



Union Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 19, 2025 | 10AM

Reformed worship is centered around the Word, both the Word of scripture and Christ as the Word Incarnate. In worship we gather around the Word, engage with the Word, and respond to the Word.

Bold text is read or sung by the congregation.

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Confession is our opportunity to be honest with God, so that our relationship may be restored and our hearts reconciled.

The Passing of the Peace is one of the most ancient practices of worship. Having received Christ's peace, we pass it on.

Gather

Welcome and Announcements

Please help us to know you by signing the fellowship pad. If you have a prayer request, please complete a blue prayer card. Please place fellowship pad sheets and prayer request cards in the offering plate when passed.

Prelude & Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship

No matter how far we wander from you, O God,
your steadfast love finds us.
No matter how unjust the world seems to us, O God,
your steadfast righteousness sustains us.
No matter how vulnerable our lives seem to us, O God,
your steadfast presence gives us hope.
No matter how unloved and uncared for we feel, O God,
you hear our cries and answer our prayers. Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

Prayer of Praise

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

You have blessed us with a variety of gifts, Holy God, but we are reluctant to share. We hoard what is most valuable and make excuses for ourselves when called to share. The Spirit has blessed each of us uniquely, but we hide our light under a bushel and fail to rise to our potential. God, forgive us and embolden us. Help us to claim our gifts and put them to good use.
(Silent prayers of confession)

Responsive Assurance of Forgiveness

Our God is a loving God, full of mercy. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Believe in this forgiveness, be at peace, and respond in grateful service.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Sharing Christ's Peace

Because God has given us the peace of forgiveness, let us also be at peace with one another. May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

Hymn #450 (v.1-2)

Children 5th grade and younger are invited to come to the chancel steps.

We are singing this hymn's text to the tune of hymn 378.



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Our worship does not end with the postlude, but continues out into the world, where we are sent to love and care for God's people.

Engage

***Song for Illumination**

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 36:5-10 (Pew Bible OT p.657)

Hear what God's Spirit is saying to us. The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Children's Message

Special Music

Rise

Second Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (Pew Bible NT p.227)

Hear what God's Spirit is saying to us. The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Message

Different Gifts, Shared Calling

Rev. Lisa Stenner

***Hymn 733**

We All Are One in Mission

MERLE'S TUNE

Respond

Offering of Our Time, Talent and Treasure

Financial offerings support the Body of Christ through the life and mission of Union Presbyterian Church. If you have prayers to be shared during our prayers of the people, please place them in the offering plate.

Offertory

***Doxology**

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer, and the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn 543 (v.1,4,5)**

O Christ, Surround Me

GREEN TYLER

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

Worship Leaders

Cheryl Martinez, Accompanist

Julie Bailey, Liturgist

Announcements

Welcome to worship at UPC this morning!

Please help us get to know you by signing the fellowship pad. If you are a first time visitor, please leave your email address or phone number so that we can continue to welcome you. Also, stop by the Welcome Center in the narthex to pick up your welcome gift after the service!

We value children in worship! There are children's materials and crayons available as you enter the Sanctuary, a play area in the north window of the sanctuary, and a nursery area down the hall to the right of the narthex.

The beautiful flowers in the chancel this morning are given by Todd & Sandy Jones as an expression of deep gratitude for the countless ways the congregation has cared for Will Jones.

Donations needed for Quarter Auction on February 13th The proceeds benefit camps, conferences and retreats. We need donations of 15-20 items such as cool jewelry items; baskets of food treats, bath goodies, etc; supplies for a family game night or movie night. Auction items can be dropped off in the vestibule or church office. We'll store them until the auction.

Budget and Directory Backlog We need your help catching up before Pastor Lisa is on respite leave in February and March. Pay attention to newsletter and email to update your directory info and send us your pledge commitments for 2025. Pastor Lisa's energy has rightly been elsewhere, and we're all trying to catch up to get everything in place for an awesome 2025!

