

Transfiguration of Our Lord ~ February 15, 2026

Abiding Hope Lutheran Church

Rev. Karen Parsh, Pastor

Sheryl Williams, Coordinator of Music



Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that ends today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter.

WELCOME

We invite you to quietly prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

(Please turn off your cell phone)

Thank you to Howard Lyon, Paul Sontheimer, and Cindi Reid for providing Special Music this morning and to Brian Gresh and Paul Mirone for providing worship accompaniment!

PRELUDE ~ *Menuet and Bouree* -G.F. Handel/arr. A. Middleton

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit call us together as the people of God

Please stand

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the Word made flesh, our life and our salvation. **Amen.**

Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior, let us confess our sin. *Silence is kept for reflection.* God of life,

you promise good news of great joy for all people, and call us to be messengers of your peace. We confess that too often we hoard our joy, our resources, and our security.

We nurture conflict and build barriers. We neglect the needs of our neighbors and ignore the groaning of creation. Have mercy on us.

Where we are self-centered, open our hearts.

Where we are reluctant, give us courage.

Where we are cynical, restore our trust.

Renew us with your grace and give us again the hope of eternal life in you. Amen.

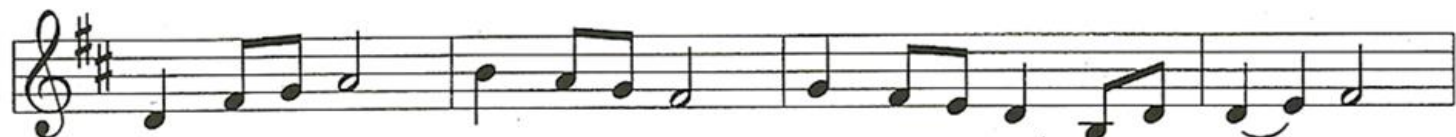
Hear the good news: We are children of God and heirs of God's promises through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In ☩ Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed. Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth shall know the salvation of God. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG ~ ELW 316 *Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair*

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

HYMN of PRAISE



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



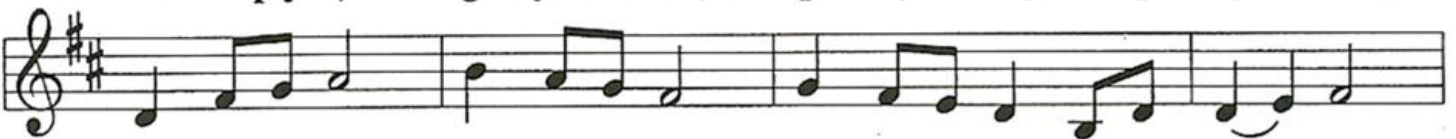
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



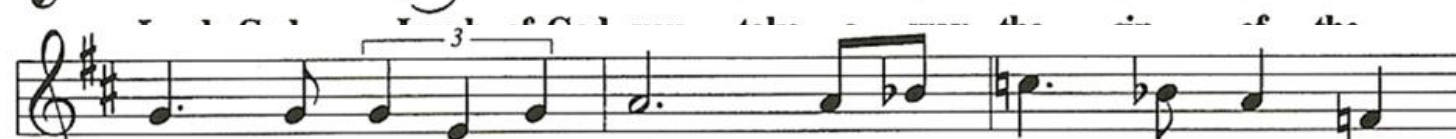
☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,

and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER of the DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let's Pray Together.

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

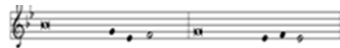
FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12-18

¹²The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ⁴To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." ¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 2

Sung Responsively



Tone 7

¹Why are the nations | in an uproar?

Why do the peoples mutter | empty threats?

**²Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the
princes | plot together,
against the LORD and against the | LORD's anointed?**

³"Let us break their | yoke," they say;

"let us cast off their | bonds from us."

**⁴God whose throne is in heav- | en is laughing;
the LORD holds them | in derision.**

⁵Then in wrath God | speaks to them and in rage fills | them with terror.

**⁶"As for me, I have anoint- | ed my king
upon Zion, my | holy mountain."**

⁷Let me announce the decree | of the LORD,
who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I be- | gotten you.

**⁸Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for | your inheritance
and the ends of the earth for | your possession.**

⁹You shall crush them with an | iron rod
and shatter them like a | piece of pottery."

