



# Union Presbyterian Church

## Third Sunday after Epiphany

### January 26, 2025 | 10AM

Reformed worship is centered around the Word, both the Word of scripture and Christ as the Word Incarnate. In worship we gather around the Word, engage with the Word, and respond to the Word.

**Bold text** is read or sung by the congregation.

\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Confession is our opportunity to be honest with God, so that our relationship may be restored and our hearts reconciled.

The Passing of the Peace is one of the most ancient practices of worship. Having received Christ's peace, we pass it on.

## Gather

### Welcome and Announcements

*Please help us to know you by signing the fellowship pad. If you have a prayer request, please complete a blue prayer card. Please place fellowship pad sheets and prayer request cards in the offering plate when passed.*

### Prelude & Lighting of the Candles

#### \*Call to Worship

You who are poor, why have you come?

**To hear good news.**

You who are brokenhearted, why have you come?

**To heal our hearts.**

You who are captive, why have you come?

**To hear words of freedom.**

You who are prisoners, why have you come?

**To be released from what binds us.**

You who mourn, why have you come?

**To receive comfort.**

Then you are welcome here in this place, at this table,  
where Jesus offers blessing for all.

**Amen.**

#### \*Hymn 634

*To God Be the Glory*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

### Prayer of Praise

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, we confess that we have been reluctant to speak out clearly, naming the injustice we see and declaring God's vision of radical hospitality. We admit we are often reluctant to receive our calling as God's people, made by God and chosen as witnesses to God's dream of justice and joy. Remind us, God, that you have made us for your purposes, and recharge us with your Word. We pray that you will renew us through your Spirit, and grant us the courage to live out your way of peace and grace.**

*(Silent prayers of confession)*

#### Responsive Assurance of Forgiveness

Siblings, know that in Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

#### \*Sharing Christ's Peace

Because God has given us the peace of forgiveness, let us also be at peace with one another. May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Hymn #462 (v.1-2)

Children 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger are invited to come to the chancel steps.



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Our worship does not end with the postlude, but continues out into the world, where we are sent to love and care for God's people.

# Engage

**\*Song for Illumination**

*I Love to Tell the Story*

HANKEY

**First Scripture Reading**

Luke 4:14-21 (Pew Bible NT p.82)

Hear what God's Spirit is saying to us. The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ!**

**Special Music**

*Living Hope*

**Children's Message**

**Second Scripture Reading**

Luke 4:22-30 (Pew Bible NT p.82)

Hear what God's Spirit is saying to us. The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ!**

**Message**

*The So-Called Gospel*

Rev. Lisa Stenner

**\*Hymn #301**

*All Are Welcome*

TWO OAKS

# Respond

**Offering of Our Time, Talent and Treasure**

*Financial offerings support the Body of Christ through the life and mission of Union Presbyterian Church. If you have prayers to be shared during our prayers of the people, please place them in the offering plate.*

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology**

**Prayers of the People**

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer, and the Lord's Prayer

**\*Hymn 757**

*Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

KINGSFOLD

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

**Worship Leaders**

Cheryl Martinez, Accompanist

Andrea & Annie Brooks, Liturgist

# Announcements

## **Welcome to worship at UPC this morning!**

Please help us get to know you by signing the fellowship pad. If you are a first time visitor, please leave your email address or phone number so that we can continue to welcome you. Also, stop by the Welcome Center in the narthex to pick up your welcome gift after the service!

**We value children in worship!** There are children's materials and crayons available as you enter the Sanctuary, a play area in the north window of the sanctuary, and a nursery area down the hall to the right of the narthex.

**Donations needed for Quarter Auction** on February 13<sup>th</sup>. The proceeds benefit camps, conferences and retreats. We need donations of 15-20 items such as cool jewelry items; baskets of food treats, bath goodies, etc; supplies for a family game night or movie night. Auction items can be dropped off in the vestibule or church office. We'll store them until the auction.

**Budget and Directory Backlog** We need your help catching up before Pastor Lisa is on respite leave in February and March. Pay attention to newsletter and email to update your directory info and send us your pledge commitments for 2025. Pastor Lisa's energy has rightly been elsewhere, and we're all trying to catch up to get everything in place for an awesome 2025!

## **Welcome, Pastor Chris Torrey, next Sunday!**

Pastor Chris and Pastor Lisa will lead worship together next week, and we'll have refreshments after worship so you can introduce yourself to Pastor Chris. He is super excited about serving with the sinners and saints of UPC while Pastor Lisa takes care of her parents and herself for February and March.

