

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 22nd, 2023

Third Sunday after Epiphany



"By grace we see what we see. To have faith is to respond to what we see by longing for it the rest of our days; by trying to live up to it and toward it through all the wonderful and terrible things; by breathing it in like air and growing strong on it; by looking to see it again and see it better. To lose faith is to stop looking."
—Frederick Buechner

Sunday Worship
10:00 am

Office Hours
Tuesday – Friday

8:00 am – 12 Noon, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
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We Gather

Please pass the Friendship Pad down each pew and back again after signing.

Gathering Song 469 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

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

We Praise

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.*

Invitation to Worship Creator of the cosmos, of eternity and time:
Be with us in this time.
Savior of the world, healer of the nations:
Be with us in our places.
Breath of all that lives, of people near and far:
Stir within our lives.
Maker-Spirit-Son, God of here and now:
**Be present in our worship, that we may find new ways to be present in
your world.**

+ Hymn 14 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

We Acknowledge and Give

A Call to Reflection and Restoration

Silent Prayer

Community Prayer Spirit of God, there is nowhere that you are not:
You support the universe with your grace;
You sustain every creature by your mercy;
You saturate our lives with your love,
You companion us on our journeys in the life of Christ.
As Christ asked the disciples, "What are you looking for," and who
offered the invitation to "Come and See," open our hearts to what you
reveal and give us the courage to follow.
Open our minds so that we can discover you in the ordinary and
overlooked, and find our place and play our part in your work of hope;
through Jesus Christ, who is all in all. Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

+ Passing the Peace

May Christ's peace be with you.

And also with you.

As you are willing and able, please greet one another with signs of peace.

Invitation to the Offering

As a symbol of our trust in God, we offer each person an opportunity to reconnect with giving by placing one extra \$1 in the offering plate as it is passed each Sunday. As we give faithfully and with a faithful attitude, each "faithful" \$1 will be richly blessed in the ministry of UPC.

Offertory

"Lord of All Hopefulness"

by Jane Marshall

**+ Presentation of Gifts
& Hymn 606**

"Doxology"

We Hear & Proclaim

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.

Sermon

"Come and See"

Brandon Lewis

We Respond

Hymn 721

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

Sharing Joys & Concerns

*At the conclusion of spoken joys, let us pray together, "**Thanks be to you, O God.**"*

*For concerns, let us make them our own by praying, "**Lord, 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

+ Closing Song

"Kyrie Eleison (Look Around You)"

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

+ 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.

As Christians have done for hundreds of years, our worship enters a conversation between God and human-kind that began long before we were born and will go on long after we are gone. We gather in the expectation of encountering the presence of God, to hear and proclaim the Gospel, to sing and to pray, to celebrate the sacraments, and to respond to God's grace with acts of care and service. We hope you will continue with us in this conversation and make yourself at home in our worship—to join in singing and prayer, to sit quietly, to cry, or to laugh.

United Presbyterian Church Welcomes Children of All Ages

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 behind the sanctuary.

Remember that children belong in worship. Jesus welcomed the children, and so do we!

Even wiggles and squirms come from God. It's okay if children move around a little more than the rest of us.

Let all God's children offer a smile of encouragement to young children and their parents.

Allow the children to learn more about worship—prayer, singing, and listening—by watching you!

Explain the parts of worship to your children.

Children's Nursery

The nursery (Room 208) will be available for infants—age 3 during worship services. Children can be dropped off any time after 9:30am and picked up following worship.

Godly Play

Age 3 – Grade 2 | Room 209

As a continuation of worship, Godly Play is a formational practice of exploring the mystery of God's inviting presence in our lives, teaching children how to listen for God and then to make authentic and creative responses to God.

Creative Minds

Grade 3+ | Youth Room

Creative Minds is a formational practice for older children and youth to engage, explore, and re-create the fascinating biblical stories of our faith through the world of Minecraft technology.



CALENDAR:

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, January 22

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

11:30 AM Session Meeting

Monday, January 23

12:00 PM Yoga Group

Tuesday, January 24

10:00 AM Book Study

Wednesday, January 25

7:00 AM Early Risers Fellowship

6:00 PM Youth Group

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 29 Congregational Meeting

Session has called for the annual meeting of the congregation after worship on January 29th.

Congregational votes will be taken for the following items:

- Approve the 2023 terms of call for Rev. Dr. Brandon Lewis
- Reelect the treasurer
- Receive the budget for 2023 (already approved by Session, no vote needed)

CHURCH STAFF

Brandon Lewis, Pastor

Sienna Bogart, Children's Ministry Director

Sarah Schultz, Office Manager

Michelle Mayers, Music Coordinator/Choir Director

Tao Li, Pianist

Kason Stevens, Facilities Manager

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