
 2. Light breaks through our clouds and shadows, splendor
 3. Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful

high and holy place, where we wait with
 bathes the flesh-joined Word, Moses and E-
 lest our faith decline, we, like Peter,

hope and long-ing for some to-ken of God's grace.
 li-jah mar-vel as the heaven-ly voice is heard.
 find it tempt-ing to re-main and build a shrine.

Here we pray for new as-sur-ance that our faith is
 Eyes and hearts be-hold with won-der how the Law and
 But true wor-ship gives us cour-age to pro-claim what

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not in vain, search-ing like those first dis-
 Proph-ets meet: Christ with gar-ments drenched in
 we pro-fess, that our dai-ly lives may

ci-ples for a sign both clear and plain.
 bright-ness, stands trans-fig-ured and com-plete.
 prove us peo-ple of the God we bless.

Sermon Notes

Be Thou My Vision

Unison

1. Be thou my vi-sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be thou my wis-dom, and thou my true word;
 3. Great God of heav-en, my vic-to-ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
 I ev-er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 may I reach heav-en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou and thou on-ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what-ev-er be-fall,

wak-ing or sleep-ing, thy pres-ence my light.
 great God of heav-en, my trea-sure thou art.
 still be my vi-sion, O Rul-er of all.

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Next Week: February 22, 2026
First Sunday of Lent

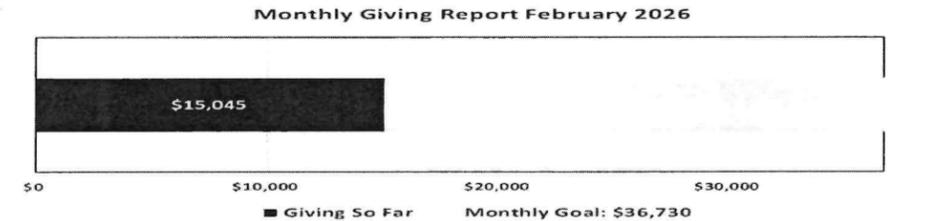
This Week's Ministry Opportunities

Sunday, February 15		Wednesday, February 18 Continued	
Sunday School	9:45 am	Willing Hands	11:30 am
Worship Service	11:00 am	Wednesday Bible Study	1:00 pm
Potluck Lunch	12:15 pm	Family Ash Wednesday	3:15 pm
Youth	4:00 pm	Bells	4:30 pm
		Ash Wednesday Service	6:00 pm
Monday, February 16		Thursday, February 19	
Preschool	8:00 am	Mom's Spiritual Formation	9:30 am
Yoga	10:30 am	Soul Table	11:30 am
Mission Team	11:00 am	Children and Families Mtg	11:30 am
Chair Exercise class	11:30 am	Finance	5:30 pm
Willing Hands Officers	12:00 pm		
Preschool Committee	5:30 pm		
Tuesday February 17		Friday, February 20	
Tax Preparation (appointment)	9:00 am	Preschool	8:00 am
VRR	5:00 pm	Chair Exercise class	11:30 am
Wednesday, February 18		Saturday, February 21	
ASH WEDNESDAY		Al Anon	10:00 am
Preschool	8:00 am	Sunday, February 22	
Worship Meeting	10:00 am	Sunday School	9:45 am
Greeting Card Ministry	10:30 am	Worship Service	11:00 am
Chair Exercise class	11:30 am	Youth	4:00 pm

OUR FAITHFULNESS 2026

Worship attendance February 8	166
Received February 8	\$ 11,710

Detailed Financial information is available at the church office upon request.



 *Everyone has the power for greatness, not for fame but greatness, because greatness is determined by service.*
Martin Luther King, Jr.

February is our month to collect for Hurlburt Johnson Friendship House (homeless shelter)

- Please donate what you can
- Liquid Laundry Detergent large Jugs
 - Laundry Powders 64 load size
 - Toilet Paper
 - Paper Towels
 - Dish Soap
 - All Purpose Cleaner
 - Windex (window cleaner)
 - Toilet Bowl Cleaner
 - Trash Bags Large and Kitchen
 - Food items are always appreciated

NEW TESTAMENT

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WORD LIST

APOSTLE	HEROD	LUKE	ROMANS
BETHLEHEM	JAMES	MARK	SALVATION
CHRIST	JESUS	MATTHEW	SAMARITAN
CROSS	JOHN	MIRACLES	SERMON
CRUCIFIXION	KINGDOM	PAUL	SPIRIT
DISCIPLE	LAMB	PETER	TEMPLE
GOSPEL	LAST SUPPER	RESURRECTION	TITUS
GRACE	LAZARUS		

Homemade GIFTS MADE EASY

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February - Ursula Lasky

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Church Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Monday and Friday Closed



Our Mission is to:
Live as a community transformed by God's grace, sent to love and serve like Jesus.

Our Vision is to:
Build communities of hope where all people experience belonging and abundant life.

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