## **Adult Activities**

### **Choir Practice**

Wednesdays 6:30pm Sanctuary  
Adults and teens welcome.

### **Yoga**

Mon, Wed, Thur 9am Narthex

### **Wrapped in Prayer Stitchers**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays 7pm Youth Room

### **Florence Women's Club**

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 12:30pm – 2:30pm

Info: Sharon Price 859-391-3984

### **Resplendor de Gloria**

Sunday at 4pm, Thursday at 7pm

Info: (513) 728-5343

### **Alcoholics Anonymous**

Wednesdays at 8pm

### **UPS (Union Presbyterian Seniors)**

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday Lunch at local restaurants

Info: Elaine Johnson

## **♠ Youth Activities**

### **Middle School Youth**

This week: Ice Skating @ Fountain Square 1p-3p

Next week: Dinner & discussion @ Lakeside PC

5:30pm-7:30pm

### **High School Youth**

This week: Ice Skating @ Fountain Square 1p-3p

Next week: Dinner & discussion @ Lakeside PC

5:30pm-7:30pm

### **Boy Scouts, Troop 805**

Monday at 7pm

## **♠ Children's Activities**

### **Sunday School K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 9:15am in Room 112

### **Cub Scouts, Troop 805**

Tuesdays 6:30pm

### **Girl Scouts Troop 2146**

Every other Friday at 6pm

### **Union Children's Choir**

Saturdays 9:30am – 10:30am

## Birthdays

January 26 - Iris Daniel  
 January 27 - Michael Frost, Ray Merkel  
 January 30 - Nancy Shupe  
 January 31 - Drew Scott  
 February 1 - Tim Lastivka

## Prayers

Genesis Tinslee, Bob Sherwood, Martha Spanier,  
 Meg Sidle, Danni Kavanaugh, Will Jones,  
 Carol Graham

**Congregational Meeting & Lunch TODAY** The meal will be prepared by the Deacons. No need to bring anything but yourself. This annual meeting is for the Session to present the 2025 Budget, for the congregation to approve Pastor Lisa's 2025 terms of call, and to elect the 2025 Officer Nominating Committee. In the PC-USA, the Session approves the budget and is presenting it to the congregation for information. The Session recommends the pastor's terms of call; however, the congregation calls the pastor and is the body that must annually approve the pastor's terms of call. Finally, the Session presents names for the Officer Nominating Committee with a representative from the Music – Dave Stenner, the UPSeniors group – Sheila Wenstrup, the Session – Mary Lu Funyak, the Deacons – Cheryl Davis, and a member at large – Brian Fry. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor provided that the person nominated has already agreed to serve. The 2025 Officer Nominating Committee will help our congregation discern who the Spirit is leading to serve as Deacons and Elders in the class of 2028.



### **Souper Bowl Sunday is February 9<sup>th</sup>, and we want to break our record!**

In 2024, we collected 1093 food items and over \$1100! What will happen in 2025?!? In addition to accepting monetary donations after worship on Souper Bowl Sunday, we're collecting these shelf stable (no need for refrigeration) foods until Feb.9th. Please place your donations in the narthex or in the office vestibule on the appropriate side. One side is "Men". The other side is "Women".

This drive is stocking Abraham's Pantry and sharing with Gallatin County CAC. Please share:

- Canned pastas (spaghettios, ravioli, etc.)
- Hearty soups \*14oz canned fruit
- Shelf stable milk \* 5oz shelf stable pepperoni
- Shells and cheese dinner (no milk needed)
- Boxed cereal \*Paper towels

Donated items will be counted each week then stocked in Abraham's Pantry. The totals will be posted in the narthex so everyone can see how the competition is progressing. The competition winners will have bragging rights for a whole year. (BTW, the women are 4 time champions.) Of course, the real winners will be our food insecure neighbors who will benefit from your generosity!

<b><u>SESSION</u></b>		
<b><u>Class of 2025</u></b>	<b><u>Class of 2026</u></b>	<b><u>Class of 2027</u></b>
Bob Janes	Jacob Brooks	Erin Focke
Nancy Shupe	Laura Pears	Mary Lu Funyak
<b><u>DEACONS</u></b>		
<b><u>Class of 2025</u></b>	<b><u>Class of 2026</u></b>	<b><u>Class of 2027</u></b>
Julie Bailey	Danni Kavanaugh	Sam Caudill
Lisa Denham	Dave Stenner	Grace Daniel
Andrea Vanzant	Holly VonLehman	Cheryl Davis