



Union Presbyterian Church

17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2026 | 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.

*Today we will remain seated as we sing.

From Psalm 149.

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

Exodus 34:6, Ezekiel 33:11

Having received Christ's peace, we pass it on. Some worshipers remain at their seat while others roam the sanctuary sharing the peace of Christ with one another. You may choose to share the peace with a fist bump, handshake, or peace sign.

Gather

Prelude

Life's Railway to Heaven

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 basket on your table.

*Call to Worship

Come, children of God. Let us rejoice in our Maker!

We will sing songs and hymns, old and new and

celebrate with voices and instruments, with praise and prayers!

Open your eyes to the life-giving presence of Jesus Christ

for God is already here, among us and within us, bringing new life to all.

Let's praise God together!

*Hymn

Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

Prayer of Praise

Call to Confession

As we worship God, let us take time to honestly name the ways that we have fallen short, collectively and individually. Trusting in the gracious mercy of our Lord, let us confess together by praying the prayer of confession. Let us pray....

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, we have judged others harshly, unfairly and casually. We tend to focus on the sin, brokenness and foibles of others, rather than on the growth and work we are called to do. We've made assumptions about what others want and need, robbing them of the freedom to speak for themselves. We've tuned out the voices bold enough to express views that are different from ours. We've relied upon your grace, time and time again, while hastily denying that you are eager to give it not only to us, but to others as well. Help us to see others as you see them; help us to see you with faith and trust.

(Silent prayers of confession)

Responsive Assurance of Forgiveness

Scripture tells us the Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, calling all to turn from sin, and live. By the grace of God, we are all 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.

Engage

Song for Illumination

I Saw the Light

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 149

Hear what God's Spirit is saying to us. This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Children's Message

Silver Trumpet

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 18:15-20

"If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Hear what God's Spirit is saying to us. This is the gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ!

Message

Spoiler Alert

Rev. Lisa Stenner

***Hymn**

Simple Gifts

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 at www.unionpresby.org, by automated giving through your bank, and with checks through snail mail.

Offertory

Down to the River to Pray

***Doxology**

Prayers of the People

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

***Hymn**

I'll Fly Away

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

Swing Low

Worship Leaders

Hills of Kentucky Dulcimers, Accompanists
Robert Brown, Liturgist

Children of all ages are invited to meet Pastor Lisa at the tent.



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.

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 service is streamed on YouTube on the TV in the nursery.

Thank you to all who helped with our Sunday worship on September 13th: Sheila Wenstrup, Lynn Jasensky, San Caudill, Luca Vanzant, Alejandro Rosario, and Richard and Ruth Ann Sloan. Morgan Dern and Morgan Dern served as acolytes. Chad Cuthbertson-Adams ran A/V, and Sheila Wenstrup was the lemonade hostess.



Brush Arbor is possible thanks to countless disciples giving so generously of their time and talent.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you to everyone who has already worked so hard and to those that will be working hard. Special appreciation to our deacons for lunch and for the table decorations.

The Hills of Kentucky Dulcimer Club is a non-profit organization with over 100 members active in the community, providing entertaining programs at local schools, libraries, nursing homes, festivals and other venues. HOKD strives to promote the rich history and music of the Appalachian lap dulcimer to young and old alike. For more information, see the HOKD website: www.hokdulcimer.com.

♦Other Activities this Week

Monday Session 6:30pm

♦Adult Activities

Choir Practice

Wednesdays 6:30pm Sanctuary
Adults and teens welcome.

Sunday School

Bible Basics after worship 2nd & 4th Sunday
Family Room

Chair Yoga

Mon, Wed, Fri 9:30am Narthex

Wrapped in Prayer Stitchers

2nd & 4th Tuesdays 7pm Choir Room

Florence Woman's Club

3rd Tuesday 12:30pm – 2:30pm
Info: Sue Kozlowski

Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesdays at 8pm

UPS (Union Presbyterian Seniors)

3rd Thursday Lunch at local restaurants
Info: Elaine Johnson

♦Youth Activities

Sunday School 6th – 8th Grade

2nd and 4th Sundays after worship Rm 113

Middle School Youth

This week: NKY Youth Dinner & Gathering
Lakeside Presbyterian 5:30pm – 7:30pm
Next week: Presbyterian Youth Game Night
Crestview Hills Presbyterian 5p – 7:30pm

High School Youth

This week: NKY Youth Dinner & Gathering
Lakeside Presbyterian 5:30pm – 7:30pm
Next week: Presbyterian Youth Game Night
Crestview Hills Presbyterian 5p – 7:30pm

Boy Scouts, Troop 805

Monday at 7pm

♦Children's Activities

Sunday School K-5th Grade

2nd and 4th Sundays after worship Rm 117

Cub Scouts, Pack 3805

Tuesdays 6:30pm

Girl Scouts Troop 2830

2nd & 4th Wednesday 6:30pm

Girl Scouts Troop 2146

Every other Friday 6pm

Union Children's Choir

Saturdays 9:30am

Birthdays

September 21 Emmett Pears
September 25 Kevin Dern

Prayers

Dave and Martha Spanier, Joe VonLehman, Joe Schaffer



Love Jesus? Love children? We have an opportunity for you! Sunday School resumes NEXT Sunday, September 27th, and we need teachers. The classes use engaging, teacher-friendly curriculum from Illustrated Ministries. The curriculum follows the lectionary which is often the texts that shape worship. Not every Sunday but many Sundays are a continuation of the lesson started in worship. Please contact Kevin Dern (kw dern@yahoo.com) if you have a question. Sign up by scanning the QR code or in the narthex.

Bible Basics is a new class this year for adults and older teens. No previous Bible knowledge required. Pastor Lisa will teach the class most Sundays. Our first gathering is NEXT Sunday following worship in the Family Room. There will be copies of Pastor Lisa's favorite study bible for anyone that would like one. The classes relate to one another, but they can also stand alone. You are welcome to come as you are able, and you won't be lost if you don't come each week.

2026 Walk to End Alzheimer's is Saturday, October 3rd at Sawyer Point The walk steps off at 10am. Festivities continue after the walk. For more information contact Sheila Wenstrup, UPC's Team Captain. Scan the QR code to join the team or to make a donation.



3rd Annual Boone County Pride Festival is Sunday, October 4th from 12pm – 4pm at the Florence Y'all's Stadium. UPC has a booth. If you'd like to help plan and/or want to join the fun, sign up in the narthex or on the website. This year's event does require a free ticket. Scan the QR code to get yours.

Mark your calendars:

Sunday, October 4th – No potluck. Boone Pride instead.
Sunday, October 18th – Potluck and ministry fair.

Class of 2027

Mary Lu Funyak
Laura Pears

SESSION

Class of 2028

Sue Kozlowski
Frank Lindsey

Class of 2029

Kevin Dern
Mark Highland

Class of 2027

Sam Caudill
Grace Daniel
Cheryl Davis

DEACONS

Class of 2028

Molly Gilbert
Ollie Seidman
Alison Vessa

Class of 2029

Hayden Monson
Ruth Ann Sloan
Sheila Wenstrup