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

November's Shopping Cart Mission is for CASA - (Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children). They are collecting **NEW** pajamas from Nov. 3 to Dec. 3 for the youth in Linn County foster care. They need **NEW** pajamas for all sizes from **Newborns up to 21 years**. Please place any size **NEW** pajamas into the shopping cart next to the elevator. **Thank you so much for caring!**

Upcoming Events

Sunday	**November 15**
10:00 a.m.	Worship
11:30 a.m.	Session Meeting
Monday	**November 16**
11:30 a.m.	Yoga
7:00 p.m.	ACT Practice
Tuesday	**November 17**
10:00 a.m.	Sabbath Circle Book Study
7:00 p.m.	ACT Practice
Wednesday	**November 18**
5:30 p.m.	Youth Group
6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m.	ACT Practice
Thursday	**November 19**
1:00 p.m.	Women's Book Study
7:00 p.m.	ACT Practice
Friday	**November 20**
4:30 p.m.	Melissa Williams 4H Group
Saturday	**November 21**
11:00 a.m.	Celebration of Life for Al Lochner

Serving Today

Thank you to all who served in worship today.

Liturgist —Jeff Hinrich
Ushers —Linda Cameron, Billie Jo Cruzan, Elaine Chapman, Colleen and Andy Nelson
Coffee Hour—Deacons
Children's Programs—Denise Alejandre, Sienna Boggart, Logan Breese, Aleena Chappell, Josie Fandrem, Meredith Hanson and Tarryn Scroggins.

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.Creative minds uses a combination of technology, art media, games, and service projects to explore our relationship with God, and to encourage one another to grow in our 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, TBD 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:
Greg Anable
Beverly Beckendorf
Linda Kleven
Sandy Lamb
Greg Sutton

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*
Janice Lyayuka, *Director of Music*
Andrea Recek, *Pianist*
Tao Li, *Organist*
Greg Sutton, *Bus Driver*

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN
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November 15, 2026

25th Sunday after Pentecost



"The expectancy that hopes great things of God is the passport to the kingdom." – George Buttrick

Sunday Worship
10:00 am
Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
330 Fifth Avenue Southwest, Albany, OR 97321
Phone: (541) 926-5551
www.upcalbany.org

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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.
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 O Lord, let our souls rise up to meet you, *(Lam. 3:22-23)*
as the day rises to meet the sun.
The Lord's unfailing love and mercy never cease,
fresh as the morning and sure as the sunrise.

+ Gathering Song "Down to the River to Pray"

We Offer Our Gratitude

Community Prayer

Our Loving and Faithful God,
you sing songs of justice and joy,
but we often walk to the tunes of fear and division.
You offer us living hope,
but we cling to what is familiar, even when it harms.
You call us into life made new,
but we resist, afraid of what it might require of us.
Forgive us when we fail to trust your abundance,
when we let cynicism cloud our faith,
when we forget that we belong to you and to each other.
Take our lives—however freely or reluctantly given—
and use them to build a more beautiful world.
Grant us the clarity needed to hear you anew.
Amen.

Silent prayer and reflection

Sung Response 695 "Change My Heart, O God"

+ 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.

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We Listen & Receive

Time with Children

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

Scripture Lesson Psalm 90:1-12
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem "What Are These That Are Arrayed in White Robes" *by John Stainer*

Scripture Lesson Matthew 25:14-30
This is the gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Talent Show" Brandon Lewis

We Respond to God's Grace

Hymn 175 "Seek Ye First"

Invitation to Give

We are grateful for the gifts of time, talent, and treasure that you share.
We offer each person an opportunity to connect with giving by placing at least one $1 in the offering plate.
As we give faithfully, each faithful $1 will bless the ministry of UPC.

Offertory "Fugue" *by William Selby*

+ Presentation of Gifts & Hymn 614 "Great Are You, Lord"

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 Song 295 "Go to the World!"

+ Benediction

Postlude "Gonna Be Alright" *by Matt Maher*