

# UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**January 19, 2025**  
2nd Sunday after Epiphany



“When we reach the end of what we know, that’s where we find God.” – Richard Rohr

**Sunday Worship**  
**10:00 am**

**Office Hours**  
**Tuesday – Friday**  
8:30 am – 12 Noon, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
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## We Gather in God's Name

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### 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.*

### Welcome & Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### Invitation to Worship

In reverence, in wonder, in hope, in gratitude, we gather to celebrate life—  
**the life we have been given by God,  
the life we share with one another in community,  
the life that Jesus gives in abundance.**

### + Gathering Song 15

“All Creatures of Our God and King” (Verses 1-4)

## We Offer Our Gratitude

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### Community Prayer

Gracious and loving God,  
we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives:  
the fear that stifles us,  
the prejudice that blinds us,  
the ignorance that hobbles us,  
the doubt that plagues us.  
Help us, we pray, that we will find courage in unlikely places,  
see the world with new and gracious eyes,  
move to those places where love is needed,  
and have faith that you are with us.  
We give ourselves to your transforming power,  
to make us into the people you made and invite us to be.  
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Kevin DeCoster

### Sung Response 469

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

### + Sharing the Peace of Christ

May the peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
*As you are willing and able, please greet one another with signs of peace.*

## We Listen & Receive

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### 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 2:1-11  
This is the gospel of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**                      "A Joyful Song to the Lord"                      *arr. Patti Drennan*

**Sermon**                      "Good Times"                      Brandon Lewis

## **We Respond to God's Grace**

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**Hymn 686**                      "God of Our Life"

### **Invitation to Give**

*We are grateful for the gifts of time, talent, and treasure that you share.*

*We offer each person an opportunity to connect with giving by placing at least one \$1 in the offering plate.*

*As we give faithfully, each faithful \$1 will bless the ministry of UPC.*

### **Offertory**

### **Presentation of Gifts**

**& Hymn 697**                      "Take My Life" (Verses 1 and 6)

### **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.**"*

### **Community Prayer**

#### **& 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 in God's Love**

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**+ Closing Hymn 14**                      "For the Beauty of the Earth"

**+ 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.

## Announcements

**Journey Forward Support Group** — If you or someone you know is struggling with grief after losing a spouse or partner please consider joining this group which gathers every second Wednesday of the month from 10am-11am in the Pfeiffer room.

## Upcoming Events

<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am 11:30 am	<b>January 19</b> Sunday Worship Session Meeting
<b>Monday</b> 10:00 am	<b>January 20</b> <b>UPC and TCP CLOSED</b> Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
<b>Tuesday</b> 10:00 am	<b>January 21</b> Sabbath Circle Book Study
<b>Thursday</b> 12:30am 1:00 pm 6:45 pm	<b>January 23</b> Yoga Women's Book Study ACT Practice
<b>Saturday</b> 8:00 am	<b>January 25</b> Mental Health Aid Class

## Serving Today

Thank you to all who served in worship today.

**Liturgist** - Kevin DeCoster

**Ushers** – Linda Cameron, Elaine Chapman, Jack Towns, and Billie Jo Cruzan

**Coffee Hour** – Deacons—Donuts

**Children's Programs** – Sienna Bogart, Tarryn Scroggins, Estella Riddle and Josiah Blaisdell.

## Children's Programs

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 in the back of the sanctuary.

### 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 | Godly Play

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.

## Local Outreach | Ways to Serve

**Linn Benton Food Share**—Packing boxes of food for families who suffer from food insecurities. The next time will be **February 6th at 5:00 - 7:00 pm** at the Linn Benton Food Share Warehouse, 33900 Looney Ln., Tangent, OR 97389.

## Prayers & Praise

Please send prayers of comfort and healing for:

Ashley Cary  
Glenn Harrison  
Bill and Chrys Hulshof  
Lindsay Jones & Parker Jones  
Linda Melikian  
Caryl & Denny Thomas's Family - Cory Whitney  
Charlie Van Meter

### CHURCH STAFF

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