

February 8, 2026

FRESH START

Salvation in the House



WELCOME

MESSAGE FOR GROWING CHRISTIANS

PRELUDE *Allegro di Molto*
C.P.E. Bach

SUNG RESPONSE No. 191, vs. 1
Jesus Loves Me

CALL TO WORSHIP
O God, teach us and empower us to be
courageous when we share your message -
the same way Jesus was and did.
Send us to those who are rejected and to
those who are in need -
**to know there is hope of love and
acceptance by God and by us.**

**Jesus loves me! This I know,
for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong;
they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

God, empower us to embrace and love the
rejected, those in need, those who have hurt
us, and the oppressed.

**God, anoint us to go into the highways of
the world to share your message of hope.**

ANTHEM *Zacchaeus*
Junior Choir

OPENING HYMN NO. 399
Take My Life, and Let it Be

OPENING PRAYER
**Almighty God, we confess we have fallen
short of our call to go into the world and share
your message. We have kept your word inside
our temples and homes instead of taking it
out to those who are oppressed and to those
who are oppressors. We have not consoled
the grieving. We have not supported those
who are suffering. Help us, O Jesus, to regain
our commitment to share your message the
way you did. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE Luke 19:1-10
He entered Jericho and was passing through
it. A man was there named Zacchaeus;
he was a chief tax collector and was
rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was,
but on account of the crowd he could not,
because he was short in stature. So he ran
ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see
him, because he was going to pass that
way. When Jesus came to the place, he
looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus,
hurry and come down, for I must stay at your
house today." So he hurried down and was
happy to welcome him. All who saw it began
to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the
guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus
stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half
of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor,
and if I have defrauded anyone of anything,
I will pay back four times as much." Then
Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come
to this house, because he, too, is a son of
Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek
out and to save the lost."

SIGNS OF PEACE AND UNITY IN CHRIST

PASSING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FOLDERS

MESSAGE

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PRAYER HYMN TFWs NO. 2152

Change My Heart, O God

TIME OF PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

You may give your offering by using the QR code on your screen, at umcwc.org, through the mail, by automated giving through Realm, or by dropping it off at our office. Thank you for your generosity.

OFFERTORY

Plenty Good Room

Arr. Kirby Shaw

Chancel Choir

OFFERING RESPONSE NO. 95

**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.**

OFFERING PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN NO. 140

Great is Thy Faithfulness

◆BENEDICTION

Go now, knowing that Christ has already come looking for you. May you hear his call by name, welcome grace into your life, and step forward ready to begin again. Go into the world restored and renewed, living the fresh start God offers to all. And may the love of God, the welcome of Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit guide you on the way. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Fugue in G Major

Buxtehude

Worship Participants

Message: Rev. Cyndi Stouffer

Liturgist: Rev. Allen Keller

Reader: Mike Grande

Message for Growing Christians: Tim Case

Chancel Choir and Junior Choir Director:

Jeannie Nelson

Organist: Steve Campitelli

Live Stream Team: Tim Case, CC Clark,

Brad Rush, Jacqueline Rush, Cory Smith

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Today, February 8

5:30 PM - Youth Family Super Bowl Party
(Youth Room)

Monday, February 9

10:00 PM - Coffee With the Pastor at
Gramm's Diner

2:00 pm - UWF Reading Program (Chapel)

7:00 PM - Digital Disciple I (via Zoom)

7:00 PM - Narcotics Anonymous (Fiesta Center)

7:00 PM - Boy Scouts (Rm 4)

Tuesday, February 10

1:00 PM - Sunshine Memory Café
(Fiesta Center)

Wednesday, February 11

7:30 AM - Men's Bible Study (Chapel)

9:30 AM - Women's Bible Study (Chapel)

5:45 PM - Wednesday Night Out Dinner

6:30 PM - Digital Disciple III (Chapel)

6:30 PM - Children's Choir (Rm 10)

7:30 PM - Carillon Choir (Rm 12)

Thursday, February 12

6:30 PM - Chancel Choir

Bold text indicates congregational response.

