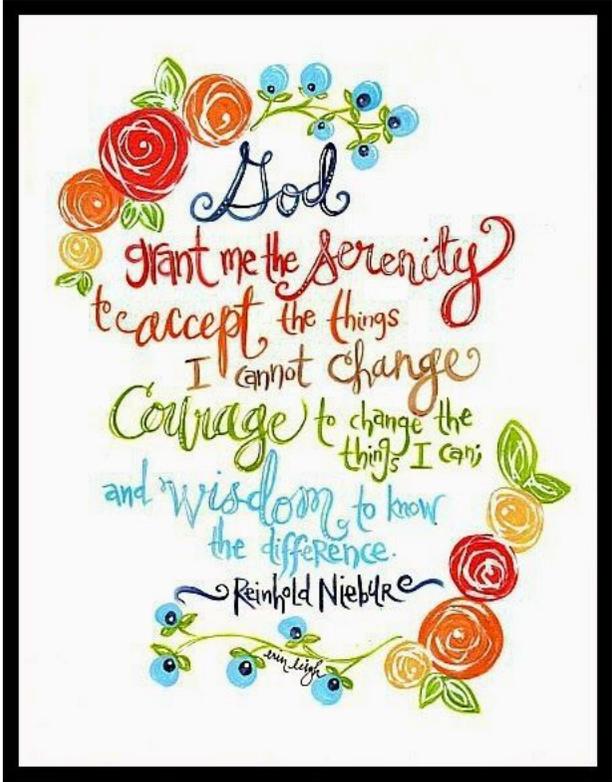


| Position | Sunday 19 th February | Sunday 26 th February |
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| Worship Leader | Mark Illingworth | Mark Illingworth |
| Duty Elder | Fiona Paice | Fiona Paice |
| Bible Reading | Fiona Paice | Kerry Wishart |
| Flowers | Grae Garl | Carolyn Dickie |
| Morning Tea | Hospitality Team | Hospitality Team |
| Sunday Club | Kerry & Grae | Kerry & Grae |
| Weekly Diary | | Contact |
| Worship Service | Sunday 9:30am (Church/Zoom) | Mark |
| Bible Study | 21st February (7.00pm) | Mark |
| Prayer Meeting | Wednesday 7:30am (Church) | Judy Siddins |
| Music Practice | Usually 4:30pm Saturday | Ron Craig |
| Monthly Diary | | Contact |
| Church Council 7pm | 1 st Tuesday of the Month | Carolyn Dickie |
| brite* (yrs 4 & below) 5-6pm (yrs 5 & above) 6.15-7.45pm | 1 st and 3 rd Friday's of the Month | Mark |
| Fellowship Tea 10am | 2 nd Friday of the Month | Marie Cubitt |
| Friday Worship 7:00pm | 2 nd Friday of the Month | Deb |

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|  | <p>WELCOME TO</p> <p>SOUTH PERTH UNITING CHURCH 2 Sandgate Street</p> <p>SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:30am 19 FEBRUARY 2023</p> |  |
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Scripture readings: Matthew 17:1-9 & 2 Peter 1:16-21

Each of the four Gospels record eyewitness accounts of Jesus' life. Some events appear in all four Gospels, while other events appear only once. The transfiguration of Jesus appears in all four. Its significance is underlined by the Apostle Peter in 2 Peter 1 where he writes:

"We were not making up clever stories when we told you about the powerful coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We saw his majestic splendour with our own eyes and ... we ourselves heard that voice from heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain."

The transfiguration was a powerful demonstration of Jesus' divine nature and manifestation of the glory which Jesus had set aside in order to be in-fleshed (incarnate). For just a short while the disciples saw Jesus transfigured (metamorphized is the Greek word) and displaying his unveiled form.

The whole purpose of the revelation was to reinforce the growing belief of those apostles that Jesus is indeed God's Son.

That's exactly what Peter gets out of it when he remembers the event and says: *"We know Jesus is the Messiah and will reign as Messiah because we saw His physical glory!"*

We will see Jesus like this when He returns to transform all things to good!

With grace and peace, Mark

Mission statement - We are a people of God whose mission is to love and serve our congregation, our community and the World.

Vision statement - We will show God's love, follow the teachings of Jesus and extend our faith journey. We will actively care for our community and world, and work to bring others into a relationship with God.

Values – Gentle Hands – Tough Feet – Courageous Voice – Responsible Stewardship

- ❖ Our church was alive with music provided by Mark and Deb's daughter Rebekah, her fiancé Justin and friends at our first **Friday Night Service** of 2023 held last Friday night. New friends and old gathered for a wonderful night of praising God. These services are held on the 2nd Friday of the month 7-8pm and open to all ages.
- ❖ This week we wish Tina Russell a very happy birthday on Wednesday 22 February. Our love and best wishes for a day of joy and God's blessings to you and your family for the coming year and beyond! 
- ❖ See Carol Dombrose if you would like a copy of the booklet, **With Love To The World**, a daily Devotional Bible reading guide based on the Lectionary used by the Uniting Church. Four booklets are issued during the year giving a daily Bible reading followed by a short commentary. The cost is \$6.00 a booklet.
- ❖ Our sincere thanks go to Marie Cubitt for opening her lovely home to our Church family for our Fellowship Morning Tea on Friday 10th February. It was a beautiful day much enjoyed by all. Our next morning tea will once again be held at Marie's home on Friday 10th March 10am. 
- ❖ Our **Wednesday Morning Prayer Meeting** is held at church every Wednesday from 7.30-8.30am. It's an informal peaceful time of devotion and prayer for our community, friends, family, the world and whatever is on your heart. We welcome everyone and prayer requests can be sent to Mark or Judy at sperthuc@gmail.com
- ❖ We especially remember those who are unwell, facing challenging times, those in need, those in isolation, those experiencing loss ... The Presence of the Lord goes with you, His strength continues to spur you on and His Grace overflows your life.
- ❖ We lift to the Lord the nations of Turkey and Syria, shaken by violent earthquake and aftershocks. We pray for those who grieve the devastating loss of life, for the injured and traumatized, for those searching for survivors, for those whose property has been destroyed or livelihoods ruined. We ask for your healing presence in the lives of all those affected, that you will calm their fears and enable them to turn to you in this time of need. 

Lenten prayer:

And the Lord said: I will give you a new heart, and place a new spirit within you, taking from your bodies your stony hearts, and giving you hearts of love. I will put my spirit within you, and make you live by my ways, careful to observe my decrees. (Ezekiel 36: 26-27). This holy season, let us think about our call to:

- Fast from judging others; feast on the Christ dwelling in them
- Fast from emphasis on our differences; feast on our oneness
- Fast from the darkness around us; feast on the light of Christ
- Fast on thoughts of illness; feast on the healing power of God
- Fast on words that pollute; feast on words that purify
- Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude
- Fast from withholding anger; feast on sharing our feelings
- Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism
- Fast from worry; feast on trust
- Fast from guilt; feast on freedom
- Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation
- Fast from stress; feast on self-care
- Fast from hostility; feast on letting go
- Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness
- Fast from selfishness; feast on compassion for others
- Fast from discouragement; feast on seeing the good
- Fast from apathy; feast on enthusiasm
- Fast from suspicion; feast on seeing the good
- Fast from idle gossip; feast on spreading good news
- Fast from being so busy; feast on quiet silence
- Fast from problems that overwhelm us; feast on prayerful trust
- Fast from talking; feast on listening
- Fast from trying to be in control; feast on letting go.

Loving God, let us Fast from anything that leads us away from you and teach us to feast on all that brings us closer to you.

Amen