

**EDISTO ISLAND  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY  
FEBRUARY 15, 2026**



**“This is my Son, the Beloved, with him I am well pleased; listen to him. When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome with fear.**

**But Jesus came and touched them, saying, ‘Get up and do not be afraid.’ ”**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026**  
**TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY**

**PRELUDE**

“Ode to Joy”

Beethoven

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

“Holy Ground”

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

God calls us up the mountain,  
where the light of Christ breaks through our ordinary days.  
We come, like Peter, James, and John,  
seeking clarity, strength, and a word that is true.  
A cloud surrounds us, a voice speaks,  
and we bow in awe before the Holy One.  
Rise, people of God—Christ is here.  
Let us worship the Lord in holy fear and joyful hope.

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.  
Let us pray.

Holy and Transfiguring God, you reveal your glory in the face of Jesus Christ and call us to listen to him. Draw near to us as we gather at Edisto Island UMC. Shine your light into our shadows, steady our trembling hearts, and prepare us for the journey down the mountain to serve you in the world you love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*HYMN #371**

“I Stand Amazed in the Presence” (v. 1, 3, 5)

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON**

God of glory and truth, we confess that we often prefer a manageable God—a God who fits our expectations, a God who does not disturb our routines. When your presence overwhelms us, we turn away in fear. When your voice calls us to change, we resist. When your light exposes our sin, we hide. Forgive us. Touch us as Jesus touched the disciples, lift us to our feet, and give us courage to follow your Son down the mountain and into the world. Amen.

(Let us confess our sins in silence.)

Hear the good news: The same Christ who shines in glory also reaches out in mercy. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**In Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**God of dazzling light, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, open our eyes to behold your glory and open our ears to hear your command: "This is my beloved Son; listen to him."**

**Transform us by your Spirit, that we may reflect Christ's light in all we do. Amen.**

### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Exodus 24: 12-18 (Pew Bible OT, p. 68)

### **THE PSALTER #819**

Psalms 99

### **NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

2 Peter 1: 16-21 (NT, p. 222)

### **\*GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 17: 1-9 (NT, pp. 17, 18)

### **SERMON**

"Fear Factor"

### **\*HYMN #176**

"Majesty"

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **GOD'S GIFTS AND OUR TITHES**

### **ANTHEM**

"How Majestic Is Your Name"

### **\*DOXOLOGY #95**

### **\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**Radiant God, you reveal your glory in Christ and invite us to share in his mission. Receive these gifts, and use them to shine your light through the ministries of this church. Make us generous in love, bold in service, and joyful in giving. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **\*HYMN #258**

"O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair" (Tune: Duke Street, UMH p. 157)

### **\*SENDING FORTH & BENEDICTION**

**Go down the mountain with courage. The God who dazzles also guides. The Christ who shines also touches and lifts up. The Spirit who overshadows also empowers. Go in holy fear and holy joy, to love and serve the Lord. Amen.**

This morning's flowers are offered to the glory of God  
by Steve and Connie Strange.

**Participating in Worship Today:**

Steve Strange and Harriett Tindall

**February 8, 2025:**

Worship Attendance: 28    Last Week's Giving: \$3,284.90

Dylan Rearden, Ann Bond, Lacey Reeves, Mike  
Wyndham, Kayne Gantt, Bob Spratlin, Jane Loy, Evan  
McMillan, Donna Padgett, Laura & Jim Emory,  
Ethelynn Boozer & Family, Nancy Culclasure, Lauren  
(Donna's niece), Dale Steele, Margaret Steele, Thomas  
Tindall, Buff Yelton, Dawn & Berry Wren



**Nancie's Clothes Closet**

Mondays 10:00am-1:00pm & 2:00pm-5:00pm

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner    Fellowship Hall    6:00pm

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

Ash Wednesday Service    Sanctuary    10:00am

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

Lenten Study    Fellowship Hall    2:00pm

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8**

Fellowship Brunch    Fellowship Hall    (after service)

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# Good Tide-ings

Edisto Island United Methodist Church  
8193 Palmetto Road

Transfiguration Sunday  
February 15, 2026

## UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY MORNING  
WORSHIP SERVICES – 10:00am

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12  
Godwin-Pate Circle Meeting  
Fellowship Hall  
9:30 Social Time, 10:00 Meeting

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16  
Nancie's Clothes Closet  
10:00am-1:00pm & 2:00pm -5:00pm

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## “Fear Factor”

(No, Not the TV Game Show!)  
Transfiguration Sunday

The Transfiguration story in Matthew 17:1–9 gives us one of Scripture’s most breathtaking moments: Jesus shining like the sun, Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and the very voice of God thundering from a cloud. But the detail we often skip past is the disciples’ reaction. They fall on their faces, terrified.

