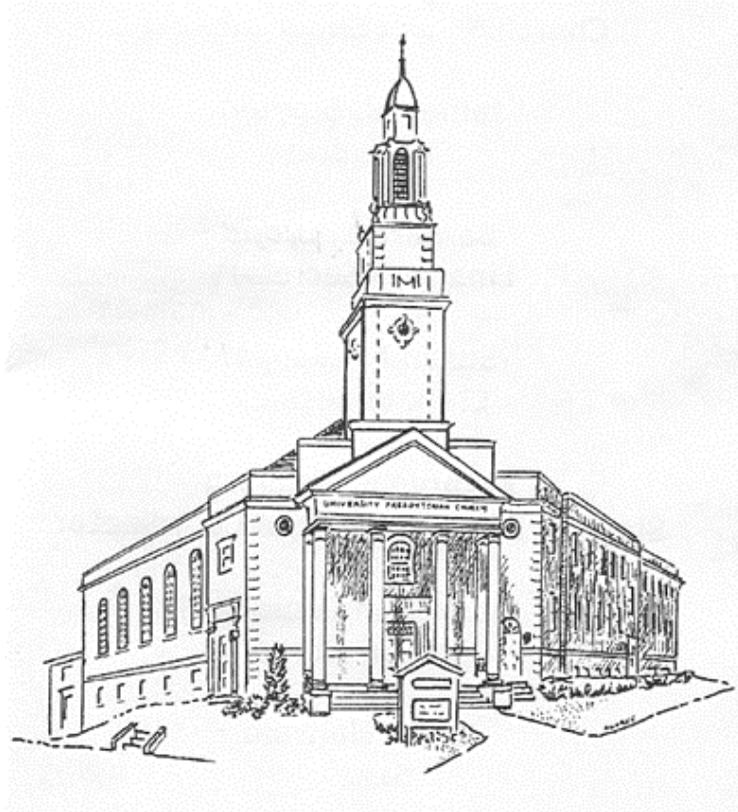


# University Presbyterian Church



Sunday, February 15, 2026  
10:30 a.m.

Transfiguration of the Lord, February 15, 2026  
Service for the Lord's Day  
10:30 a.m.

**AS YOU PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**

In order that people may listen to the music or pray in silence without distraction, please refrain from conversation after the music begins and kindly silence all cell phones. Also, please do not bring any food or beverage, other than water, in the sanctuary. Thank you.

Children of all ages are welcome to remain in worship. A playroom is available near the sanctuary for young children who are accompanied by their parents.

Prayer Requests: If you have a prayer request which you would like the pastor to include in "Prayers of the People," please fill out the yellow prayer request slip found in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate when passed.

**THE GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

Prelude

Credo Suite  
*Conception and Birth*  
*Trial and Death*

arr. Phillip B. McIntyre

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship<sup>†</sup> (*from Psalm 99, adapted from the Inclusive Bible translation*)

Our God is holy and mighty, a leader who loves justice, who established honesty, justice, and righteousness.

**God has done this! We exalt you, O God! We worship at your footstool. You are holy!**

Miriam, Moses and Aaron were among them, and Samuel, too was among those who invoked the Name; they called on God, and God answered them.

**We exalt you, O Lord our God, and we worship you at your holy mountain; for you, O God, are holy!**

## **\*Prayer of the Day†**

God of majesty and might, you have blessed us with revelations of your glory. Give us the gift of faith, that we may hear your voice for ourselves and see Jesus Christ revealed to us that we may stand on our own without fear. **Amen.**

\*Hymn #267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing    Spanish Folk Melody  
*Madrid*

## **THE CONFESSION AND PARDON**

The Invitation†

We don't have to look very far to see the brokenness of our world: broken relationships, broken systems, broken nations, broken people. We are tired. We are worn. And we know that the world didn't get this way on its own. So, together, let us confess our part in the brokenness of things, and ask for God's help to repair and restore.

The Prayer†

**God of radiant light, we confess that we are a people who are sometimes too comfortable dwelling in darkness. We say we want things to change, that we do not accept the way things are. But, in reality, we want someone else to take care of the changing. We resist transformation and sometimes do not even believe it is possible. Forgive our unbelief. Soften our hearts toward one another and ourselves. May your Spirit move through and among us. Make us light bearers for your sake, and for the sake of your people. Amen.**

*There follows a moment of silent personal confession*

The Pardon†

Holy Wisdom, your Word is at once ancient and brand new. As we read together this day, enlighten our hearts and minds. May we be transformed. In Jesus' name. Amen.

\*Hymn #581 Glory Be to the Father

Henry W. 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.**

\*Sharing the Peace and Greetings

*As God's forgiven people we extend the peace of Christ to one another saying, "the peace of Christ be with you."*

\*Sung Response Hymn #822

**Shalom to you now, shalom my friends.  
May God's full mercies, bless you, my friends.  
In all your living and through your loving,  
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.**

## **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

Prayer for Illumination†

Holy Wisdom, your Word is at once ancient and brand new. As we read together this day, enlighten our hearts and minds. May we be transformed. In Jesus' name. **Amen**

Responsive Reading Psalm 99

The LORD is king; let the people tremble.  
The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.  
**The LORD, great in Zion, is high above all peoples.**

Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome;  
God is the Holy One.