Education and Growth Opportunities

Sunday School for all ages is at 10:00 AM

Children's Sunday School (Rm 4-5)

Youth Sunday School (Youth Rm)

Adult Sunday School

Mustard Seed (Rm 12)

Seekers (Rm 7)

Upper Room (Chapel)

Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 9:30 AM

Men's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 7:30 AM

Youth Group

Sundays at 6:00 PM

PM

Pastor Jo Higgins Children's Library - Books for 1 year olds through teenagers. Located on the lower level.

Connection and Sharing Opportunities

Chancel Choir (Adults)

Thursdays at 6:30 PM

Children's Choir

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

Praise Team

Wednesdays at 7:15 PM

Carillon Choir

Wednesdays at 7:30 PM

Sunshine Memory Café

Tuesdays at 1:00 PM

A welcoming place for persons with memory loss and their care partner.

Coffee With the Pastor

2nd Monday, 10 AM, at

Gramm's Diner Wednesday Night Out Dinner

Wednesdays at 5:45 PM

Retired Men's Lunch Group

2nd Wednesday at 11:30 AM

United Women in Faith

1st Tuesday at 6:30 PM,

Sept-May

Circles meet at various times throughout the month.

Web Dance

1st Sunday of each month, 6:00 pm,

Sept-May

High school hosted themed dance party for adults with intellectual disabilities

Opportunities for Growth, Fellowship, and Service

ACT Now (formerly Act In Faith) - Items for their Community Cupboard can be dropped off at the table in the Gathering Area. Donations of paper towels, toilet paper, dish soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste, shampoo, all purpose cleaner, and laundry detergent are needed, as these items are not available at other cupboards.

Unused hotel toiletries needed - Items go to Ronald McDonald House, Safe Harbor, and Salvation Army. Place items in the basket by the elevator in the Gathering Area.

Stephen Ministry - Stephen Ministry is a one-to-one confidential lay caring ministry for people who are going through a tough time. If you would like more information about how one of our trained Stephen Ministers can walk with you during this time, contact Kelly Lynn (Kelly@umcwc.org).

PRAYER NEEDS - The full list of prayer concerns can be found on the round table in the Gathering Area. Requests are also sent through our "Prayer Link". To receive the prayer link contact Luanne Sims (lsimsumcwc@gmail.com). To submit a prayer request, please sign the form in the friendship folder or contact Pastor Cyndi (pastorcyndi@umcwc.org).

UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

Soup Sale! If you ordered spinach tortellini soup, please pick it up in the Gathering Area today. Orders are still being taken for chicken vegetable and also sausage with vegetables and beans (pick up date Feb. 22). Cost is \$10/quart. Order in the Gathering Area. Proceeds go to support the various UWF outreach and mission projects.

Lenten Devotional - We will be publishing a daily devotional book written by members of the congregation that you can use during your journey of Lent. Would you be willing to write one these short devotions based on a scripture that will be provided? You can see the scripture readings and sign up on our website - umcwc.org.

Ash Wednesday Worship Service - February 18, 7:00 pm at Willistown United Methodist Church. We will join the other churches from the West Chester UMC Missionlink.

Parking Tags - New parking tags for 2026 have been ordered and will be distributed as soon as we get them. Please continue to use the current tags until then.

Parish Hall Kitchen Fundraiser "Truffles & Bubbles" - Sunday, Feb. 15, 3-5 pm, Location: 10 W. Barnard St., \$100/person, \$150/couple. Roll and coat your own batch of truffles and enjoy your creations while sipping 3 bubbly pairings. Use the QR code for tickets.



Faith & Wellness -Connecting Communities with Care - February 21, 8:30 am-12 pm, St. Francis in the Fields Episcopal Church, 689 Sugartown Road, Malvern, PA. This morning workshop is geared to connect faith leaders with mental health wellness resources. Sponsored by NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) of Chester County. Highlights include: networking with community partners, Faith in Action Panel Discussion, Faith-leader roundtable discussions, presentations from behavioral health providers, resource tables, and practical strategies. The workshop is free. Information on how to register is on the round table in the Gathering Area or at namichescopa.org.