

United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 4, 2024

COMMUNION SUNDAY ✠ SCOUT SUNDAY ✠ KIDS' FIRST SUNDAY

**Please give all prayer slips to Rev. Koczera before the service begins*
(Prayers slips can be found in the narthex next to the bulletin basket).*

PRELUDE

“Hark, the Glad Sound”

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Kamila Rodriguez-Sellas

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bill Malloy

CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on Psalm 147)*

Bill Malloy

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving!

How good it is to sing praises to our God.

For God is gracious, healing the brokenhearted, binding up their wounds.

Great is our Lord and mighty in power and God's understanding is beyond measure. Praise the Lord!

***HYMN**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

GTG #12

CALL TO CONFESSION

Kamila Rodriguez-Sellas

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Kamila Rodriguez-Sellas

Gracious God, it's tempting to give up and give in, to hide from the injustices of the world, to protect ourselves and our own, to turn off the evening news full of bad news. Forgive our sins of escape, of ignoring, of turning our backs on those in need. Forgive our sins of apathy when you call us to action. Renew us, Holy God, by your grace. Strengthen us to follow Christ's call. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(based on Psalm 103)*

Kamila Rodriguez-Sellas

***SONG OF RESPONSE**

“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

GTG# 465

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Megan Gadsby

SPECIAL MUSIC

“You Raise Me Up”

soloist Jaclyn Wyrwas

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 1:29-39 (NIV)

Rev. Jan Koczera

SERMON “On Possessing a Resilient Faith”

Rev. Jan Koczera

COMMUNION

Rev. Jan Koczera

Creator God, Mother and Father of us all, we worship you.

People of every tribe, nation, language and culture praise you!

Risen Christ, our sisters and brothers around the world give thanks to you.

People of every kind and status, in every hut and cathedral sing to you!

Holy Spirit, through you we have been made one, the Body of Christ, throughout the world.

Loving Christ....

With joy, and with all of Creation, we proclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy

God of Power and Grace

Heaven and Earth are full of your glory

Hosanna in the highest.

Partaking of the elements

Assisting Rev. Koczera with Communion today are Ruling Elder Rhea Mucha, and Deacons Karen Ashe and Benita Rommel.

Prayer after communion

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Bill Malloy

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Bill Malloy

O God, our maker and provider, you have blessed us with many gifts.

Use us, and what we have gathered, to feed the world through your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY

(sung to tune of GTG #609)

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;

Praise Him all creatures here below;

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise Him above ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Bill Malloy

***SENDING SONG** “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” GTG #834

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Greetings!

Our program emphasizes leadership, service, responsibility, and character building. This is a Scout-led program with adult leader guidance and supervision. Our goal is to instill the Scouting principles, Scout Oath and Scout Law, and help our youth become strong, independent young individuals through outdoor adventures.

United Presbyterian Church also charters an all male troop. They are BSA Troop 91B who have a fantastic program for boys ages 11 to 17 years old. Both Troops, T91B and T91G, collaborate often during the scouting year with service projects, campouts, and more. We're linked troops chartered by the church but, run as independent troops with separate youth leadership. Both troops have a sound scouting program and are thriving. We thank United Presbyterian Church for sponsoring us so our youth can have opportunities to be good and do good in our community.

Yours in cheerful service,
Claudia Barrantes-Kerwin, Scoutmaster, Scouts BSA - Troop 91G, Hamilton, NJ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BSA TROOP 91 FUNDRAISER

UPC's BACK ENTRANCE REFURBISH

If you were unable to visit UNO's on Thursday, January 18 to participate in the Fundraiser for Troop 91 Eagle Scout prospect Ethan Morris' project, but would still like to donate to the event, you may **submit a check/cash until February 11.**

You may submit your check or cash to the church via the offering plates, or send it to the church via USPS mail.

Please make out your check to **UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** and put **"Troop 91" on the memo line.**

If submitting cash, please write **"TROOP 91"** on the **"*Other Details"** line and enter the amount to the right of **"*Other"** notation in the amount box.

Questions? Please call the church office at 609-585-5770.

TODAY -- Sunday, **February 4** ~ SCOUT SUNDAY You will see

members of Troop 91 assisting in today's service!

Troop 91G members and their families are the coffee hour hosts today!

Tuesday, **February 6** ~ FACILITIES MEETING 9:30 AM in Lower Level Fellowship Hall

~ UPW MEETING 10:00 AM in Upper Level Fellowship Hall All women are invited!

Sunday, **February 11** ~ SOUPer BOWL SUNDAY – Collecting cans of Soup for Ginny's Pantry. Please bring your cans of soup in that day to place in the collection pots!

~DEACONS MEETING 12:00PM in Manse Lounge

~2023 Annual Reports will be available for congregation to view.

Wednesday, **February 14** ~ *ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE* **6:30 PM**

in the Sanctuary. Led by Rev. Don LaCrosse.

* NEED A RIDE TO ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE?

Please contact Rita Peterson (Chair of Worship & Music) or Pat Anthony (Chair of Deacons).

~ SURVIVOR'S GROUP LUNCHEON 12:00 PM at Villa Barone (38 Robbinsville-Allentown Rd, Robbinsville 08691). All seniors and their friends are invited! Please let Rita Peterson know if you plan to attend.

Saturday, **February 17** ~ UPM BREAKFAST 9:00 AM at Town & Country Diner. All men are invited!

Sunday, **February 18** ~ *CONGREGATIONAL MEETING* Immediately following the 11am Service.

Purpose: To approve the 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

SESSION MEETING IS CANCELLED FOR FEBRUARY

Monday, **February 19** ~ CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED (President's Day)

Sunday, **February 25** ~ WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE MEETING
12:00 PM in Manse Lounge

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What is SCOUT SUNDAY?

Ans: The Boy Scouts of America designates the Sunday that falls before February 8 (Scouting Anniversary Day) as Scout Sunday, which is the primary date to recognize the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting.

Thank you to this week's greeters: Rose Wales (UPC),

Lana Kerwin (Troop 91G), Kamila Rodriguez-Sellas (Troop 91G),
and Ethan Morris (Troop 91B)

This Month's Mission : GINNY'S PANTRY

Located on the corner of Klocker Rd and Armour Ave (Parking is off Armour Ave). Operating Hours: Second Thursday of each month, open 2:00pm-6:00pm

Today's worship flowers are presented by The Machin Family

In Memory of Michael Festa

**** If you attend UPC's 11:00 am Sunday service online,**

please say "HELLO" so we know you're there!

If you would like your group's meeting dates and times ~ or any special announcement ~ printed in the bulletin on Sundays, please make sure to send the information (via email) to the office no later than the Monday before! *Bulletins for the next Sunday are created on Monday and printed on Tuesday.*

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BSA - Oath

On my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country
and To obey the scout law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake and morally straight.

BSA - Law

A Scout is:
Trustworthy
Loyal
Helpful
Friendly
Courteous
Kind
Obedient
Cheerful
Thrifty
Brave
Clean
Reverent