

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
"We Shine for All Through Christ"  
St. Marys, Ohio

February 15, 2026

Transfiguration Sunday

10:00 am

**Order of Service**

*Welcome to our Worship Service today.  
Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life.*

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

**CHIMES**

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE** "Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies" arr. C. Berry

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The Lord calls us upward, from ordinary places into holy encounter.

**People: We come, trusting that God still invites us to draw near.**

Leader: The cloud of God's presence covered the mountain, and the glory of  
The Lord settled there.

**People: We gather, even when we cannot see clearly, believing God is already  
here.**

Leader: Moses waited before the Lord, listening for God's voice.

**People: We come to wait, to listen, and to be shaped by God's word.**

Leader: The glory of the Lord appeared like a consuming fire on the mountain.

**People: Holy God, meet us in this place, not to overwhelm us, but to renew us**

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who calls us closer.

**People: We come to worship the living God.**

**\*MORNING PRAYER**

Holy and sovereign God, when the world around us feels restless and  
uncertain, we remember that you alone are our true refuge and strength.  
Calm our anxious hearts when the nations rage and our own lives feel  
unsettled. Help us to trust your purposes, even when we do not understand

your ways. Teach us to serve you with humility, to follow your way with joy,  
and to place our hope not in power, position, or fear, but in your faithful  
love. Shape us to be a people who seek your reign of justice and peace, and  
who live each day under your gracious care. Blessed are all who take refuge  
in you. It is in this spirit that we pray together, Our Father...

**\*HYMN #405** "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

**CELEBRATING COMMUNITY**

Announcements

Joys and Concerns

Visitors

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE** (Offer God's peace to those nearby)

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: and also with you.

**\*HYMN #358** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

**OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY**

"Adoration with Be Thou My Vision" arr. C. Berry

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**NOLAN FRANKENHAUSER**

**THE GOSPEL LESSON**

**MATTHEW 5:13-16**

**SERMON**

"Called for the Sake of the World"

Pastor Ed Karges

**\*CLOSING HYMN #560** "I Love to Tell the Story"

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" arr. L. Larson

\*Denotes those who are able are invited to stand in body and in spirit.

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**Audio and Video:** Rich Spencer  
**Pianist/Music Coordinator:** Becky Anderson  
**Organist:** Andrea Spencer  
**Church Historian:** Fred Scheer  
**Youth Director:** Nick Frankenhauser  
**Children's Music:** Maddy Frankenhauser  
**Administrative Assistant:** Steve Slawson  
**Missionaries:** All Members of our Congregation

**Multi-Media:** Jim Huckemeyer  
**Multi-Media:** Derick Johnson  
**Organist:** Ann Vogel  
**Organist:** Darryl Smith  
**Pianist:** Kathlene Larson  
**Children's Ministry:** Jane Nuss  
**Confirmation:** Amy Keller  
**Custodians:** Brad and Nam Gehrlich

**Liturgist:** Jane Laird  
**Our Giving to God, February 8, 2025**  
**Current - \$ 2,875 / Mission - \$ 25**  
**(Includes Vanco e-giving for the week)**  
**Attendance – 91**  
**Loose offering today will go to the Current Fund**

Altar Flowers are given today by

**PRAYER CANDLES**

If you would like someone to light a candle for you, place a card in the basket (located in the back center of the sanctuary) and a designated helper will light a candle for you.



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201 N. Perry St., St. Marys, Ohio  
February 15, 2026

"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."



UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST

## THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

### Handicap Accessible and Live Streamed

Today	9:00 am	Adult Forum Class
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Morning Worship with Pastor Ed Karges
Monday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
	1:00 pm	Rebecca Circle
Tuesday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
Wednesday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
	9:00 am	Quilting
	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship Service
Thursday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
	1:30 pm	H.E.A.L.
	4:30 pm – 5:15 pm	Breaking Bread
Friday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
Next Sunday	8:45 am	Adult Forum Class
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Morning Worship with Pastor Ed Karges

Interested in joining our church? Please see Pastor Ed for information.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS

Applications for the STEVA-KOHLER GRANT are now available in the chapel. These must be submitted to the office by Noon on Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> in order to be considered.

