

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 18, 2026
2nd Sunday after Epiphany



Come and see

“Any coward can call himself/herself a Christian but following Jesus takes guts.” – Beth Moore



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

"The Summons"

by John L. Bell

*You are invited to make the transition from getting here to being here. Be still and know that God is God.**We are claimed by Christ in the waters of baptism; the light of Christ shines in our lives and in the world.***Welcome &
Announcements**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.**+ Invitation to Worship**

God calls us here together — each of us, all of us, our whole selves.

**We bring our questions, our longings, our hopes,
our dreams and our fears.**

Jesus invites us to come and see where God is at work.

**Across the street and across the globe,
within these walls and within our hearts, God is present.**

Let us worship the God who invites us to come and see!

+ Gathering Song 39

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

We Offer Our Gratitude

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and loving God,

Krista Hartman

we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives:**the fear that stifles us,****the prejudice that blinds us,****the ignorance that hobbles us,****the doubt that plagues us.****Help us, we pray, that we will find courage in unlikely places,****see the world with new and gracious eyes,****move to those places where love is needed,****invite others to come and see you,****and have faith that you are with us,****the source of life and love, at work all around us.****We give ourselves to your transforming power,****to make us into the people you made and invite us to be.****This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.***Silent prayer and reflection***Sung Response 469**

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

**+ 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

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

Scripture Reading

John 1:29-42
This is the gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem

"Do not Fear, For You are Mine"

by David Lantz III

Sermon

"Keep Looking"

Brandon Lewis

We Respond to God's Grace

Hymn 451

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

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

"Lamb of God"

by Twila Paris

+ Presentation of Gifts

& Hymn 697

"Take My Life" (Verses 1 and 6)

Sharing Joys & Concerns

*At the conclusion of spoken joys and concerns, let us pray together:
God, in your grace,
Hear our prayer.*

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

We Are Sent in God's Love

+ Closing Hymn

"Kyrie Eleison (Look Around You)"

"Kyrie Eleison" is a common prayer in scripture and liturgy meaning, "Lord, have mercy"

+ Benediction

Postlude

"Open Roads"

by Michael Scott

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

January's Shopping Cart Mission: Let's help our neighbor next door...**The ABC House.** They need **NEW** coloring books, reusable water bottles, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorants, hand lotions, pocket card games, journals and drawstring bags. To see a detailed item list **Go to** <https://www.abchouse.org/wishlist>. Please put your donations in the shopping cart next to the elevator. Let's start the new year offering hope and support the children who are overcoming personal hardships. **Thank you!**

Upcoming Events

Sunday	January 18
10:00 a.m.	Worship
11:30 a.m.	Deacons Meeting
11:30 a.m.	Session Meeting
Monday	January 19
6:00 p.m.	ACT Practice
Tuesday	January 20
10:00 a.m.	Sabbath Circle Book Study
1:00 p.m.	UPC Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m.	ACT Practice
Wednesday	January 21
5:30 p.m.	Youth Group
6:00 p.m.	ACT Practice
7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	January 22
11:30 a.m.	YOGA
1:00 p.m.	Women's Book Study
6:00 p.m.	Act Practice

Serving Today

Thank you to all who served in worship today.

Liturgist — Krista Hartman

Ushers — Linda Cameron, Elaine Chapman, Sharon Lichti and Peter Troedsson

Coffee Hour—Deacons

Children's Programs - Denise Alejandre, Alleena Chappell, Logan Breese, Sienna Bogart, and Kaitlyn Banuet.

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, January 22 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:

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*

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Andrea Recek, *Pianist*

Tao Li, *Organist*

Jim Cole, Nathan Reid, and Chris Misa, *AV Techs*

Logan Breese, *Bus Driver*