That fear is not a failure of faith. It is the natural human response to encountering the living God.

This Sunday, we explore what one pastor calls the church’s identity as a “fellowship of fear.” Not fear as entertainment, not fear as a stunt or a challenge, but the holy awe that comes when God refuses to stay safely inside our expectations. When God speaks, commands, redirects, and reveals—people tremble. And yet, in the same breath, Jesus reaches out, touches the disciples, and says, “Rise, and have no fear.”

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At Edisto Island UMC, this is our rhythm, too. We gather to listen for God's voice, even when it unsettles us. We acknowledge the fear that comes with real transformation. And we trust the grace that steadies us when the holy feels overwhelming.

This week's sermon, "Fear Factor," invites us to see fear not as something to avoid, but as something God can use to shape us. The Transfiguration prepares the disciples for the journey down the mountain—toward service, sacrifice, and the cross. In the same way, worship prepares us for the week ahead, forming us into people who can follow Jesus with courage.

Come ready to listen.

Come ready to tremble a little.

Come ready to rise at Christ's touch.

Worship begins at 10:00 AM. All are welcome.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Len Ripley

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LIVE on YouTube.  
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## **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

8<sup>th</sup>: Patsy Ackerman

25<sup>th</sup>: Lorraine Bonura

## **FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Scott & Nina Epps

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Dylan Rearden

Lacey Reeves

Mike Wyndham

Kayne Gantt

Bob Spratlin

Jane Loy

Connie Strange

Evan McMillan

Donna Padgett

Laura & Jim Emory

Ethelynn Boozer & Family

Nancy Culclasure

Lauren (Donna's niece)

Dale Steele

Margaret Steele

Thomas Tindall

Buff Yelton

Dawn & Berry Wren

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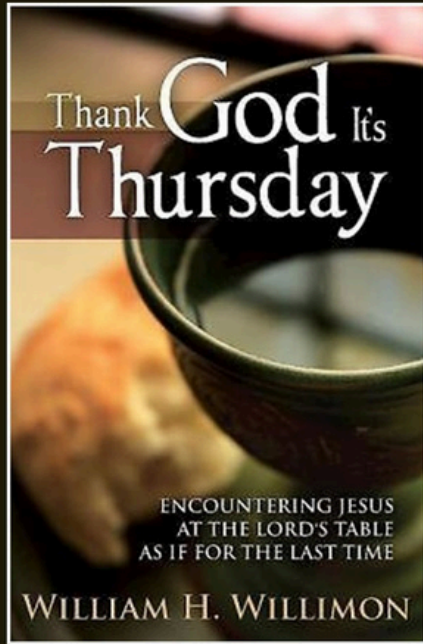
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Please submit prayer requests and information to include in the weekly bulletin and newsletter via email to UMCEdisto@yahoo.com by noon on Wednesday of each week.

# LENTEN STUDY BEGINS FEBRUARY 19

## EDISTO ISLAND United Methodist Church Lenten Study



Dates and Time  
Thursdays at 2:00 PM  
February 19, 26  
March 5, 12, 19

Our Lenten study begins on Thursday, February 19, at 2pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be reading from *Thank God It's Thursday* by Will Willimon.

He is the Professor of the Practice of Christian Ministry at Duke University Divinity School, retired bishop of the North Alabama Conference of The United Methodist Church, and former Dean of the Chapel at Duke University.

Copies are available for pickup in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend. If you plan to attend, please read the introduction and Chapter One prior to the study.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Usher/Greeter/Acolyte
- Weekly flowers for the sanctuary
- Monthly fellowship brunch
- Monthly Communion server
- Monthly Scripture reader

## IMPORTANT WEATHER REMINDER

It looks like we are in the clear for the foreseeable future. But be sure to continue to check your emails from the church for weather updates as they might possibly be needed!