**O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity;  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's footstool;  
God is the Holy One.

**Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those  
who call upon your name, O LORD;  
they called upon you, and you answered them,**

you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;  
they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

**O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

**Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill;  
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.**

First Scripture Reading      2 Peter 1:16-21 (NT, p. 236)

Second Scripture Reading    Matthew 17:1-9 (NT, p. 18)

Anthem                              Down to the River to Pray                      arr. Sheldon Curry  
*Sanctuary Choir*

Children's Sermon

Sermon                              "Blinded by the Light"

\*Hymn # 193                      Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain                      Joachim Neander  
*Unser Herrscher*

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

Presentation of New Member    Pleasure Amaechi

Profession of Faith

*Questions for the new member:*

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? **I do.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? **I will, with God's help.**

*Questions for all:*

Do you believe in God the Father? **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? **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.**

*Question for the new member:*

You have publicly professed your faith. Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? **I will, with God's help.**

Prayer

Welcome

Let us welcome Pleasure as she joins with us in the worship and mission of the church.

**With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.**

Baptism

Munachimso David Alaoma

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Passion Suite

arr. Phillip B. McIntyre

*Sorrows*

\*Doxology

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

\*Prayer of Dedication

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and 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 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.**

\*Hymn # 775

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Stuttgart

African American Spiritual

\*Benediction

Postlude

Credo Suite

arr. Phillip B. McIntyre

*Resurrection (Trumpetings)*

\*Please stand or rise in spirit as you are able and feel so led.

†*Liturgy written by Teresa Anna Owens for the Office of Theology and Worship PC(USA).*

‡From Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion.

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Participating in Worship Today:

The Rev. Dr. Christine James, Pastor

Rebecca Kroetsch, Choir Director

Gregory White, Organist

Priscilla Maddock, Liturgist

Sandy Boag, Marietta Bratton & Sharon Melius, Greeters

Val Macer, Live streamer

*Participating in Worship Next Week:*

*Sandy Robertson, Liturgist*

*Kathy Hallborg, Scott Horton & Grace Agbemenu, Greeters*

*Val Macer, Live streamer*

### **This Week...**

Sunday, February 15	9:00 am	Choir
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship Time
	11:45 am	Adult Ed-Ministry to Community
Monday, February 16	<i>Presidents' Day Holiday – Church Office Closed</i>	
Tuesday, February 17	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Wednesday, February 18	6:00 pm	Soup Supper
	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship
Thursday, February 19	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Sunday, February 22	9:00 am	Choir
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship Time & Cake
	11:45 am	Adult Ed-Black History Month

**Music Notes:** This week's service music continues to honor and celebrate "Black History Month". The Prelude, Offertory and Postlude were composed by Phillip B. McIntyre who served as organist at six large churches in the Washington, DC area. Born in 1951, he received his degrees from Catholic University, University of the District of Columbia, and Westminster Choir College. He was a student of Daniel Roth, Titular Organist at Saint-Sulpice, Paris. Today's service music is taken from his many improvisations which utilize warm solo stops accompanied by rich harmonies; various tonal colors on the Kegg Organ in UPC highlight the beauty of these familiar melodies. McIntyre's organ music places his compositions along-side some of the most celebrated African-American organists and composers. Phillip B. McIntyre died on March 21, 1991, at the young age of 40. It was said at his memorial service: "Phillip always demanded excellence in himself." "Whenever anyone thought of excellence in music they thought of Phillip Barnette McIntyre."

**Ash Wednesday:** We will begin Lent with Ash Wednesday on February 18 having a soup supper together at 6:00pm and a service at 7:00 pm. If you are able, please consider bringing a crockpot of soup for the Ash Wednesday supper.

**Adult Ed:** On February 22 immediately after our service, Craig Steger will again do an adult education session to celebrate Black History Month. Craig recently retired from the Club's Board of Directors where he served as its historian. This year, Craig will show a brief video about Buffalo's Historic Colored Musicians Club and Buffalo Local 533, the American Federation of Musicians black standalone union that founded it, and discuss his most recent research on the 100+ year histories of these amazing organizations. His most recent research can be downloaded from Western New York Heritage magazine's Fall issue for a mere \$2 at [https://www.wnyheritage.org/content/buffalos\\_pioneering\\_african\\_american\\_musicians\\_union\\_its\\_history/index.html](https://www.wnyheritage.org/content/buffalos_pioneering_african_american_musicians_union_its_history/index.html). The magazine is still available for purchase (and Craig will have copies on hand to loan out)."



## University Presbyterian Church's Vision Statement

Let us be **BREAD**:

**B**eaming Christ's love to our neighbors and beyond

**R**esounding praise of God in worship with music while caring for one another and growing our faith

**E**nriching our neighborhood through creative use of our building

**A**cting with energy to foster a growing, vibrant, and welcoming church family

**D**eveloping diversity by engaging and welcoming all of God's beloved people

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