



## FOX CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*As a community of Christ's disciples, we joyfully participate in Christ's mission of love and peace, transformation and hope.*

FEBRUARY 15, 2026 – 8:15AM

Art: The Transfiguration by Charles Pabst

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from prayer by Rev. Dr. Howard Thurman

Lord, open unto us, **Light for our darkness.**  
Open unto us, **Courage for our fear.**  
Open unto us, **Hope for our despair.**  
Open unto us, **Peace for our turmoil.**  
Open unto us, **Joy for our sorrow.**  
Open unto us, **Strength for our weakness.**  
Open unto us, **Wisdom for our confusion.**  
Open unto us, **Forgiveness for our sin.**  
Open unto us, **Love for our hates.**  
Open unto us, **Yourself for ourselves.**  
Lord, Lord, open unto us! **Amen.**

### \*HYMN 756

*O God of Every Nation*

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### INVITATION TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of love and justice, we have all too often lived by our own selfish impulses rather than by the sacrificial love revealed by Christ. We often give in order to receive. We love our friends and hate our enemies. We go the first mile but dare not travel the second.**

**Spirit, in all we do and all we are, help us to keep moving forward; seeing that the time is always right to do the right thing. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*All are invited to exchange signs of reconciliation and peace with others.*

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (OT, pg. 186)

2 Peter 1:16-18 (NT, pg. 236)

Matthew 17:1-8 (NT, pg. 18)

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

For Love of God and Country

Rev. Dr. Jim Gilchrist

## OFFERING

*Please complete a Connect Card and place it in the offering plate.*

## \*DOXOLOGY

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***Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

## SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## 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.**

## SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## \*HYMN 340

*This is My Song*

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## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## \*POSTLUDE

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*\* Please stand as you are able.*

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## Participants Today

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