



# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

## FEBRUARY 22, 2026

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We welcome all who are visiting with us today.  
It is good to have you in worship with us. Please introduce yourself to  
Pastor Phil this morning and let us know if there is any way  
we might be of service to you or your family.

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**Silent Reflection:** "Resist the temptation to subject yourself only to that which reaffirms what you already think." ~ Jake Tapper

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

### PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: We have entered into the season of Lent.  
Sundays, however, are not a part of Lent.

**ALL: We have entered a wilderness time.**  
**Yet this day of worship is an oasis in the desert.**

ONE: We are here to worship the God of all creation.  
We gather to remember God's revelation in Jesus.

**ALL: Today we revisit the garden of Eden.**  
**We remember God's overflowing generosity.**

ONE: We worship God, who gives us choices and limits.  
Are we open to God's counsel and instruction?

**ALL: Today we remember the temptations Jesus faced.**  
**We want to learn to make good choices.**

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**CALL TO CONFESSION****PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)

Heavenly creator, we know that Lent is a hard time for us. In a culture that showcases material success, you call us to sacrifice ourselves for others. In a world that promotes power, you invite us to deny ourselves. In a society which encourages selfishness, you point us to focus upon the struggles and burdens of our sisters and brothers. By your mercy, O God, forgive us. Remind us that as we journey with Jesus, we learn the steps of discipleship. As we listen to his call of obedience, we learn to say 'no' to that which tempts us. And as we see his suffering, we live out the good news of your grace and love. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON****GLORIA PATRI**

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**A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US** (*Skip if no children are in attendance*)**Prayer for the children** (*unison*):

**We send blessings upon our children for all God's love,  
all Christ's friendship and all the caring of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Song Response**

*Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power,  
send us grace.*

**SCRIPTURE:**

Psalm 32

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

**HYMN***Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*

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**SERMON****HYMN***Amazing Grace*

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**INVITATION TO OFFERING****DOXOLOGY:**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly hosts; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (*unison*)

By your surprising grace, O God, our eyes are opened, our ears unstopped, our hearts attuned to the needs of others. We give so more people may know your acceptance and forgiveness. We support the ministry of preaching, teaching, and healing among us and through the outreach of the church. Expand our horizons, we pray, and tear down the limits of our caring. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF OUR CHURCH/SILENT PRAYERS/LORD'S PRAYER****PRAYER RESPONSE**

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face;  
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.*

**\* HYMN***Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

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**BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE**

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# CHURCH ATTENDANCE, FEBRUARY 15, 2026

St. John's – 12 St. Jacob – 23

## CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastor's office hours: Tuesday through Thursday: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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## SERVING YOU TODAY

Council Person	Cathy Frutiger
Liturgist	Angie Imming
Accompanist:	Melody Hollis

## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

**St. John's:** Roger Baer, Kenzie Barker, Wally Foxworthy, Nancy McCaw, and Sean & Dustin, sons of Margie & Wally Foxworthy

**St. Jacob:** Carol Casperson, Rich Erwin, Lori Foley, Melody Hollis, Norma Logsdon, Jackie Miller, Vernon Mendrip, Joanne Meyer, Taylor Ostrander, Kathy Ritter, David Schmidt, Jane Schmidt, and Olin Zweck

**IL South Conference:** Each week the churches of the Illinois South Conference are asked to pray for congregations and their pastors and other ministries of the UCC. This week we are asked to pray for:

### Church & Pastors

- St. Paul's UCC, Ohlman - Rev. Dr. Steve (Debbi) Nance
- St. Paul UCC, Okawville

### Retired Pastors

- Rev. Nancy Spier-Lee

## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

Tavey Duncan, Feb. 22  
Ryan Becker, Feb. 23  
Bruce Frank, Feb. 24  
Zach Lowe, Feb. 24  
Justin Huelsmann, Feb. 26  
Natalie Christ, *Feb. 29*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **LENTEN BIBLE STUDY**

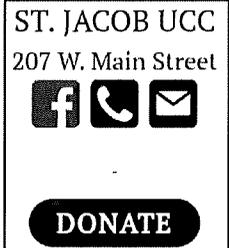
This year's Lenten Bible Study will be held each Wednesday, Feb. 25 – March 25 at 7 p.m., meeting in Heritage Hall.

### **WALK WITH GOD**

Come join our St. Jacob UCC walking group, called "Walk with God." Anyone who likes to take walks, be in nature and share in unity is encouraged to join us. We hope to get members of the church together a couple times a week to walk and be visible in the community. We will meet at the church and decide from there where we would like to walk. Days and times are to be determined by the participants. If you're interested in participating or for more information, contact the church office at 618-644-2142.

### **ON-LINE GIVING OPTION**

An on-line giving option is available on St. Jacob UCC's web site (<https://stjacobucc.org/>). There are two ways to access the on-line giving option: the first is the "DONATE" button located on the top-right corner of the "Home Page," and the second is by clicking on "RESOURCES" and then "DONATE." If you have any issues using the on-line giving option, please contact the church office at (618) 644-2142.



