

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 1, 2026
4th Sunday after Epiphany



The Beatitudes

MATTHEW 5:1-12


“Jesus offends the mind in order to reveal the heart.” – Carlos A. Rodríguez



Sunday Worship
10:00 am

Office Hours
Tuesday – Friday
8:30 am – 12 Noon, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
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330 Fifth Avenue Southwest
Albany, OR 97321



We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

You are invited to make the transition from getting here to being here. Be still and know that God is God.

Welcome & Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

+ Invitation to Worship

God gathers us,
 and makes room for us all.
Christ dwells with us,
 and shows us the way.
God's Spirit guides us,
 and leads us in all truth.
So draw near by faith,
 and let us worship God.

+ Hymn 401

"Here in This Place"

We Offer Our Gratitude

Prayer of Confession

Lord God,
**We worship you as the one who meets our needs,
 who grants our daily bread,
 who restores our humanity,
 who knows human need from experience.**
For all our failings and missteps, you do not give up on us.
**Open our eyes and ears, our minds and hearts,
 that we may feel our place in this world as your people.**
Where there is need, teach us how to give.
Where there is injustice, teach us how to fight.
Where there is brokenness, teach us how to bring wholeness.
**Help us to look to you, that we neither remain ignorant of the world,
 nor lose ourselves in despair at its brokenness.**
**Give us courage to participate in your work in the world,
 and faith to see the myriad of ways you give life.**
Amen.

Diane Hooge

Silent prayer and Reflection

Sung Response 448

"Peace of God Be with You"

+ Sharing the Peace of Christ

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.
As you are willing and able, please greet one another with signs of peace.

We Listen & Receive

Time with the Young Church

Meredith Hanson

*Children of all ages are invited to come forward.
Nursery and Children's Worship info is on the back of the bulletin.*

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:1-12
This is the gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem

"Prayer of Mother Teresa"

by Craig Courtney

Sermon

"Blessed Be"

Tami Van Ras

We Respond to God's Grace

Hymn 822

"When We Are Living"

Invitation to the Offering

We are grateful for your sharing part of your Sunday with us, and for the gifts of time, talent, and treasure that you share. Offering boxes are at the rear of the sanctuary for those willing and able to help support the ministry of this congregation.

Offertory Anthem

+ Presentation of Gifts & Hymn 606

"Doxology"

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table
Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer
Communion of the People

You are welcome to receive communion by intinction – a sign of the body of the Church acting together, moving as a community towards the Table. Please exit your pew to your left, receive a piece of bread from one of the stations, dip it in the cup, and partake of both elements together. Please return to the other end of the pew after receiving communion. If you are unable to come forward, we will gladly bring communion to you.

Communion Hymn 466 "Come and Fill Our Hearts"
Prayer

We Are Sent in God's Love

+ Hymn 379

"We Shall Overcome"

+ Benediction

+ Benediction Song

"Go with God"

Welcome

We are delighted that you have added to the joy of worship this morning at United Presbyterian Church. We proclaim that ALL people are created in the image of God and affirm that each person is a beloved child of God, worthy of God's love and grace. We welcome all, celebrating our differences while finding unity in Jesus Christ. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey - whatever grief, joy, or doubts you may bring today—you are welcome here.

Announcements

February's Shopping Cart Mission: Albany Public Schools Foundation — **Peely's Teacher Supply House:** <https://albanypsf.org/what-we-do/resource-center/donations>. Please donate art supplies so that the children in the public schools can be creative! They need construction paper, watercolor paints, paint brushes, colored pencils, stamp & ink pads, felt, yarn, feathers, puff balls, pipe cleaners and popsicle sticks. **Must be new, unused and unopened. Thank you!**

Upcoming Events

Sunday 10:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	February 1 Worship Spiritual Guidance Group
Monday 6:00 p.m.	February 2 ACT Practice
Tuesday 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	February 3 Sabbath Circle Book Study ACT Practice
Wednesday 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	February 4 Youth Group ACT Practice Family Aging Support Group Choir Rehearsal
Thursday 11:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	February 5 YOGA Women's Book Study Act Practice
Friday 9:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	February 6 Tabitha's Sewing Society 4H Group Meeting

Serving Today

Thank you to all who served in worship today.

Worship — Diane Hooge, David Mote and Meredith Hanson

Ushers — Retha Larson, Billie Jo Cruzan, Carol Harrison and Louise Franklin.

Coffee Hour—Gathering Committee

Children's Programs - Aleena Chappell, Beth Fite, Meredith Hanson, Denise Alejandre and Natalie Alejandre.

Children's Programs

We are thrilled that you have chosen to bring your family to worship with ours! We believe children soak up the love of God even when they draw and color, read and create, or rest their head in your lap. Please feel welcome to visit our Children's Space located in the Round Room in the back of the sanctuary.

Children's Nursery (Age 0 – 4 yrs)

This is open for infants to 4 years old. In this age, we help guide these curious minds in play and encourage exploration in their environment.

Godly Play (Age 5 – 9 yrs)

Godly play is for children 5 - 9 years old. This is where the children learn about God through stories and explore their own thoughts by having free choice of activities that include a variety of crafts, art, song, and games.

Creative Minds (10 yrs +)

This program is for the youth 10 years old and up in the congregation. Creative Minds uses a combination of technology (such as Minecraft), different art media, games, and service projects to explore their relationship with God, encourage them to grow in their faith, spirituality, and community.

Local Outreach | Ways to Serve

Linn Benton Food Share—Packing boxes of food for families who suffer from food insecurities. The next time will be **Thursday, Feb. 19th at 5:00 - 7:00 pm** at the Linn Benton Food Share Warehouse, 33900 Looney Ln., Tangent, OR 97389.

Prayers & Praise

Please send prayers of comfort and healing for:

Nancy & Steve Hammond's daughter, Leslie
Tom Fellows
Nancy Goode
Chrys Hulshof
Hal Schalles
Caryl Thomas & Family

CHURCH STAFF

Brandon Lewis, *Pastor*
Tami Van Ras, *Pastoral Assistant*
Sienna Bogart, *Director of The Children's Place*
Meredith Hanson, *Children's Ministries Director*
Deborah Beier, *Office Manager*
Kason Stevens, *Facilities-Manager*
Michelle Mayers, *Music Coordinator/Choir Director*
Andrea Recek, *Pianist*
Tao Li, *Organist*
Jim Cole, Nathan Reid, and Chris Misa, *AV Techs*
Logan Breese, *Bus Driver*

