



A Service of Worship
Transfiguration of the Lord
February 15, 2026
10:10 a.m., Sanctuary & Livestream

We Gather

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Prelude	<i>Hymn to Joy</i>	Michael Burkhardt
Welcome and Concerns of the Church		Dr. Sandy Hull
	The Lord be with you. And also with you!	
Introit	<i>Nightfall</i> Will Hollingsworth, piano	Jennifer Eklund
Call to Worship (from Psalm 103)		Mia Smigiel
One: Bless the Lord, O my soul!	All that is within me, bless God's holy name!	
All: Bless the Lord, O my soul!	Do not forget all his benefits!	
One: As the heavens are high above the earth,	so great is the Lord's steadfast love	
	for those who fear him.	
All: As far as the east is from the west,	so far the Lord removes our transgressions from us.	
One: Bless the Lord, O my soul!		
All: Bless the Lord, O my soul!		
One: Let us worship God!		
*Hymn 12	<i>Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise</i>	ST. DENIO

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Rev. Lindsey Odom

Merciful God, by your Spirit you have made us one. But we confess that we are prone to judge one another. Pride and petty differences disrupt our relationships. We carry grudges and cherish resentments. Our need to be right supersedes our calling to be Christ-like. Forgive us, we humbly pray, and reshape us, individually and corporately, to live in unity and so to model your love for a love-starved world.

Assurance of God's Grace

Rev. Odom

***Response of Praise**

No. 582, stanza 1

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,

*and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

We Hear and Respond to the Word

Church Family Moment

Rebecca Guzman

1. **Story Connection:** [Watch](#) *Draw the Line* by Kathryn Otoshi. This is a **wordless book** that tells its story entirely through pictures. It invites us to think about conflict, listening, boundaries, and working things out with one another—just as Jesus teaches in today's scripture. A helpful activity guide can be found [here](#).
2. **Work Together:** Try a cooperative activity such as completing a puzzle together or creating a shared drawing. Notice how listening, patience, and teamwork help the task go more smoothly. Talk about how these same skills can help repair relationships when there is conflict.
3. **Craft** Create a simple calm-down jar using a clear container, water, glitter, and a little glue. Shake it up and watch the glitter slowly settle. This can be a reminder that taking time to calm down often helps us speak kindly and work through problems more peacefully.
4. **Wonder Together:**
 - a. I wonder why Jesus said to go directly to the person you are upset with.
 - b. I wonder how it feels when someone talks with you instead of about you.
 - c. I wonder what helps you calm down when you are angry or hurt.
 - d. I wonder how we can practice being kind and honest this week.



Children's Liturgy

Rebecca Guzman

*As the children four years old through third grade gather for
Children's Worship, the congregation is invited to sing (hymn no. 19):*

***God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things belong,
Alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.***

Congregation: God be with you there.

Children: God be with you here.

The children will return to join their families following the sermon.

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Odom

First Reading

Romans 12:9-18

Rev. Odom

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing

honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

Anthem *Praise the One Who Makes Us One* Tom Trenney
Chancel Choir; Ann Carney, piano

*Praise the One who break the darkness with a liberating light.
Praise the One who frees the prisoners turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel, curing every dread disease.
Calming storms, and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.
Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word.
Praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing two-edged sword.
Praise the one who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand.
From this well comes living water, quenching thirst in every land.
Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.
Praise the One redeeming glory. Praise the One who makes us one.*

Second Reading Matthew 18:15-17 (NLT) Dr. Hull
“If another believer sins against you, go privately and point out the offense. If the other person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back. But if you are unsuccessful, take one or two others with you and go back again, so that everything you say may be confirmed by two or three witnesses. If the person still refuses to listen, take your case to the church. Then if he or she won’t accept the church’s decision, treat that person as a pagan or a corrupt tax collector.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon “Jesus’ Guidelines for Relationship Repair” Dr. Hull

***The Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*) Heidelberg Catechism
Rev. Melissa White

One: What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

All: My only comfort, in life and in death, is that I belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to myself, but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit,

he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. White

. . . (unison) **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.**

Offering Invitation

Rev. White

Offertory

Glorious Celebration

Cynthia Dobrinski

Chancel Ringers

As an alternative to the traditional offering plate, you may support the ministry of SMPC by giving online at www.smpchome.org/give or texting SMPC to 73256.

*Doxology

No. 606

***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. Amen.***

*Prayer of Dedication

Lilliana Smigiel

Gracious God, you created us in your image and for life together. You call us into relationships shaped by honesty, care, and faithfulness. Receive these gifts, and our lives as signs of our gratitude and trust. Use what we bring and who we are to build communities that reflect your love. Through Christ, our guide and teacher. Amen.

