

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Offering/Doxology

arr. Larson

"The Lord is My Shepherd"
Resounding Joy

Offertory Prayer

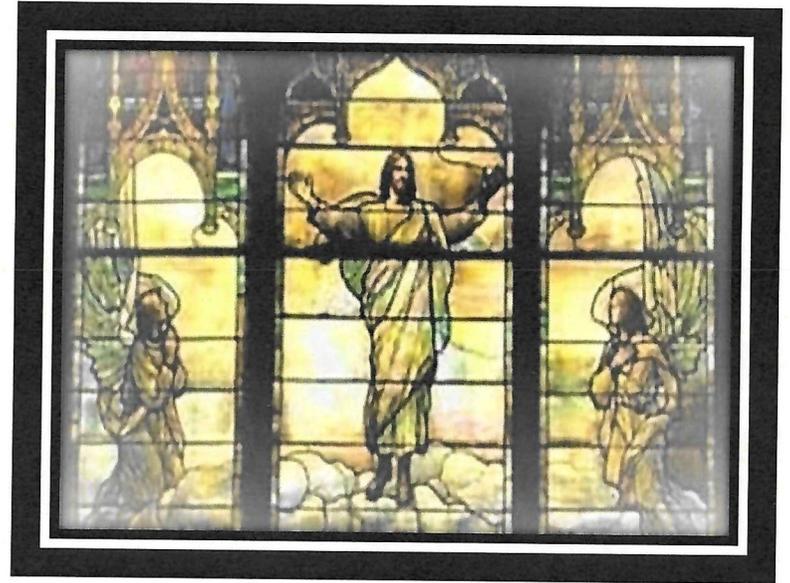
Passing the Peace

Hymn

"Pass It On"

UMH 572

*Benediction



**GATEWAY UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**

FEBRUARY 8, 2026

301 Diamond Street, Fairmont WV 26554

Rev. Nici Masters, Pastor

Music Coordinator – Bev Slagle

Bell Choir Director – Val Huffman

February Head Usher – Paul Phillips

Acolytes

Esme and Ollie Allen

Haeden and Kenslie Futton

Nora Rae Huffman

The Celebration of Worship

Let us worship the Spirit in silence – Be still and know that I am God

Order of Worship

Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship

L: Can you hear the voice of God?

All: We hear God calling us by name.

L: Are you troubled or distressed?

All: We come here to find a place to rest for awhile.

L: Come and find a guide who knows these lands.

All: We come to praise our Shepherding God, whose pathways and doors lead to life.

Opening Prayer

Shepherding God, bring us into your fold. Lead us beside still waters and restore our souls. Help us see the way we should go, the way we should live. Help us hear your voice calling our name. Enliven this time of worship, that we may find true life as we join with others: praising your name, celebrating your great goodness, and sharing your love for all people. Amen.

Children's Chat

Kelsie Lounsbury

Opening Hymn "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us" v1,3,4
UMH 381

Scripture Reading

John 10:11-18

11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. 13 The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. 14 "I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me-15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father-and I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. 17 The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life-only to take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

Sermon Scripture

Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing,. 2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, 3 he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. 4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me: your rod and your staff, they comfort me. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. 6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Sermon

"Guided in the Path of Righteousness"

Rev. Nici Master

Hymn

"He Leadeth Me" v1,3,4

UMH 128

Finance Committee Report

The finance committee recently met to finalize the 2026 budget. This was a difficult task as budget requests exceeded the church income. Significant cost savings have already been made in recent years by major reductions in our utility and office printing costs.

The major increase in cost involves the music program. During and after the COVID years, the Finance Committee removed most of the music department's salaries from the budget. With the return of the choir and live music, these salaries are being returned to the budget. If you would like to see these music functions continue, increased funding will be necessary.

If you make your weekly donation just on the Sundays you attend, remember church expenses keep occurring whether you are present or not.

Under Pastor Nici's leadership we have enjoyed a very significant growth in attendance. This growth provides the potential for significant upsizing in the budget funding.

We ask you to make prayerful consideration to your financial support of our church.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Bobby Bruckner, Bob Dicken, Faye Dodd, Rusty Freeland, Mary Beth Furbee, Carol Hall
Linda Lomicka, Charlotte Merriman, Sally Morrison, Nicole Oleska, Dan Ross
Madalee Wilson

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 8 – Prayer Meeting – 11:00am
February 9 – Yoga – Asbury Hall – 10:00am
February 15 – Pasta Dinner
February 18 – Ash Wednesday – 7:00pm

FEBRUARY ATTENDANCE

February 1 – 56
February 8 –
February 15 –
February 22 –

Souper Bowl Contest -January 25 thru February 15

The Mary Priscilla Women's group is sponsoring a Souper Bowl contest. It's women against the men to see who will bring in the most nonperishable food from January 25th thru February 15th. All donations will go to the Fairmont State student food bank. Last year the women won – let's see if they can keep the title or will the men take it??

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Loose Change/Food Pantry Collection

Loose change (coins only) – Honey Bags
February Food Pantry – canned meat