**¹⁰And now, you | kings, be wise;
be warned, you rulers | of the earth.**

¹¹Submit to the | LORD with fear, and with trembling | bow in worship;

**¹²lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden | blaze of wrath.
Happy are all who take ref- | uge in God!**

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶ We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eye-witnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." ¹⁸ We our-selves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹ So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹ because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation



GOSPEL: MATTHEW 17:1-9

The holy gospel according to Matthew, Chapter 9. **Glory to you, O Lord.** Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

Please be seated

SERMON ~ Pastor Karen Parsh

Please Stand

HYMN of the DAY ~ *Come to the Mountain*

1 Je - sus took Pet - er, James, and John
2 "This is my Son!" said a voice from the cloud,
3 We will be changed like Je - sus our Lord,
up to the moun - tain to be a - lone.
"Lis - ten to him and do what he says!"
and live with him in heav - en a - bove.

While they were watch - ing Je - sus was changed;
Soon as it came that vis - ion was gone,
But while we live on this earth - ly home,

and they saw Mo - ses face to face.
and they saw Je - sus stand - ing a - lone.
Refrain our work as ser - vants nev - er is done.

Come to the moun - tain to see the light.
Come to the moun - tain to hear God's word.
Go to the val - ley, it is your home.
Go to the val - ley to serve the Lord.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home. Revealing God, your Spirit sustains the church. Strengthen the faithful with the revelation of Christ transfigured, that we may joyfully follow him in the way of the cross. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Life-giving God, creation is full of your majesty. Nurture in us a deep respect for the interdependence of all life, and make us wise and vigilant stewards of your good earth. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Peacemaking God, the nations are in turmoil. We pray for an end to violent conflict. Give wisdom to negotiators and sanctuary to refugees. Defend any who are in danger. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Healing God, you desire wholeness for all people. Bring healing to any who are experiencing illness, chronic pain, or mental anguish. Comfort the dying and those who grieve. We pray especially for: Family & friends of Jackie Hand. Also: Carl, Pastor Karen, Peggy, Weston, Christine P., Kathy C., Brendon, Judy Z., Darcée, Ava, Ed, Matt, Carolyn, & Elliott, Paul, Josh, Adrianna, Titus, Lauren, Christina S., Jackie S, Harry & Susan, Dick & Diana, Candy & Arch, Leslie, Michele & Sue, Bob, Kathi, Maury & Linda, Damian & Marcia, Don & Donna, and Little Library requests. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Holy God, in our worship we glimpse your glory, hear your voice, and receive assurance of your love. Inspire all who prepare, lead, and participate in worship to serve you with reverence and joy. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Transforming God, you bring life from death. We give thanks for the witness of those who have died in faith, and we praise you for the hope we have in Christ, our Morning Star. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please be seated

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING and PRESENTATION of GIFTS

OFFERING ~ Notturmo -A. Borodin arr. A.L. Chrisopherson

Please stand

OFFERTORY HYMN ~ ELW 834 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together. **God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.**

Please Stand

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

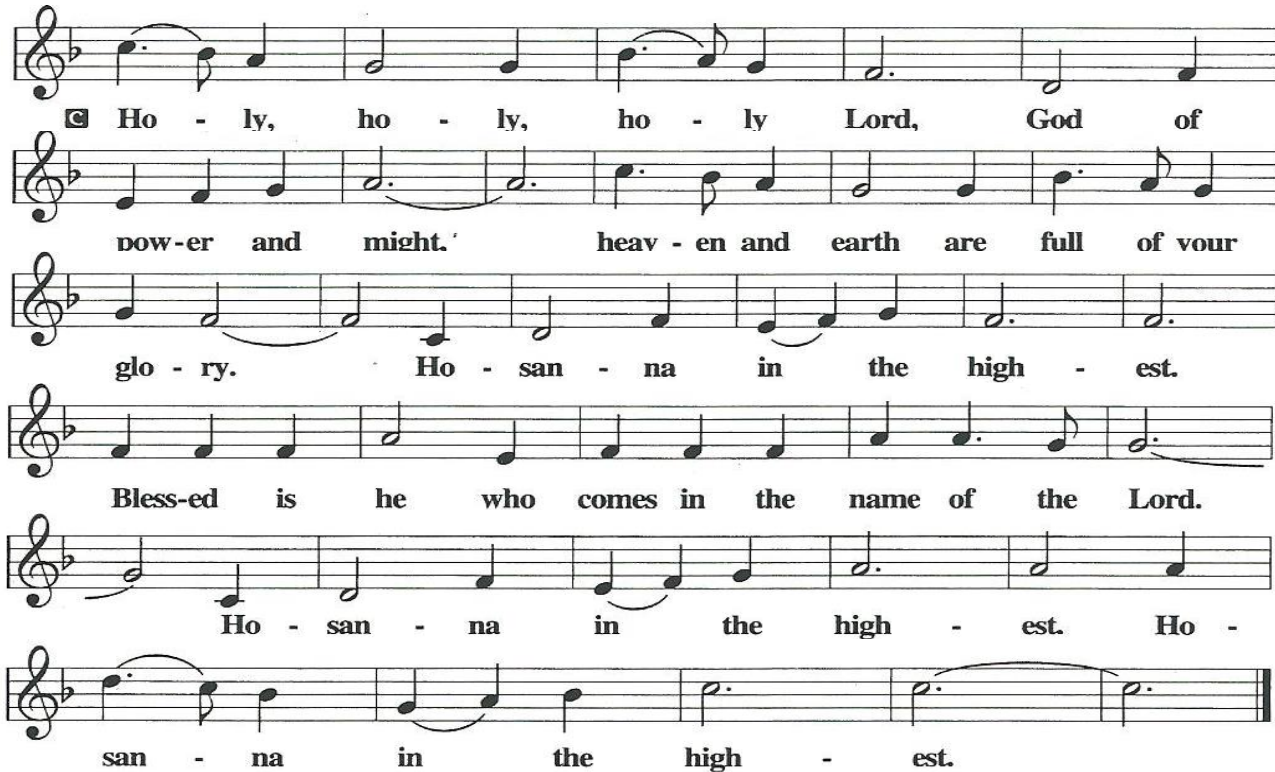
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever living God. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING at the TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name....Amen.

