Union Presbyterian Church
23rd Sunday after Pentecost
November 1, 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.

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Gather

Prelude

Please help us to know you by signing the fellowship pad or scanning the attendance QR code on the card in the pew. Fellowship pad sheets may be placed in the baskets when you come forward for communion. If you have a prayer request, please complete a blue prayer card and place it on the pulpit during the passing of the peace.

***Call to Worship**

We have come to affirm the great cloud of witnesses
To worship the God of those who came before us.
We have come to remember God's benefits to us the living
To respond in thanksgiving to the mighty works of God in our lives.
We have come to affirm our trust in the God of all futures
To whose name be blessing and honor,
glory and power forever and ever. Amen.

To tune of Hymn 37

***Hymn** *O God, We Give Thanks for the Saints Gone Before Us* ASH GROVE

Prayer of Praise

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

Call to Confession

Siblings, God continues to desire a deep relationship with us – not because we're actual saints, but because God loves us beyond understanding. Because of this big love, God doesn't let us wallow in sin but washes us in grace. We confess our need for grace by praying together the prayer of confession.

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are often indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way to join with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love.

(Silent prayers of confession)

Responsive Assurance of Forgiveness

Our understanding of God's truth may change over time, but this never does. In life and in death, we belong to God; and through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are reconciled to God forever. We are forgiven and freed into abundant life!
Thanks be to God! Amen.

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.

***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

Hymn 453

Song for Illumination *Open Your Ears, O Faithful People* YISRAEL V'ORAITA

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

Children of all ages are invited to come to the chancel steps.

Children's Message

Second Scripture Reading Hebrews 12:1-2 (Pew Bible NT p.300)
Hear what God's Spirit is saying to us. This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Message *There IS a Place for You Here* Rev. Lisa Stenner

To tune of Hymn 475

***Hymn 506** *Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!* NETTLETON

Respond

Scan QR code to give electronically from your phone

Prayers of the People

The People Share Communion with God and with Each Other
***Affirmation of Faith** (adapted from *a Brief Statement of Faith*)
Invitation to the Table
Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer
Words of Institution
Offering Our Gifts
Sharing of the Bread and Cup
Closing Prayer

***Hymn 543 (v.1,2,5)** *O Christ, Surround Me* GREEN TYLER

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

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.

Worship Leaders
Cheryl Martinez, Accompanist
Chad Cuthbertson-Adams, 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 service is streamed on YouTube on the TV in the nursery.

Thank you to all who helped with our Sunday worship on October 25th: Martha and Dan Spanier, Lynn Jasensky, Dustie Kemp, Dave and Sue Kozlowski, Sam Caudill, and Nancy Goodall. Morgan Dern and Harper Gilbert served as acolytes. Blakely Brown ran AV, and Alejandro Rosario hosted coffee fellowship.



NEXT Sunday is Dedication Sunday! EVERY season is Stewardship Season; however, our stewardship emphasis is nearing an end. Next Sunday we will dedicate the commitments of our gifts to God. Everyone is encouraged and invited to bring their completed Time & Talent Passport and Treasure Pledge to worship. If you haven't completed yours, there are extras in the narthex. If you already returned yours, you get a gold star for being prompt AND we will include your commitments in the service.

✟Other Activities this Week

Tuesday Election Day – Voting in the narthex 6am – 6pm
Welcoming Ministry 5:30pm
Deacons 6:30pm

✟Adult Activities

Choir Practice
Wednesdays 6:30pm Sanctuary
Adults and teens are 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 & Service
Crescent Springs PC 5:30pm – 7:30pm
Next week: NKY Youth Dinner & Game Night
Lakeside PC 5:30pm – 7:30pm

High School Youth
This week: NKY Youth Dinner & Service
Crescent Springs PC 5:30pm – 7:30pm
Next week: NKY Youth Dinner & Game Night
Lakeside PC 5:30pm – 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 & Anniversaries
Our records show that we don't have any birthdays or anniversaries this week, which seems really strange. Please let us know if we are missing your important days!

Prayers
Bob Story, Dan Spanier, Joe VonLehman



2026 Chili Cook Off
TODAY after worship

You can simply eat; or you can eat, vote for your favorite chili and raise money for UPC's Community Assistance fund. This fund and gift cards are used to provide assistance to people who come to the church in need of help.

Votes may be purchased for $1 each. Buy 5, get one free. $5 = 6 votes
Kroger gift cards may also be traded in for votes.
($20 gift card = 24 votes)
You may vote an unlimited number of times!

Mark your calendars. I know it's hard to believe, but the holidays are just around the corner. We are continuing some traditions this year and shaking up a few things. Put these dates on your calendar so you don't miss the chance to join the Spirit at work.

Sunday, November 8th Thanksgiving bags available in the narthex
Each bag has a list of foods to collect for our Thanksgiving Boxes.

Sunday, November 22nd Thanksgiving bags returned to UPC
Hanging of the Greens (ie decorating for Christmas) after worship

Monday, November 23rd Deliver Thanksgiving Boxes to Gallatin County CAC

Sunday, November 29th Potluck breakfast and Advent activities (new event in place of Christmas Union)

Saturday, December 5th Assist with city of Union's Breakfast with Santa @ the firehouse 8:30a-10:30a

Monday, December 21st Longest Night Worship Service 7pm

SESSION

Class of 2027	Class of 2028	Class of 2029
Mary Lu Funyak	Sue Kozlowski	Kevin Dern
Laura Pears	Frank Lindsey	Mark Highland

DEACONS

Class of 2027	Class of 2028	Class of 2029
Sam Caudill	Molly Gilbert	Hayden Monson
Grace Daniel	Ollie Seidman	Ruth Ann Sloan
Cheryl Davis	Alison Vessa	Sheila Wenstrup