United Presbyterian Church
Bloomington, Indiana
Christ's People for the World

24th Sunday After Pentecost
November 8, 2026 10:00am

Welcome and Announcements — Deacon Andy Hill

Prelude — Benjamin Watkins, piano

Call to Worship (Psalm 78) — Jim Haverstock, Liturgist

Liturgist: Give ear, O my people, and listen to the words of my mouth
People: We will tell the coming generations of the Lord's glorious deeds and the wonders God has done.
Liturgist: Let us set our hope in God and not forget the works of the Lord.
People: As we wait, we will tell the story and keep the commandments.
Liturgist: We come together to worship the living God.

Opening Hymn № 343 * "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

Call to Confession — Liturgist

If we say we have no sin, the truth is not in us.
Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, we seek to begin again.
With confidence that God hears us as we pray, let us confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession (together w/ Liturgist)

God of grace, we have sinned against you by not honoring you or loving one another. We sleep when you ask us to be awake. We fall short in our preparations for the delays that inevitably come. We fail to share what you have provided. We have lost our hope. Forgive our sinful ways, tame our wayward wills and make us more like Christ. Inspire us by your Spirit so that we will be prepared to welcome the Lord when he appears. May our lives here and now be a glimpse of what we hope all may one day enjoy.

-- all pray in silence

Assurance of Pardon — Liturgist

Friends, hear these words, and listen to this good news: Jesus died and rose again, and will bring with him both those who have died and those who are alive.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, thanks be to God.

** You are invited to stand in body and/or in spirit*

The Gloria Patri № 579 *

The Peace of Christ *

Liturgist:	The Peace of Christ be with you.
People:	**And also, with you.**
Liturgist:	Let us share that peace with one another.

Music for Meditation — Benjamin, Anna, Patrick

Prayer for Illumination — Liturgist

Inspire us by your Holy Spirit that the words we read on the page might become living words in our hearts and lives as we encounter the grace, love and peace of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

New Testament Lesson — Amos 5:18–24 — Liturgist

Gospel Lesson — Matthew 25:1-13 — Rev. Dr. Catherine Knott

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon — "Being Prepared" — Rev. Knott

Hymn of Response № 370 * — "Just as I Am, Without One Plea"

Affirmation of Faith (*Confession of 1967*, 9.54-9.55), led by Rev. Knott

Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, the household of God, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents God's triumph over all that resists the divine will and disrupts God's creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.

With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer — Rev. Knott

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.

Invitation to the Offering — Rev. Knott

Offertory

The Doxology № 592 *

Prayer of Dedication Rev. Knott

Closing Hymn № 429 * "Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

Charge and Benediction * Rev. Knott

Postlude Benjamin Watkins, piano

UPC Prayer Partners - Email requests to: upcbloomington@gmail.com

Roby Troy Virginia Kathleen Seth Shawn

His Eyes in Honduras Nyaka Global in Uganda Pantry 279

All people who are suffering from armed conflict

Staff of the Presbytery of the Ohio Valley

Administrative Associate for Office Support, **Rhonda Seymour** lives in Bloomington with her husband, Ken. Their two adult sons, Roman and Donovan, both live close by, for which she is very grateful. Rhonda appreciates your prayers for all who are coping with long term health challenges.

Administrative Associate for IT Support, **Stephanie Worden** lives near Ellettsville with her husband, Bill, their children, Logan and Caroline, and their dogs, Molly and Laguna. She appreciates your prayers for continued health, peace, and happiness.

Jean Brown (Treasurer) lives in Frisco, Texas with her husband, Larry. She is thankful for family nearby. She requests prayers for families struggling in these difficult economic times, praying that help will be available to all those in need.

Scott Seay is nearing the completion of his first year as Stated Clerk, and in his eighteenth year as part-time Stated Supply at Brown County Presbyterian Fellowship. He also continues to teach at Christian Theological Seminary. He lives in Greenwood with his two dogs. He asks you to pray for inquirers and candidates for ordination to whom we will pass the leadership of the church.

Susan McGhee is in her eighteenth year of service as the Executive Presbyter. She lives in Bloomington with her kitty, Abby Cadabby. Susan welcomes your prayers for her family and friends, for the congregations and pastors in our presbytery, and for a spirit of civility in government and society.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Pantry 279 is providing Thanksgiving dinner boxes for families in need. They need to fill those boxes as well as everyday food items. We'll be collecting food items in our little red wagon The next two weeks**.**

Thanksgiving: Canned yams, can openers, deserts (pie filling, pudding, cake mix,), cranberry sauce, gravy packets, stuffing, green beans, corn, jiffy cornbread mix, cream of mushroom soup, mac 'n cheese, spices, salt & pepper shakers.

Everyday items: Pasta, pasta sauce, canned meats & beans, soups, ramen, rice dishes like Knorr noodles or rice-a-roni, oatmeal, baking items, sugar, peanut butter.



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LAST CHANCE TO SPONSOR:
2026 UPC Worship Team

Poinsettia Display

We are again getting our Poinsettia's from the
Bloomington Symphony Orchestra.
This is the 26th year for their Poinsettia Sale fund raiser.
Their plants are always lush and beautiful!

Cost is $15.00 per plant

You may dedicate your poinsettia.
Simply note it on the sign-up sheet

Five Beautiful Christmas Colors!


Red


White


Pink


Jingle Bells


Ice Crystals

To sponsor, please contact Allen THIS SUNDAY
The annual UPC Poinsettia Display will be in place December 6