

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

Christ the King Sunday
November 22, 2026 10:00am

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude — Benjamin Watkins, piano

Call to Worship (Psalm 100) — Jo Barnett, Liturgist

Liturgist: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
People: Worship the Lord with gladness! Come into God's presence with singing!
Liturgist: Know this! The Lord is God!
People: We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.
Liturgist: So, enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and come into the sanctuary with praise.
People: Let us give thanks to God and bless God's holy name.
Liturgist: For the Lord is good;
People: God's steadfast love endures forever! God's faithfulness is for all generations!
Liturgist: Come, let us worship God!

Opening Hymn № 473 * "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Call to Confession — Liturgist

This is a holy time and a holy place set aside for holy people; yet what makes us holy is not our perfection, it is Christ's. Every sin that is found outside of the church is found inside of it. The only difference is that here we acknowledge our sin and lay it before the one who has the power and authority to redeem us. Trusting in the promise that God is for us, let us confess our sins together:

Prayer of Confession (together w/ Liturgist)

Almighty God, you are God of all creation, from beginning to end. All authority and power to direct the ways of the world are in your hands. Yet you saw fit to outfit humankind with the same freedom to choose and act that you have. We thank you for this power, but confess we often misuse it. We choose to do the things we know not to do. We take advantage, even as we sense our conscience pulling us away from what is wrong. We deny our own agency and claim "it is what it is" about the sufferings and injustices of the world when we should be working to make a change. Forgive us, Merciful God, of our shallowness of heart and slowness of action. Fill us with the Spirit of Christ, the advocate for the least among us, that we be empowered to do justly, love kindness and walk humbly before you. Through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

Assurance of Pardon (adapted from Romans 8:33–34) Liturgist

Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.
Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised,
who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.
So believe the Good News:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

The Gloria Patri № 579 *

The Peace of Christ *

Liturgist:	The Peace of Christ be with you.
People:	**And also, with you.**
Liturgist:	Rejoicing in our differences, we come together as one. Let us share this peace with one another.

Music for Meditation Benjamin, Members of UPC Quartet

Prayer for Illumination Liturgist

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh upon your people gathered here today. Allow the fulness of your power, your majesty, your authority and your righteousness to fill this moment. Stir something up in us. Shake us from our reverie. Convict us of the truth we need to hear. And if we have asked you for too little, we pray you do something beyond what we can ever ask or even imagine. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**.

Old Testament Lesson	Ezekiel 34: 11–16	Liturgist
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 25: 31–46	Rev. Mark McDaniel

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon	"One of These Things"	Rev. McDaniel
Hymn of Response № 106 *	"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks (to the Risen Lord)"	

Affirmation of Faith (from the Theological Declaration of Barmen), led by Rev. McDaniel

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so, in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures.
Therefore, we reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords — areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him. Amen.

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

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. McDaniel

Offertory

The Doxology № 592 *

Prayer of Dedication — Rev. McDaniel

Closing Hymn № 464 * "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Charge and Benediction * — Rev. McDaniel

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

The **Livonia Presbyterian Church** is located one block off of highway 56 in Livonia between Salem and Paoli in western Washington County Indiana. We celebrated our 210th anniversary in 2026. We are very proud of our church building, especially our stained-glass windows.

Each fall we host our fried chicken dinner fundraiser. Beginning in the 1980's, it has become a highly anticipated event in the area. We are blessed to be able to support our community by giving out food baskets at Thanksgiving to those in need. We also donate clothing to two local elementary schools each year at Christmas. We would greatly appreciate prayers for our Minister, Congregation, fundraising efforts, those who serve in our Armed Forces & Law Enforcement, and those afflicted by illness & poverty.

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The Worship Team
invite you to the

Annual Spaghetti Dinner

And

Dessert Auction

to benefit UPC's Music Program!

Wednesday, December 9 **6–8 p. m.** **Fellowship Hall**



Tossed Salad!

Spaghetti with Marinara! Spaghetti with Meat Sauce!

Fettuccini Alfredo!

Garlic Bread! Homemade Desserts!

Coffee! Tea! Milk!.



Celebrity Chefs!
UPC Christian Ed Director Melanie Mathis-McBride
Elder Darian McBride
UPC Music Director Benjamin Watkins

Celebrity Auctioneers!
Deacon Fadi Haddad
Elder Souheil Haddad



If you'd like to donate a homemade dessert . . .
See Allen or Melanie.

$10 adults $5 for children 10 and under