Please be seated

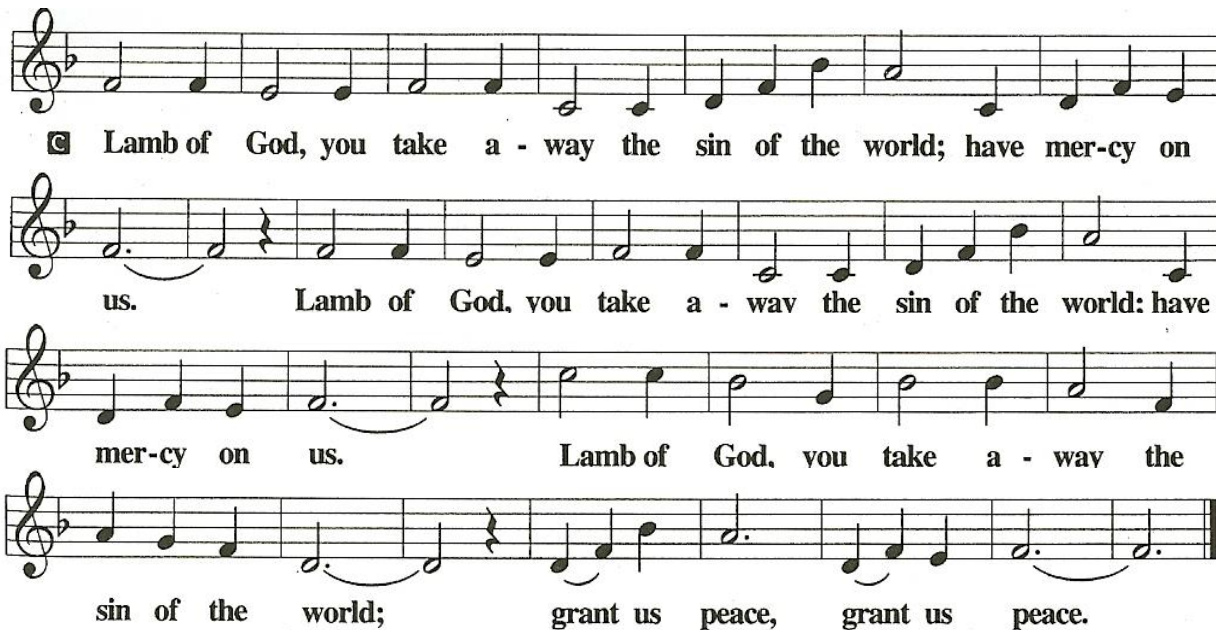
INVITATION to COMMUNION

Glory to God in the highest! Come to the table of peace.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

LAMB of GOD



☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS ~ ELW 838 *Beautiful Savior*

Instrumental Meditation ~ Canon in D -J. Pachelbel

PASTORAL BLESSING

May the body and blood of our ✠ Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER after COMMUNION

