

**Offering**

**Call for the Offering**

**Offertory**      *On This Day of Joy and Gladness*  
Leroy J. Robertson

**\*Doxology**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

**\*Closing Hymn**      *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*      #835

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**      *Justice and Mercy*  
Steven Scott

*\*Please rise in body or spirit as you are able.*

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**Serving in Worship Today**

Rev. Ann Marie Quigley-Swanson  
Jay McElhenney, Liturgist  
Angela Grover, Time with Young Disciples  
Mary Beth Thomas, Chancel Choir Director  
Andy Phillips, Pianist  
Alex Gudmundsen, Organist  
Tech Team, Angel Candelaria, AV Tech Lead

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The flowers are given by Wanda Pounders to the glory of God and for the joy of worshipping at St. Mark.



**St. Mark Presbyterian Church**  
**Transfiguration of the Lord**  
**February 15, 2026**

**Prelude** *Adagio* Alex Gudmundsen  
arr. by Tom Birchwood

**Welcome** Rev. Ann Marie Quigley-Swanson

**Introit** *You Are Welcome Here* Chancel Choir  
Marty Parks

**\*Call to Worship** Jay McElhenney

One: We are looking for direction in life.

**All: We are searching for a love that lasts.**

One: We want to know the One who made us.

**All: We thirst for the fountain of life.**

One: Bring all your hopes and longings to this place,  
for God is big enough to hold us all.

**All: God's love embraces us, calms us, strengthens us. God's grace surprises us and causes us to sing.**

**\*Hymn** *When Morning Gilds the Skies (vs. 1-3)* #667

## Confession

**Call to Confession**

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

Searching God, we have wandered from home, gone off looking for something; some vague longing; something that thrills or excites; something that takes away this empty gnawing inside. We have wandered far, gotten lost, given up ever finding that which satisfies.

Loving God, you have been with us in the search, you have beckoned us home. You have prepared a table for us, a huge welcoming party. And all heaven rejoices. Thank you for seeking us again and again.

**Forgive us as we silently confess our sins and short-comings to you...**

*(Please take a moment for silent confession.)*

**Sung Petition** *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* #469

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Response** *Gloria Patri* #581

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

**Time with Young Disciples** Angela Grover

**Anthem** *Order My Steps*  
Glenn Burleigh

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Reading** James 4:7-10

**Sermon** Rev. Ann Marie Quigley-Swanson  
*Faith That Draws Near to God*

**\*Hymn** *God Be the Love to Search and Keep Me* #543

**\*Affirmation of Faith** *Taken from a Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA)*

**In life and in death we belong to God.**

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.**

**In sovereign love God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God's image  
male and female, of every race and people,  
to live as one community.**

**But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.**

**Ignoring God's commandments,  
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,  
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,  
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.  
We deserve God's condemnation.**

**Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.**

**Loving us still,**

**God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.**

**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven  
and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**