We Go Out to Serve

*Hymn

We Are Marching in the Light of God

SIYAHAMBA

***We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.***

We are marching, marching, we are marching.

We are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, marching, we are marching.

We are marching in the light of God.

2. We are praying in the light of God...

3. We are serving in the light of God...

4. We are singing in the light of God...

*Charge and Benediction

Dr. Hull

*Congregational Response

We are living in the light of God...

Worship Service Notes

Leading Worship this Morning

Dr. Sandy Hull, Transitional Pastor
Rev. Lindsey Odom, Associate Pastor of Youth & Missions/Outreach
Rev. Melissa White, Parish Associate for Congregational Care & Connection
Zach Bowyer, Director of Music & Organist
Rebecca Guzman, Director of Spiritual Formation
Chancel Choir
Chancel Ringers
Ann Carney Will Hollingsworth and Blythe Kinsey, piano
Mark Janney, guitar
Lilliana Smigiel, Mia Smigiel, liturgists

A/V Team: Mary Katheryne Zagora, Michael Zagora

Ushers: Dean Elledge, Mary Elledge, Curt Ireland, Tom Klecker, Charlie Metzler, Jim Williams

Welcome Team: Mary Elledge, Amy Zagora

Today we complete the three-sermon series, "Building Beautiful Relationships."

Part One of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) is the Book of Confessions, comprising twelve faith statements from many places and many times in the history of the Christian Church. The Heidelberg Catechism was composed in sixteenth-century Germany to help unify Lutheran Christians and Reformed Christians.

Join the Welcome Team! Our Welcome Team members are often the first point of contact for those attending our worship services and special events. Friendly faces are always welcome to serve! Sign up via QR code. Contact: Kathy Galati, kathyhg118@yahoo.com.



Welcome to South Mecklenburg Presbyterian Church! If you are joining us in person or online, are a first-time visitor, a long-term member, or anything in between, we are glad that you are worshiping with us and we want to stay connected with you. To receive our emails, sent on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, contact Adrienne Jaquith, Office and Database Manager, adrienne@smpchome.org. Also, find us on Instagram: @southmeckpres and Facebook: @southmecklenburgpresbyterian.

Interested in joining South Mecklenburg Presbyterian Church? Our Session will gather to welcome new members Sunday, February 22, at 11:30 a.m. To learn more, contact Rev. Melissa White, Parish Associate, melissa@smpchome.org or 704-887-7488.

Congregational Notes (as of February 12, 2025)

Remember in Prayer

- Bob and Joan Warf as they navigate medical concerns.
- Vonda and David Huss and Vonda's family as her sister, Charlotte Vick, entered the Church triumphant on February 9.
- All those affected by conflict, displacement, and unrest around the world and at home.
- Our mission partners in Bayonnais, Haiti, that God's peace, protection and justice may prevail amid the crisis, chaos, and despair engulfing their country.

To join the prayer chain or send a prayer request:

prayer@SMPChome.org.

Church Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Friday: Closed

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WELCOME!

After worship, we hope you'll join us for lemonade and cookies near Coffee Grounds. Come meet friends old and new! Registry pads are located in your pews. Please sign and pass to your neighbor and perhaps introduce yourself to someone new!

THIS WEEK'S CLASSES & EVENTS

today
FEB. 15
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
SMPC Youth Lenten Lunch
Mecklenburg Hall, Middle and High Schoolers
We'll have lunch and Lenten learning stations and activities. All are welcome - bring a friend! Contact: Lindsey Odom, lindsey@smpchome.org.

today
FEB. 15
various times
Room in the Inn
Sardis Presbyterian Church
Volunteers will help with dinner, overnight stays or breakfast and cleanup. Sign up for the next chance to serve, March 1, via QR code. Contact: Lindsey Odom, lindsey@smpchome.org.



tuesday
FEB. 17
10:00 a.m.
Handiworkers Group
Palmer Building, Room 104
All levels of knitters, needlepointers, quilters, cross-stitchers and crocheters are invited. This group meets weekly to work on projects. Contact: Judy Jameson, jgjameson@gmail.com.

tuesday
FEB. 17
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Mecklenburg Hall, All Ages
Bring your family and friends for a pancake feast as we prepare to journey through the Lenten season together. We will collect food donations to support our Center of Hope ministry. \$5/person (maximum family cost of \$20). Register on Realm. Contact: Melissa White, melissa@smpchome.org.