Let us pray. **God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please stand

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

SENDING HYMN ~ ELW 671 *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

BLESSING

God bless you and keep you, † Jesus grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE ~ *Nessun Dorma* -G. Puccini arr. J Dempsey

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PARISH NOTES ~ February 15, 2026

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The Flowers this week, are given to the Glory of God,
In Memory of Danny Kaeberlein
on the anniversary of his passing, February 15, 2016
from Peggy Kaeberlein

Please keep in your prayers: The family and friends of Jackie Hand. **Also:** Pastor Karen Parsh, Carl Larese, Dolly Pacileo, Peggy Kaeberlein, Pat Kerr, Christine Petrone, Kathy Cirillo, Brandon Rock, Judy Ziacik, Darcée Anthony, Ava Whitely, Ed Whitbred, Matt, Carolyn & Elliott Marriotti, Paul Pacileo, Josh, Adrianna, Titus, Lauren Steele, Christina Sonthemier, Jackie Seib, Dick & Diana Stoker, Harry & Susan Speakman, Leslie Gallagher-Kelly & Michele Rion & Sue, Candy & Arch Watkins, Kathy Sinnott, Bob McDaniel, Maury & Linda Allen, Damian & Marcia Santabene, Don & Donna Holder and Little Library visitors.

Sunday, February 15: Worship 930a ~ Choir: 1045a ~ Bible Study 11a
Zoom Bible ~ 700p (makeup meeting for Feb 8)

Monday, February 16: Prayer Shawl Ladies, 10a-12n (weather permitting)
prayer, good conversation, and knitting for the homebound. **All are welcome.**

ASH Wednesday, February 18

Services: 12:00n @ New Hope ... 6:30p @ AHLC.

Wednesday, February 18: Prayer Warriors 1-3p. We encourage all to pray with us during this time. **Stop in the sanctuary for silent prayer**, stay for as long as you can, or pray wherever you may be. Pray for our congregation and the world.

Thursday February 19: Share & Care @ 1p. All are welcome to join this gathering for **meaningful discussions about God, Daily Life & Life Eternal** with Pastor Karen & Damian Santabene.

Thursday, February 19: Ladies Night @ The Underdog BBQ, 530p. **RSVP by tomorrow Feb 16** (form in narthex). **Indicate** if you need a **ride** or can **drive**.

Sunday, February 22: Worship 930a ~ Choir: 900a 1045a ~ Bible Study 11a
Zoom Bible ~ 700p

Monday, February 23: An informational **meeting @ 1000a** regarding the **Hospitality Committee**. **All are invited to attend (men too)**. Find out **how you can help keep this committee moving forward by offering your time**.

Tuesday, February 24: **Anyone is welcome** to attend a meeting @ **1230p** to for this year's **EASTER FLOCK** event on **Saturday, March 28, 1-3p**. **Volunteers are needed, sign up sheet in narthex**. **Raffle baskets and monetary donations** are also needed for this outreach event for children. **Next meeting Tues. 3/10**.

Wednesday, February 25: Lenten Weekly gathering @ **100p** in the **F.H.** for **devotions and easy crafts**. Come use your skilled or untried crafting skills to create special gifts for local non-profits and caring organizations. **Feb 25: rice pillows for the Humane Society's pups and kittens**. For **members** who would like to be part of this program and **prefer to do the projects at home**, materials will be available at the church.

Wednesday, February 25: Men's Night @ The Cab, 630p. **RSVP by Feb.23** (form in narthex) or just show up!

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, 9:30a-3:30p. Wednesday, 9:30a-12:30p. For immediate pastoral needs, **Saturday-Thursday**, call **Pastor Karen, 814-881-3266**. **Friday's** please contact Rick Penn, 814-737-9974

INCOME: Jan 6 - Feb 6

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| 2026 | \$6598.00 |
| 2025 | \$8900.00 |
| 2024 | \$7446.89 |

\$2,700 per week needed to make the budget

WORSHIP LEADERS ~ February 15, 2026

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| Videographer | Penny Gresh |
| Greeter/Coffee | Mary Randall |
| Assisting Minister/Acolyte | Analee Cree |
| Lector/Prayers | Jeanne Tropper |
| Communion Cups | Penny Gresh |
| Communion Tray | Lois Kuhns |
| Presenter | Connie Kerr Vogt |
| Presenter | Carolyn Hayes |
| Usher | Andy Saska |
| Usher | Volunteer |
| Counters | Lois & Analee |