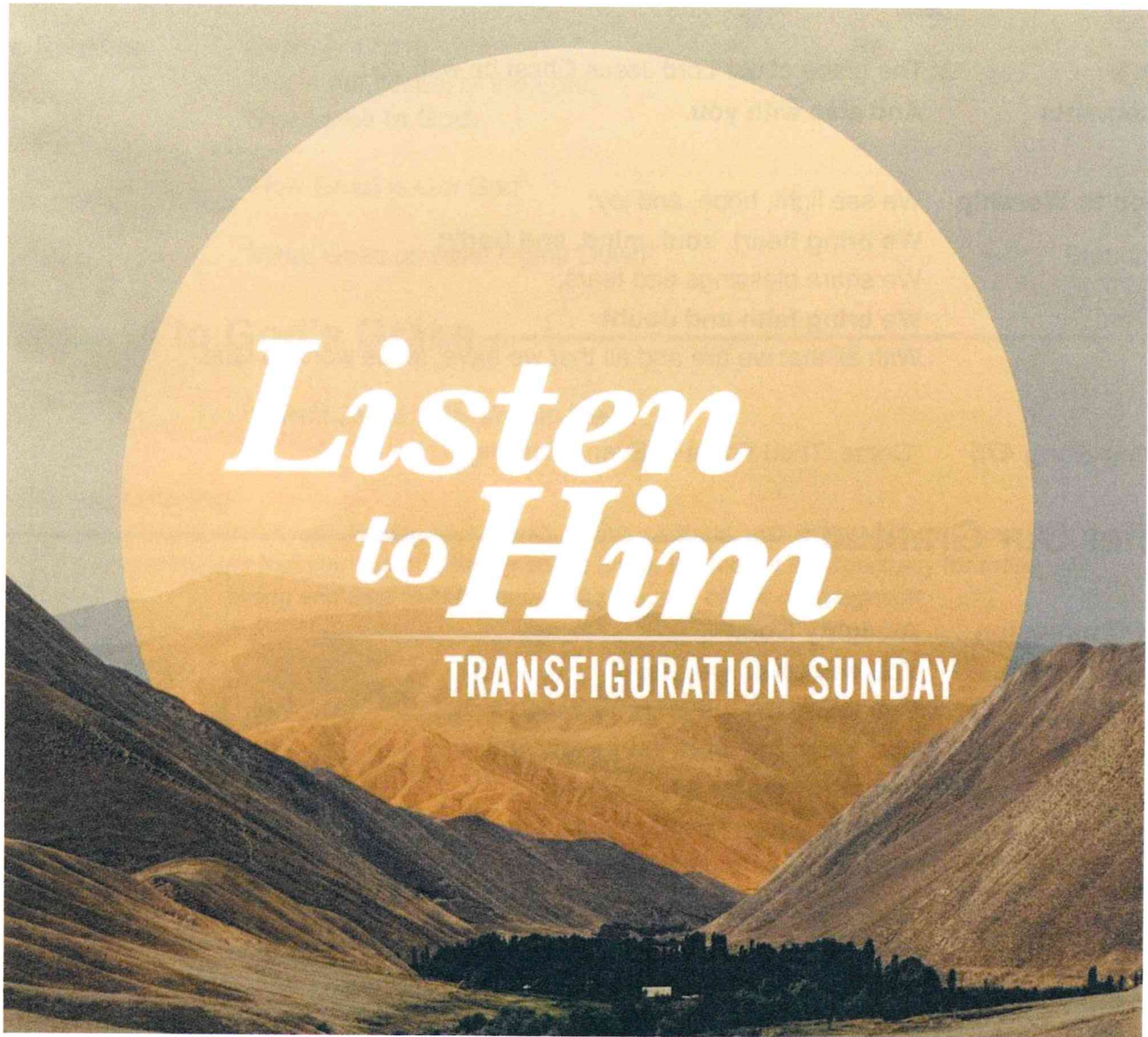


# UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**February 15, 2026**  
**Transfiguration of the Lord**



"It's the beauty within us that makes it possible for us to recognize the beauty around us."  
~ Joan Chittister

**Sunday Worship**  
**10:00 am**

**Office Hours**  
**Tuesday – Friday**  
**8:30 am – 12 Noon, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm**  
**541-926-5551**



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## We Gather in God's Name

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### Prelude

*You are invited to make the transition from getting here to being here. Be still and know that God is God.  
We are claimed by Christ in the waters of baptism; the light of Christ shines in our lives and in the world.*

### Welcome & Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### + Invitation to Worship

We see light, hope, and joy;  
**We bring heart, soul, mind, and body;**  
We share blessings and fears;  
**We bring faith and doubt.**  
With all that we are and all that we have, let us worship God.