Ash Wednesday Drive-Through Ashes - February 18, 7:30-9:15 a.m., Church Parking Lot
Worship & Communion - February 18, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary and Livestream; Childcare provided for ages 3 and under.

wednesday
FEB. 18
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Pastor's Wednesday Morning Bible Study
McQueen Room or Zoom
Transitional Pastor Sandy Hull leads this study that meets weekly. The group is discussing the book of Ephesians. All are welcome! If you would like to join by Zoom, please contact Adrienne Jaquith, adrienne@smpchome.org.

thursday
FEB. 19
11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
SMPC Preschool Fundraiser at Brixx Pizza Blakeney
All Day
For every child's meal purchased, the school will get \$1 and for every adult meal purchased the school will get \$4. Download and show flyer (scan QR code). Dine-in or carryout. Contact: Tammy Winchip, tammy@smpchome.org.



thursday
FEB. 19
12:30 p.m.
Food for Thought Book Group
McQueen Room
This group is reading *James* by Percival Everett. All are welcome! Contact: Kathy Paquette, khesspaquette@aol.com.

thursday
FEB. 19
6:00 p.m.
International Dining Group
That's Amore, 2018 Bridgemill Drive, Indian Land
All are welcome to join this group that loves to eat out! Register on Realm or via QR code. Contact: Carol Roan



thursday
FEB. 19
7:30 p.m.

**Making Space Mom's Group & Rain or Shine
Chapel 206**

These two small groups are combining until the end of May for a study called *Parables* by Josh Scott. Moms of all ages are invited to join in - new faces are always welcome at the table! Contact: Rebecca Guzman, rebecca@smpchome.org.

friday
FEB. 20
7:30 a.m. -
8:30 a.m.

**Friday Morning Men's Group
Chapel 206**

This group meets on the first and third Fridays of every month for study and fellowship. All are welcome. Contact: Curt Ireland, irelandcurtis00@gmail.com.

saturday
FEB. 21
5:15 a.m.

**Center of Hope Breakfast
Meet at SMPC at 5:15 a.m.**

On the third Saturday of each month, SMPC preps, cooks and serves breakfast for guests at the Center of Hope. They are back to the church around 9:15 a.m. Food donations are due Thursday, February 19. Monetary donations are always welcome. Sign up via QR code. Contact: Lee Martin, leewilsonmartin@gmail.com.



sunday
FEB. 22
9:00 a.m. -
10:00 a.m.

**All-Church Serves and Learns - Time Out Youth
Mecklenburg Hall, All Ages**

Join us for an all-ages service and learning opportunity as we partner with Time Out Youth. We will welcome their team for hands-on mission, education and connection. We are collecting full-size hygiene products for their Life Essentials Closet and will assemble hygiene kits! Register on Realm. Contact: Lindsey Odom, lindsey@smpchome.org.



sunday
FEB. 22
9:00 a.m. -
10:00 a.m.

**Adult Study: 'Meeting Jesus at the Table: A Lenten Study'
McQueen Room or Zoom**

A seven-week study with *Meeting Jesus at the Table: A Lenten Study* that provides Biblical insights along with thought-provoking queries regarding our own time, such as whom should we invite to Sunday dinner and who is left out and left behind in our culture today. Register on Realm. Contact: Melissa White, melissa@smpchome.org.

sunday
FEB. 22
11:30 a.m. -
1:00 p.m.

**SMPC Youth Pizza and Paint Party
Mecklenburg Hall, Middle and High Schoolers**

We'll paint a ceramic heart ornament and have a devotion on love. We'll also enjoy pizza and snacks! Register on Realm. Contact: Lindsey Odom, lindsey@smpchome.org.

sunday
FEB. 22
3:00 p.m. -
5:00 p.m.

Community Safety Training: 'How Will I Survive an Active Shooting', SMPC Sanctuary

A free safety training led by CMPD. Designed to empower participants with practical, option-based skills to help them respond to a violent incident and stay safe until law enforcement arrives. The info shared applies to many settings—including places of worship, workplaces, schools, and public spaces. The presentation is high-energy and interactive, with demonstrations and discussion. There are no hands-on training situations or surprise scenarios. All are invited - friends welcome. RSVP via QR code. Contact: Adrienne Jaquith, adrienne@smpchome.org.



sunday
FEB. 22
5:00 p.m. -
6:30 p.m.

**BAM! Bible and Music
Meet in Narthex, Ages K-5th Grade**

BAM! is our Sunday evening program for children in kindergarten through 5th grade. Please register on Realm so we know how much pizza to order! Contact: Rebecca Guzman, rebecca@smpchome.org.

'Living the Life' - Lent at SMPC

Join us this Lent as we focus on spiritual practices - what they are and why they're an important part of our faith journeys. Scan the QR code for information on Lenten studies, fellowship, service and more.

