



Union Presbyterian Church

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

November 19, 2023 | 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.

This morning's liturgy is adapted from liturgy written by Nancy Townley and posted in MinistryMatters.com.

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 both in the offering plate when it is passed.

Prelude

*Call to Worship

The time for harvest is close at hand.

What have you done with the gifts God has given you?

We have brought our gifts to the house of the Lord.

Praise God for our gifts and opportunities for service that they represent.

We praise God for all the ways in which our lives have been blessed.

Generous God, accept our gifts and our lives this day.

Loving God, accept our praise and gratitude. Amen.

*Hymn 336

We Gather Together

KREMSE

Prayer of Praise

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, you know we are "pack rats". You continually pour gifts and blessings into our lives; and we hide them away for fear that they might disappear. We squander them wastefully on things that are not healthy or helpful to others. We confess that we have not always recognized the talents we have been given. We find it easier to belittle the gifts than to honor the giver. Help us to take the gifts you have given us, to develop them, and use them in ways which will offer healing and hope and glorify you.
(Silent prayers of confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

We are each loved by God and have been set free to use all our gifts and blessings.

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 701

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



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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

Lord, Prepare Me

SANCTUARY

First Scripture Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (Pew Bible NT pg.269)

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

Thanks be to God!

Children's Message

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:14-30 (Pew Bible OT pg.39)

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

Praise to You, O Christ!

Message

Go Out on a Limb

Rev. Lisa Stenner

***Hymn 694**

Great God of Every Blessing

AURELIA

Respond

Offering of Our Time, Talent and Treasure

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***Doxology**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn 700**

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'M GONNA LIVE

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

Worship Leaders

Cheryl Martinez, Accompanist

Teddy & Elle Springer, Liturgists

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.

Hanging of the Greens is next Sunday after worship! 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 Family Room.



Angel Tree for Gallatin County CAC

Please return your UNWRAPPED angel gifts by Sunday, December 17th. We will deliver the gifts at 9:15am on Wednesday, December 20th. If you'd like to help with the

delivery, please sign up in the narthex or contact the church office.

◆ Other Activities this Week

Monday Session 6:30pm
Thursday Office closed for Thanksgiving
Friday Office closed for Thanksgiving

Adult Activities

Choir Practice

2nd & 4th Sundays at 9am

Adults & high schoolers are welcome!

Yoga

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am

Room 116

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 7pm

Info: (513) 728-5343

Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesdays at 8pm

UPS (Union Presbyterian Seniors)

3rd Thursday Lunch at local restaurants

Info: Elaine Johnson

◆ Youth Activities

Middle School Youth

TODAY NKY Youth at Freedom Center

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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 Children's Choir

Saturdays 9:30am

Cub Scouts, Troop 805

Tuesdays at 6:30pm

Girl Scouts Troop 2146

Every other Friday at 6pm

Birthdays

November 19 Bob Janes, Adam Scott
 November 23 Russ Houchins
 November 24 Lisa Denham

Prayers

Dan Spanier, Peggy Schadler, Asher Tinslee,
 Carol Graham, Brad Marcum



LGBTQ+
 What Do All the
 Letters Mean?

LGBTQ+ What Do All the Letters Mean? Lunch and Learn after worship. Our new Affirmation and Allies Ministry had their inaugural think tank at the end of October and discerned the Spirit's leading to this starting point. Come, have lunch, learn about LGTBQ+ issues, find out what the letters and flags mean, ask questions, and help us discern how the Spirit might be leading us into the future. This is an experiment! There are no "dumb questions". Options are limitless. No reservation? No worries.



Christmas Union ~ Friday, December 1st 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.



Breakfast for Babies on Sunday, December 3rd 9am

We will share a potluck breakfast and celebrate the pregnancy of Katie & Devin Beasley and the upcoming birth of their son Koben. We are collecting diapers, wipes and books for the family. You may drop off diapers, wipes and books in advance in the office vestibule in the back of the building.



SESSION

Moderator: Reverend Lisa Stenner

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

Class of 2026

Jacob Brooks 859-628-8845
 Laura Pears 859-462-3539

DEACONS

Class of 2024

Genesis Tinslee
 Peggy Schadler
 Bob Sherwood

Class of 2025

Julie Bailey
 Lisa Denham
 Ollie Seidman

Class of 2026

Miranda Kavanaugh
 Dave Stenner
 Holly VonLehman