Once again it is time to pay JTDMH Hospital Guild Dues. Our dues are \$15 and can be paid by cash or check. Checks should be made out to "JTDMH Auxiliary". These

dues help to purchase needed equipment for the hospital. Please have dues to Ann Vogel by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

*Ash Wednesday, February 18th at 7:00 pm begins our annual series of Wednesday Lenten Services. Communion will be offered at the Ash Wednesday Service. There will be five Wednesday evening services, with the last one on March 18th. We will have Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services, as well, all at 7:00 pm. We invite you to come and make this worship experience part of your Lenten remembrance.*

**Rest, Pray Listen in the Chapel** - Once again, the Chapel is available through Lent. Lenten devotional and prayer materials are available for use while sitting in the Chapel or are available to take home to read at your leisure. The Chapel is open every day, at any time during office hours, and prior to or following worship on Sundays. The Chapel will also be open before or after Lenten Services on Wednesday evenings. Everyone is invited to stop by the Chapel for a moment or longer to rest, pray, and listen.

The next meeting of the H.E.A.L. group will be this Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm in the Chapel.

The March meeting of the Caregiving Support Group has been moved from March 2<sup>nd</sup> to Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

We are ALWAYS in need of Liturgists and volunteers to bring flowers for the altar. The 2026 Altar Flower Chart and Liturgist Sign-Up Sheets are posted on the bulletin board behind the Media Table in the Sanctuary.

**ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE:** Don't forget that we have online giving for your convenience! It is available now by downloading Vanco Payment Solutions onto your mobile device. Go to the app store or Google Play and search for "**Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement**". The download is free. We also have a button on our website that will take you to the Vanco site.

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| coats     | holidays      | scarf     | winter   |
| cold      | hot chocolate | snow      | wintery  |
| fireplace | ice           | snowball  |          |
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**WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**NURSERY AND PRE-SCHOOL TODDLER CARE** – We have a Nursery available for those that need it. Children in 1st Grade and older should remain in the church.

**HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE** restroom is located on the sanctuary level near the Hospitality Room, and it also contains a baby changing table.

**ENLARGED BULLETINS & HEARING DEVICES** - Available if needed (consult an usher). **TELEVISED**

**WORSHIP SERVICE** - Our worship service here at St. Paul's is shown on **TSC cable Digital channel 1 or non-digital channel 2**, on Sundays at 10:00am, and again on Mondays at 7:00pm.

**WORSHIP SERVICE ON THE INTERNET** – If you do not have TSC cable, you can watch our service on our church web page at [www.spuccsm.com](http://www.spuccsm.com) or on YouTube.

**EMERGENCY AED** – There is an emergency AED Unit located on the wall behind the Media Table in the Sanctuary.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

- Please continue praying for: Jeff Lemming, Ron Ketchum, Ron Hunter, JoAnn Bambauer, Kelly Kill, Karen James, Lucas Knatz, and Jean Smith,
- Robert Wehner & family, as Robert undergoes cancer treatment,
- Ann Langenkamp, who is recovering from surgery,
- A young woman in Oklahoma, Kensey Carmack, who needs a new heart,
- All Legacy Members and Shut-ins, and the caregivers who provide them care,
- All those illnesses which cannot be seen.

*All prayer requests should be given to the lead person of our Prayer Team, Carol Schmidt: [Lschmidt@bright.net](mailto:Lschmidt@bright.net), or you can call or text her at 419-305-6164.*

*If anyone would like to become a member of the prayer team and receive emails/updates for prayer requests, please submit your email address to Carol Schmidt at: [Lschmidt@bright.net](mailto:Lschmidt@bright.net) or text 419-394-6164.*

## 02.15.26 Scripture

### **MATTHEW 5:13-16**

#### Salt and Light

<sup>13</sup> “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

<sup>14</sup> “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup> People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.