### **VOLUNTEER LITURGISTS AT ST. JACOB**

We are looking for volunteers willing to read scripture, no long-term commitment, just one Sunday at a time. Everyone from the congregation is invited to take part in helping lead worship. There is a sign-up sheet located on the table in the Narthex.

## **SNOW SHOVELING**

We still need volunteers at St. Jacob UCC to shovel the church sidewalks. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. Thank you.

## **INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTIFICATION**

In case of inclement weather, we have implemented the following procedure: No later than 8 a.m., Sunday morning there will be a message on the church answering machine (618-644-2142) stating whether church will be cancelled. Also, the cancellation of service will be posted on our Facebook page and Channel 5.

## **BEST CHOICE LABEL COLLECTION**

The ELFs organization is collecting Best Choice labels/UPC portion (proof of purchase). There is a box on the table in the Narthex to place the labels.

## **ST. JACOB UCC WORSHIP VIDEO STREAMING ISSUE**

Due to video streaming issues, St. Jacob UCC worship service is temporarily unavailable to view on-line.

## **FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS**

With the inflation these past few months, use of local food pantries has been high, and donations have been low. To help our communities we have a donation tub/box for food pantry donations in the sanctuary at St. John's and St. Jacob.

**Items for St. John's (For Lebanon Matthew 25:40 Ministries):**

**February Shopping list:** Canned stew, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, corn beef hash, canned soup, evaporated milk, Ramen noodles, powdered sugar, household cleaner, & body lotion

**March Shopping list:** Pancake mix, fruit juice, pancake syrup, canned fruit, cereal, mac & cheese, oatmeal, canned chili, laundry detergent, & dryer sheets

**Items for St. Jacob (Ministries Unlimited):** Pop-tarts, oatmeal, cheese cracker sandwiches, beef jerky, fruit cups, Vienna sausages, ketchup, mustard, broth, cooked ham, pasta sauce, jelly, pancake mix, & syrup

## **BLESSING BOX LOCATED AT ST. JACOB UCC**

The "Blessing Box" (located on the east side of St. Jacob UCC) can use donations of non-perishable food, hygiene products, and other items for those in need. Anyone can donate -- items are anonymously given and received. Please consider blessing our neighbors in need, and if you are in need, please feel free to stop by.

## FIRST LESSON: Psalm 32

The one whose wrongdoing is forgiven, whose sin is covered over, is truly happy! The one the Lord doesn't consider guilty – in whose spirit there is no dishonesty – that one is truly happy!

When I kept quiet, my bones wore out; I was groaning all day long – every day, every night! – because your hand was heavy upon me. My energy was sapped as if in a summer drought. So, I admitted my sin to you; I didn't conceal my guilt. "I'll confess my sins to the Lord," is what I said. Then you removed the guilt of my sin.

That's why all the faithful should pray to you during troubled times, so that a great flood of water won't reach them. You are my secret hideout! You protect me from trouble. You surround me with songs of rescue!

I will instruct you and teach you about the direction you should go. I'll advise you and keep my eye on you. Don't be like some senseless horse or mule, whose movement must be controlled with a bit and a bridle. Don't be anything like that! The pain of the wicked is severe, but faithful love surrounds the one who trusts the Lord. You who are righteous, rejoice in the Lord and be glad! All you whose hearts are right, sing out in joy!

## SECOND LESSON: Romans 5:12-19

Just as through one human being sin came into the world, and death came through sin, so death has come to everyone, since everyone has sinned. Although sin was in the world, since there was no Law, it wasn't taken into account until the Law came. But death ruled from Adam until Moses, even over those who didn't sin in the same way Adam did – Adam was a type of the one who was coming.

But the free gift of Christ isn't like Adam's failure. If many people died through what one person did wrong, God's grace is multiplied even more for many people with the gift – of the one person Jesus Christ – that comes through grace. The gift isn't like the consequences of one person's sin. The judgment that came from one person's sin led to punishment, but the free gift that came out of many failures led to the verdict of acquittal. If death ruled because of one person's failure, those who receive the multiplied grace and the gift of righteousness will even more certainly rule in life through the one person Jesus Christ.

So now the righteous requirements necessary for life are met for everyone through the righteous act of one person, just as judgment fell on everyone through the failure of one person. Many people were made righteous through the obedience of one person, just as many people were made sinners through the disobedience of one person.

## GOSPEL: Luke 20:27-38

Then the Spirit led Jesus up into the wilderness so that the devil might tempt him. After Jesus had fasted for forty days and forty nights, he was starving. The tempter came to him and said, "Since you are God's Son, command these stones to become bread."

Jesus replied, "It's written, People won't live only by bread, but by every word spoken by God."

After that the devil brought him into the holy city and stood him at the highest point of the temple. He said to him, "Since you are God's Son, throw yourself down; for it is written, I will command my angels concerning you, and they will take you up in their hands so that you won't hit your foot on a stone."

Jesus replied, "Again it's written, Don't test the Lord your God."

Then the devil brought him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. He said, "I'll give you all these if you bow down and worship me."

Jesus responded, "Go away, Satan, because it's written, *You will worship the Lord your God and serve only him.*" The devil left him, and angels came and took care of him.