### + Gathering Song 475

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

## We Offer Our Gratitude

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### Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God,  
You see us as we are.  
You know the ways we've fallen short.  
You know the work we've left undone,  
the mercy we've left ungiven,  
the love we've left unshared,  
the peace we've left unmade.  
Give us courage to see clearly.  
Give us strength to do our part.  
Give us grace to forgive others and ourselves.  
Give us faith to follow you.  
You know who we are.  
Help us to see who we might be.  
Amen.**

Rich Sipe

*Silent prayer and reflection*

### Sung Response 452

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

### + Sharing the Peace of Christ

May the peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
*As you are willing and able, please greet one another with signs of peace.*

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## We Listen & Receive

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### Time with the Young Church

*Children of all ages are invited to come forward.*

*Nursery and Children's Worship info is on the back of the bulletin.*

### Scripture Reading

Matthew 17:1-9

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem

"How Great is Our God"

### Sermon

"What Goes up Must Come Down"

Brandon Lewis

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## We Respond to God's Grace

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### Hymn 775

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

### Invitation to the Offering

*We are grateful for your sharing part of your Sunday with us, and for the gifts of time, talent, and treasure that you share. Offering boxes are at the rear of the sanctuary for those willing and able to help support the ministry of this congregation.*

### Offertory

### + Presentation of Gifts & Hymn 717

"For the Life That You Have Given"

### Sharing Joys & Concerns

*At the conclusion of spoken joys and concerns, let us pray together:*  
*God, in your grace,*  
***Hear our prayer.***

### Prayers of the People & 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.**

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## We Are Sent in God's Love

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### + Closing Hymn 643

"Now Thank We All Our God"

### + Benediction

### Postlude



## Welcome

We are delighted that you have added to the joy of worship this morning at United Presbyterian Church. We proclaim that ALL people are created in the image of God and affirm that each person is a beloved child of God, worthy of God's love and grace. We welcome all, celebrating our differences while finding unity in Jesus Christ. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey - whatever grief, joy, or doubts you may bring today—you are welcome here.

## Announcements

**February's Shopping Cart Mission:** Albany Public Schools Foundation — **Peely's Teacher Supply House:** <https://albanypsf.org/what-we-do/resource-center/donations>. Please donate art supplies so that the children in the public schools can be creative! They need construction paper, watercolor paints, paint brushes, colored pencils, stamp & ink pads, felt, yarn, feathers, puff balls, pipe cleaners and popsicle sticks. **Must be new, unused and unopened. Thank you!**

**Scotland Tour Presentation:** If you missed the first presentation about the fabulous Scotland trip that the church group took last May, you have one last chance to hear Tami's presentation right after service on **Sunday, March 1 in Booth Hall!**

## Upcoming Events

<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	<b>February 15</b> Worship Valentine's Tea Session Meeting (zoom)
<b>Tuesday</b> 10:00 a.m.	<b>February 17</b> Sabbath Circle Book Study
<b>Wednesday</b> 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	<b>February 18</b> Youth Group Ash Wednesday Service Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday</b> 11:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	<b>February 19</b> YOGA Women's Book Study Linn Benton Food Share
<b>Friday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>February 20</b> 4H Meeting—Melissa Williams

## Serving Today

Thank you to all who served in worship today.

**Liturgist** — Rich Sipe

**Ushers** — Linda Cameron, Elaine Chapman, Billie Jo Cruzan and Peter Troedsson

**Coffee Hour**—Gathering Committee

**Children's Programs** - Logan Breese, Liisa Reid, Hillary Lewis, Melissa Sipe, Aleena Chappel and Denise Alejandre.

## Children's Programs

We are thrilled that you have chosen to bring your family to worship with ours! We believe children soak up the love of God even when they draw and color, read and create, or rest their head in your lap. Please feel welcome to visit our Children's Space located in the Round Room in the back of the sanctuary.

### Children's Nursery (Age 0 – 4 yrs)

This is open for infants to 4 years old. In this age, we help guide these curious minds in play and encourage exploration in their environment.

### Godly Play (Age 5 – 9 yrs)

Godly play is for children 5 - 9 years old. This is where the children learn about God through stories and explore their own thoughts by having free choice of activities that include a variety of crafts, art, song, and games.

### Creative Minds (10 yrs +)

This program is for the youth 10 years old and up in the congregation. Creative Minds uses a combination of technology (such as Minecraft), different art media, games, and service projects to explore their relationship with God, encourage them to grow in their faith, spirituality, and community.

## Local Outreach | Ways to Serve

**Linn Benton Food Share**—Packing boxes of food for families who suffer from food insecurities. The next time will be **TBD at 5:00 - 7:00 pm** at the Linn Benton Food Share Warehouse, 33900 Looney Ln., Tangent, OR 97389.

## Prayers & Praise

**Please send prayers of comfort and healing for:**

Nancy & Steve Hammond's daughter, Leslie  
Tom Fellows  
Nancy Goode  
Chrys Hulshof  
Nancy Schalles & Family  
Caryl Thomas & Family

### CHURCH STAFF

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