



## United Presbyterian Church

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## October 19, 2025 Worship Guide

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**Welcome & Announcements** Elder Allen Pease

**Prelude** Benjamin Watkins, piano

**Call to Worship**

Elder Souheil Haddad, Liturgist

**Liturgist:** Welcome to this sacred space where we gather in unity and hope. Today, let us open our hearts to the light of faith that guides us through every challenge.

**People:** **As we come together, let us remember the power of positivity. In every moment, we have the choice to see the good, to uplift one another, and to celebrate the blessings in our lives.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

*Guide Me O, Thou Great Jehovah*

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**Call to Confession** (Liturgist)

Emboldened by God’s love, assured of God’s grace, let us freely share our honest confession before God and one another.

**Prayer of Confession** (in unison with Liturgist)

**God of tender mercies, we admit that sometimes we don’t know what to do with ourselves. We anger at the slightest insult and imagine great vengeance upon those who wronged us. We laze about in the good news of our faith and do not consider the deep commitment of faith. We care for ourselves but not for others. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive us, help us to repent, and make us whole. Hear now our silent confessions.....Amen.**

**Declaration of Forgiveness** (Liturgist)

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

**\*Gloria Patri**

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**Passing of the Peace**

**Liturgist:** God sends this message of joy to all people, preaching peace by Jesus Christ, the Lord of all. The peace of Christ be with you.

**People:** **And also, with you.**

**Liturgist:** Let us share Christ’s peace with one another

**Music for Meditation**

*I Heard a Voice from Heaven* – Thomas Tomkins UPC Quartet

**Prayer for Illumination** (Liturgist)

Gracious God, illumine these words by your Spirit, that we might hear what you would have us hear and be who you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.



**The Old Testament Lesson** *Psalm 34: 17-18* – Liturgist Haddad

**The New Testament Lesson** *II Corinthians 12: 9* – Elder Pease

**Pastor:** The word of the Lord

**People:** **Thanks be to God**

**Sermon** *Accentuate the Positive, Eliminate the Negative* Elder Allen Pease

**\*Sermon Hymn:** *Our Cities Cry to You, O God* #437

**Affirmation of Faith**— Apostle's Creed (traditional) in unison with Elder Allen Pease

**I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer** – Elder Don Root

**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.**

**Call for the Offering** – Elder Don Root

**Offertory**

*\*Doxology* #592

Prayer of Dedication

**\*Closing Hymn:** *All Things Bright and Beautiful* #267

**Charge and Benediction** Elder Don Root

**Postlude** Benjamin Watkins, piano

\*Please stand if you are able

**UPC Prayer List** - Email requests to: [upcbloomington@gmail.com](mailto:upcbloomington@gmail.com).

Kevin Jones Roby Lorimer Virginia McCartney Kathleen Olds Anita Steverson

His Eyes Mission in Honduras led by Valerie & Felipe Colby

Nyaka Global in Uganda led by Jackson Kaguri

All the food pantries of Monroe County as they struggle with increased demand

The people of Georgia, Nigeria, Middle East and Ukraine

**Caledonia Presbyterian Church** in Vevay is an extremely small rural congregation in Switzerland County, Indiana. The congregation is joyful they can still worship together and make a joyful noise unto the Lord!



**Lunch!**

Please join me for a lunch celebrating fellowship (and something else I'll announce on Sunday). Don't bring anything else other than yourself!

It's immediately after the service in Fellowship Hall. Enjoy a down-home southern Indiana meal – baked ham, Swiss cheese, baked beans, potato salad, cornbread and more. All are welcome. See ya there, *Elder Allen Pease*



**Celebrate!**

October 10	Rula Hanania Jim McDonald
October 17	Gerrit Jan Heitink
October 25	Pilsoo Kang
October 26	John and Colleen Swanson Anniversary
October 31	Darian and Melanie Mathis McBride Annivers:



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and enjoy a Cowboy Chili Supper!

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UPC Fellowship Hall

# OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup> 6:00PM