United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, OCTOBER 25, 2026

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost | Year A

Please give all prayer slips to **Rev. Kerri Erbig before the service begins**

RINGING OF THE BELLS Nancy Giordano

PRELUDE "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" *arr. C. S. Lang*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Nancy Giordano

CALL TO WORSHIP *(inspired by Psalm 90)* Nancy Giordano

Holy One, you are our dwelling place! From everlasting to everlasting, you are God!
Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Holy One, you are our dwelling place! From everlasting to everlasting, you are Sovereign!
Let your work be manifest to your servants and your glorious power to their children.
Holy One, you are our dwelling place! From everlasting to everlasting, you are God!
Let your favor be upon us and prosper for us the work of our hands — O prosper the work of our hands!

***HYMN** "Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty!" GTG #1

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Nancy Giordano

CALL TO CONFESSION Nancy Giordano

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Nancy Giordano

Gracious God, we hear the direction in biblical law, and we can reduce our faith into all the things we cannot do. We can begin to perceive following you to a way of life that restricts our choices and binds us to certain behaviors. Help us to recognize that life with you transcends the rules and invites us to loving you, our neighbor, and ourselves.
Through the Law, the Prophets, and the Messiah, you have helped us know how to love better and more. Help us again today. Amen.

Silent Prayer

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Nancy Giordano

TIME FOR CHILDREN Rhea Mucha

ANTHEM "More Love to Thee" *arr. S. Pethel* UPC Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 1 NRSVUE & Matthew 22:34-40 NRSVUE

SERMON Rev. Kerri Erbig

***HYMN** "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" GTG #729

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING Rev. Kerri Erbig

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING

Holy Love, we dedicate these gifts to you in hope and trust that, through you, our generosity makes a difference in the world. We give you thanks in advance for the fruit nurtured by this offering. As you bless these gifts, also bless the giver and those entrusted with the stewardship of these resources in your name and for your church and world. Amen.

***WE GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD** *(sung to the tune of GTG #609)*

Praise God from whom all blessings 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!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Kerri Erbig

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord:
Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace. Amen.

***SENDING SONG** "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" GTG #687

BENEDICTION Rev. Kerri Erbig

GO IN PEACE

POSTLUDE "Aria" *G. F. Handel / arr. W. Held*

Credits

Love God and Neighbor: Service Prayers for the Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost Year A was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ

Thank you to this week's greeter: DOT SEXTON

This Month's Mission: HOMEFRONT

Today's Worship Service flowers are provided by Tony and Camille Nami

In Memory of Anne C. Rostowski

Looking to the future:

Sunday, November 1 – ALL SAINTS DAY
Sunday, November 22 – "Dedication Sunday"
Wednesday, November 25 – Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service 7PM at Resurrection Lutheran Church
Saturday, November 28 – "Hanging of the Greens"
Sunday, November 29 – 1st Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 6 – BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS
4:00PM-6:00PM

TRUNK OR TREAT

Today 4:00PM to 5:30PM in our parking lot!

ALL CHILDREN are welcome!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DAY	DATE	COMMITTEE/GROUP	TIME	PLACE	NOTES
		WEEK OF 10/25/26 – 10/31/26			
Sunday	10/25/26	**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**	10:00AM	LOUNGE	
Sunday	10/25/26	**TRUNK or TREAT**	4:00PM	Parking Lot	*4-5:30pm*
Monday	10/26/26	**OFFICE CLOSED**			
Tuesday	10/27/26	**SECURITY TEAM Meeting** ****CANCELLED****	2:00PM	LOUNGE	
Tuesday	10/27/26	**BOOK CLUB**	7:00PM	UPPER LEVEL FELLOWSHIP HALL	
Thursday	10/29/26	**OFFICE CLOSED**			
		WEEK OF 11/01/26-11/07/26			
Sunday	11/01/26	**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**	10:00AM	LOUNGE	
Sunday	11/01/26	**ALL SAINTS DAY**			
Sunday	11/01/26	**COFFEE HOUR**	12:15PM	UPPER LEVEL FELLOWSHIP HALL	*Hosts: Finance Committee*
Tuesday	11/03/26	**UPW Meeting**	10:00AM	UPPER LEVEL FELLOWSHIP HALL	
Wednesday	11/04/26	**FACILITIES Meeting**	2:00PM	LOUNGE	
		WEEK OF 11/08/26-11/14/26			
Sunday	11/08/26	**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**	10:00AM	LOUNGE	
Sunday	11/08/26	**DEACONS Meeting**	12:15PM	LOUNGE	
Tuesday	11/10/26	**SECURITY Meeting**	2:00PM	LOUNGE	
		WEEK OF 11/15/26-11/21/26			
Sunday	11/15/26	**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**	10:00AM	LOUNGE	
Sunday	11/15/26	**SESSION**	12:15PM	LOUNGE	
Saturday	11/21/26	**UPM Men's Breakfast**	9:00AM	*ANGIE'S [?]*	***In Bordentown***

OUTSIDE GROUP SCHEDULES

Sunday: ***Jersey Central Church of Christ****- meets 2:00pm-4:15pm*
Church of God Emanuel *(6:00-10:00pm)*
Monday: AA-Big Book (12:00-1:00pm);
Troop 91G (6:00-9:00 pm)[UPC Charter Scout Troop]
Tuesday: OPA-Rhyme & Reason (7:00-8:00pm)
Church of God Emanuel *(6:00-10:00pm)*
Wednesday: AA-New Happiness (6:00-7:00pm)
Thursday: AA- Tea Time & A Meeting (6:00-7:00pm);
AA-Thirsty Thursday (9:00-10:00pm)
Friday: AA-High Noon (12:00-1:00pm)
AA-24 Hour Solution Group (7:00-8:00pm)
Al-Anon-Progress in Alanon Family Group (7:00-8:00pm)
Saturday: Recovery Meditation Group (11:00am-12:30pm);
AA-Foundations for our Future (1:00pm-2:30pm)

Visitor's Information

~If there is an asterisk (" * ") next to a heading, that indicates a section where all who *can* stand are asked to stand.

~All text in **bold** is *said in unison*.

~"GTG" with a hymn name refers to our purple hymnal, 'Glory To God'. The number is the page/hymn number. Hymnals are in the pew pocket in front of you.

~PRAYER SLIPS and OFFERING ENVELOPES are available for your use and can be found on the table in the narthex where you picked up, or were given, a bulletin. NOTE that you may give the Reverend the prayer slip before the service or may announce your prayer request during "Prayers of the People" when the pastor asks for any other prayers.

~OFFERING PLATE Here at UPC we do not "pass" the offering plate. Instead, there are two silver offering plates at the front of the sanctuary. If you choose to give, you may place your offering in one of the two plates before or after the service. Or, you can send a check to the office. Thank you for your offering.

**** If you attend UPC's 11:00 am Sunday service online, please say "HELLO" or leave a comment so we know you're there! ****

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