◆ Other Activities this Week

Monday Church Office closed for MLK Day
Boone County Pride recap 6pm
Session 7pm

Adult Activities

Choir Practice

Wednesdays 6:30pm Sanctuary
Adults and teens welcome.

Yoga

Mon, Wed, Thur 9am Narthex

Wrapped in Prayer Stickers

2nd & 4th Tuesdays 7pm Youth Room

Florence Women's Club

3rd Tuesday 12:30pm – 2:30pm
Info: Sharon Price 859-391-3984

Resplendor de Gloria

Sunday at 4pm, Thursday at 7pm
Info: (513) 728-5343

Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesdays at 8pm

UPS (Union Presbyterian Seniors)

3rd Thursday Lunch at local restaurants
Info: Elaine Johnson

◆ Youth Activities

Middle School Youth

Monday: MLK Day of Service St. Vincent De Paul's
in Erlanger 1pm-3pm

Next week: Ice Skating @ Fountain Square 1p-3p

High School Youth

Monday: MLK Day of Service St. Vincent De Paul's
in Erlanger 1pm-3pm

Next week: Ice Skating @ Fountain Square 1p-3p

Boy Scouts, Troop 805

Monday at 7pm

◆ Children's Activities

Sunday School K-5th Grade

2nd & 4th Sundays at 9:15am in Room 112

Cub Scouts, Troop 805

Tuesdays 6:30pm

Girl Scouts Troop 2146

Every other Friday at 6pm

Union Children's Choir

Saturdays 9:30am – 10:30am

Birthdays

January 22 Richard Sloan

Prayers

Genesis Tinslee, Bob Sherwood, Martha Spanier,
Meg Sidle, Danni Kavanaugh, Will Jones,
Carol Graham

Congregational Meeting & Lunch Sunday, January 26th The meal will be prepared by the Deacons. No need to bring anything but yourself. This annual meeting is for the Session to present the 2025 Budget, for the congregation to approve Pastor Lisa's 2025 terms of call, and to elect the 2025 Officer Nominating Committee. In the PC-USA, the Session approves the budget and is presenting it to the congregation for information. The Session recommends the pastor's terms of call; however, the congregation calls the pastor and is the body that must annually approve the pastor's terms of call. Finally, the Session presents names for the Officer Nominating Committee with a representative from the Music Program, the UPSeniors group, the Session, the Deacons, and a member at large. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor provided that the person nominated has already agreed to serve. The 2025 Officer Nominating Committee will help our congregation discern who the Spirit is leading to serve as Deacons and Elders in the class of 2028.



Souper Bowl Sunday is February 9th, and we want to break our record!

In 2024, we collected 1093 food items and over \$1100! What will happen in 2025?!? In addition to accepting monetary donations after worship on Souper Bowl Sunday, we're collecting these shelf stable (no need for refrigeration) foods until Feb.9th. Please place your donations in the narthex or in the office vestibule on the appropriate side. One side is "Men". The other side is "Women".

This drive is stocking Abraham's Pantry and sharing with Gallatin County CAC. Please share:

- Canned pastas (spaghetios, ravioli, etc.)
- Hearty soups *14oz canned fruit
- Shelf stable milk * 5oz shelf stable pepperoni
- Shells and cheese dinner (no milk needed)
- Boxed cereal *Paper towels

Donated items will be counted each week then stocked in Abraham's Pantry. The totals will be posted in the narthex so everyone can see how the competition is progressing. The competition winners will have bragging rights for a whole year. (BTW, the women are 4 time champions.) Of course, the real winners will be our food insecure neighbors who will benefit from your generosity!

<u>SESSION</u>		
<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>
Bob Janes	Jacob Brooks	Erin Focke
Nancy Shupe	Laura Pears	Mary Lu Funyak
<u>DEACONS</u>		
<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>
Julie Bailey	Danni Kavanaugh	Sam Caudill
Lisa Denham	Dave Stenner	Grace Daniel
Andrea Vanzant	Holly VonLehman	Cheryl Davis