

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 16, 2025
23rd Sunday after Pentecost



The Starry Night by Vincent Van Gogh

"We are not meant to cringe before God.
We are to enjoy all the delights the Lord has given to us, sunsets and sunrises,
and a baby's first laugh, and friendship and love, and the brilliance of the stars."
~ Madeleine L'Engle

Sunday Worship
10:00 am

Office Hours
Tuesday – Friday
8:30 am – 12 Noon, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
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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

In the quiet, in the calm, in the stillness,
We seek God.
In the clamor, in the cry, in the grief,
We seek God.
In this time, in this place, with each other,
We seek God.
Even as we seek, let us worship God.

+ Gathering Song 475

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

We Offer Our Gratitude

Prayer of Confession

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, O God, 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.
Renew us with your Spirit.
Help us to walk in the light of resurrection hope,
to live with courage,
to love with wild generosity,
and to bear witness to your love, already among us.
Amen.

Mike Wellman

Sung Response

"Lord, You Have My Heart"

+ 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

Luke 21:5-19, 25-28
This is the gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem

"Celtic Song of Thanks"

arr. Nolan

Sermon

"Heads Up"

Brandon Lewis

We Respond to God's Grace

Hymn 819

"Be Still, My Soul"

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

+ Presentation of Gifts

& Hymn 717

"For the Life That You Have Given"

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 630

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

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: Jackson Street Youth Services needs our help filling the shopping cart with **non-perishable food items** to meet their goal of **250 holiday food boxes for November**. Let's help others create their own special Thanksgiving dinner by donating the following non-perishable items; **boxed mashed or scalloped potatoes, cranberry sauce, green beans, cream of mushroom soup, crispy fried onions, canned corn, cornbread mix, evaporated milk, and sparkling cider.**

The 46th Annual Christmas Parlour Tour will be Sunday, Dec. 14 2025 from 2-7 p.m. Our beloved church will be part of the tour and we need volunteers to help bake, decorate, and welcome the visitors take a step back into the past. It will be quite festive and filled with Christmas spirit. **Sign up on the form on the information table if you want to help.**

Upcoming Events

Sunday 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	November 16 Sunday Worship Session Meeting
Monday 6:00 p.m.	November 17 ACT Practice
Tuesday 10:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	November 18 Sabbath Circle Book Study Stewardship & Finance Committee ACT Practice
Wednesday 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	November 19 Youth Group ACT Practice
Thursday 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	November 20 YOGA Women's Book Study Operational Board Meeting ACT Practice
Friday 4:30 p.m.	November 21 4H Potluck

Serving Today

Thank you to all who served in worship today.

Liturgist — Mike Wellman

Ushers — Linda Cameron, Elaine Chapman, Maureen Wellman and Mary Stevens.

Coffee Hour — Deacons

Children's Programs — Amanda Garcia, Liisa Reid, Aleena Chappell, Logan Breese, 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, 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:

Julie Charron
Nancy Goode and Family
Shirley Harrison
Chrys Hulshof
The family of Steve Koenig
Mike Rogers
Bill Sissel

CHURCH STAFF

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