



Union Presbyterian Church

Christ the King Sunday

November 20, 2022 | 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.

A diadem is a crown

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

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. Place both in the offering plate when it is passed.

Prelude

*Call to Worship

God has raised up a mighty savior!

Prepare the way! Serve God without fear!

Thrones, dominions, rulers, powers—these are all as dust before our God.

Prepare the way! Serve God without fear!

Praise be to God and the day of God's favor.

Prepare the way! Serve God without fear!

*Hymn 263 (v.1,3,4)

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Sovereign God, we confess we have given idols power over us, the idols of power and wealth, fame and security. We confess we have fallen into the ways of this world and have forgotten our kindred in Christ. We have lost sight of the reign of God here on earth, and instead have allowed the idols of the world to rule over us. Forgive us. Call us into Your reign, to declare that You are the One who has power over us because Your power is love. Empower us to love our neighbors as ourselves, and to work for justice, show mercy, and love one another in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord so that this world will be more like Your kingdom.

(Silent prayers of confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Jesus came to us not to reign as a king over us, but to serve us, and to show us the way of God is the way of love. Jesus said the first would be last and the last would be first. Jesus called us to become humble and serve one another, and that the most important commandment was to love God and to love our neighbor as ourselves. This is the way of our Sovereign. Go, knowing you are forgiven, and love and serve one another, especially our neighbors in need, as Christ serves us.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

Hymn #459 (v. 1,2)

Children 5th grade and younger are invited to come to the chancel steps.

This hymn text affirms Christ's kingdom transcends all human barriers. The bonus verse is an addition to the original text and was written by leaders of a Montreat youth conference.



Scan QR code to give electronically from your phone

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

*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.

Engage

Song for Illumination *O Word of God Incarnate*

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Children's Message

Scripture Reading

Luke 22:33-43 (Pew Bible NT pg.118)

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

Praise to You, O Christ!

Message

What?!? That's Messed Up!

Rev. Lisa Stenner

*Hymn 769 (v. 1,3,+,5)

For Everyone Born

FOR EVERYONE BORN

Respond

Offering of Our Time, Talent and Treasure

Financial offerings support the Body of Christ through the life and mission of Union Presbyterian Church. You may give online www.unionpresby.org automated giving through your bank, via Venmo @UnionPresby and through snail mail.

*Doxology

Prayers of the People

The People Share Communion with God and with Each Other

*Affirmation of Faith from *The Confession of 1967*

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Offering Our Commitments

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Closing Prayer

*Hymn #269 (v.2,3)

Lead On, O King Eternal!

LANCASHIRE

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

Worship Leaders

Cheryl Martinez, Accompanist

William and Maddie Brooks, Acolytes

Robert Brown, 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.

The Family Room is off limits until Tuesday, November 22. The floor is curing after being refinished. Contact the church office if you need to be in the space during that time.

Thank you! Thank you! to everyone who made last Sunday's Breakfast for Babies such a success! Your breakfast goodies were delicious. Your generosity was overwhelming, and your uniting for clean-up made it quick and easy.

The Trim-a-Bush project is underway! Pick up a picture of a bush that needs trimming in the narthex or have one emailed to you. The picture contains this info: 1. The number of the bush(es) 2. The name of the bush 3. Location(s) of the bush(es) 4. How to trim the bush(es). The only tools needed are a hedge trimmer (electric or manual), a rake, and either a trash can or wheelbarrow. For the hostas, a shovel is also needed. Trimmers may work at their convenience with the trimming complete by mid- November. ?'s: Contact Bob Janes (rjanes357@gmail.com)

December 1st Interest Meeting 6:30pm for LGBTQ+ high schoolers, allies and parents that are also exploring their faith. It can be difficult for those in the LGBTQ+ community and those who love them to find safe spaces to be true to their identities as humans and as Christians or faith explorers. This meeting will gage interest and brainstorm what such a space might be. Parents meet in the Youth Room. Teens meet in i.imagine hangout room. Use the back entrance, and signs will point the way. More info? Parents, call/text Amanda 859-640-4177. Teens, call/text El 859-240-6797. Of course, you can also contact Pastor Lisa.

Adult Activities

Florence Women's Club

3rd Tuesday 12:30pm – 2:30pm
Info: Sharon Price 859-391-3984

Iglesia Pentecostales Palabra de Vida

Sunday at 4pm
Thursday at 6:30pm
Info: (513) 728-5343

UPS (Union Presbyterian Seniors)

3rd Thursday Lunch at local restaurants
Info: Elaine Johnson

Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesdays at 8pm

✦ Youth Activities

Middle School Youth

TODAY: Hang out with your family
Next week: NKY Youth @ Lakeside
Leave UPC @ 5pm. Return @ 8pm

Senior High Youth

TODAY: Hang out with your family
Next week: NKY Youth @ Lakeside
Leave UPC @ 5pm. Return @ 8pm

Boy Scouts, Troop 805

Monday at 7pm

✦ Children's Activities

Sunday School K-5th Grade

2nd & 4th Sundays at 9:15am in Room 112

Union Music Academy

Monday & Thursday 9am – noon
Saturday 9:30 am

Cub Scouts, Troop 805

Tuesday at 7pm

Girl Scouts Troop 2146

Every Other Friday at 6pm

✦ Abraham's Pantry

Mondays & Thursdays

Volunteer through website for time of your choice
The pantry will be closed Thursday, Nov. 24th.

✦ Other Activities this Week

The Church Office will be closed
Thursday & Friday.
Happy Thanksgiving!

Birthdays

November 23 Russ Houchins
November 24 Lisa Denham
November 25 Jan Grieger

Prayers

The Clouses, Neva Martin, The Brownsteads,
Sue Kozlowski, Anita Merkel, Jan Lawson

Hanging of the Greens is TODAY! Please stay after worship and help decorate the sanctuary and the narthex for the season. Many hands make light work, and we can *make this place glad* as we prepare for Advent! The decorations are in the nursery.



Christmas Union ~ Friday, December 2nd 6pm-8pm

Come, celebrate the blessings of the season and God's gift of community! Our Deacons are preparing a casual evening of refreshments, activities for children (and the young at heart), and musical entertainment. Dress festively for an evening of fun and fellowship. Bring your family. Bring your friends.

This is a drop-in event. Come when you can. Leave when you must.

Sign up in the narthex or on the website.

RSVPs ensure we have enough food.



Angel Tree for Gallatin County CAC

Please return your UNWRAPPED angel gifts by Sunday, December 18th. We will deliver the gifts at 9:15am on Monday, December 19th. If you'd like to help with the delivery, please sign up in the narthex or contact the church office.

Everyone should have received a letter this week asking for directory information. Please update your info by returning the form or emailing the church office.

SESSION

Moderator: Reverend Lisa Stenner

Class of 2023

Kim Fry 678-641-4060
John Seibert 859-760-4712

Class of 2024

Robert Brown 859-669-6008
Jessica Wood 859-462-8995

Class of 2025

Bob Janes 859-322-5709
Nancy Shupe 859-750-2817

DEACONS

Class of 2023

Beverly Johnson
Holly VonLehman

Class of 2024

Genesis Tinslee
Peggy Schadler
Bob Sherwood

Class of 2025

Julie Bailey
Lisa Denham
Ollie Seidman