

April 26, 2026



The sheep hear his voice.
He calls them by name and
leads them out.
They follow him because they
know his voice.

I am the gate; whoever enters
by me will be saved
and will find pasture.

I came that they may have life,
and have it abundantly.
— John 10:3–4, 9–10

The United Presbyterian Church of Whitinsville

Church Location
51 Cottage Street,
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Office Location
7 Spring Street
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The members of United Presbyterian Church envision a vibrant congregation that passionately connects with God and one another, seeking to discover His presence deep within through meaningful worship, prayer, and Bible study. As we reflect on God's grace in our lives, we commit to growing together in faith and unity. We honor the diverse needs and opinions of all people, striving to build bridges of support, kindness, and peace within our church and community, fostering an environment where the Holy Spirit and God's love uplift hearts and lives.

Worship Service: April 26, 2026

Presiding Elder: Mark Widner

Children's bulletins are available at the welcome center

Hearing devices are available upon request

*** All hymns are from The Celebration Hymnal (the green one) unless otherwise noted***

We Gather

Prelude: “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” Watts/*Southern Harmony*, 1833

Welcome: Suzanne Santoro

Announcements: Suzanne Santoro

Responsive Call to Worship: Suzanne Santoro

Leader:

This morning ... we come from busy lives
full schedules ... full minds ... and a lot of noise.

People:

Lord, quiet our hearts.

Leader:

We come carrying worries ... conversations...
and things we haven't been able to set down.

People:

Lord, help us let them go.

Leader:

God is not absent ... God is not silent...

People:

God is here... and God is speaking.

Leader:

But to hear clearly ... we must be willing to slow down...

People:

Lord, help us listen.

Leader:

So in this moment ... we pause ... we breathe ... we become still

People:

We are here to hear Your voice.

Leader:

Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer:

Suzanne Santoro

Heavenly Father,

Before we say anything else ... before we ask for anything...
we take a moment ... to be still.

Lord, our minds are full.

Full of schedules ... full of conversations ... full of things we need to do next
And if we're honest ... it's hard to slow down.

So right now...

we ask You to help us do something simple ... but not easy.

Help us clear the noise for the next few moments...

help us set aside what came before ... and what comes after.

The worries ... the distractions ... the running thoughts.

Lord, we didn't come here just to sit ... or to go through the motions.

We came here because we need You.

We need Your voice ... Your direction ... Your truth.

So please open our hearts ... open our ears ... open our minds.

So, what we hear today is not just words, but something that shapes how we live.

Lord, help us not just hear ... but truly listen.

We are here ... and we are ready.

Speak to us.

We pray this in Jesus' name,

Amen.

Opening Hymn: #562 “Be Thou My Vision “Trad. Irish hymn/Trad. Irish melody

Call to Confession:

Leader:

Before we come to God ... we take a moment to be honest.
The truth is... we don't always listen to the right voice.
Sometimes we hold onto things we shouldn't...
sometimes we say things we regret...
sometimes we stay on the wrong channel longer than we know we should.
But here's the good news ... We don't come to God to be pushed away.
We come to God to be forgiven ... and to be made new.
So let us come honestly ... and confess our sins together.

Prayer of Confession:

Heavenly Father, we admit ... there are times we listen to the wrong voices.
Voices that lead us to worry ... to judge ... to react ... instead of trusting You.
We've said things we wish we could take back ... held onto thoughts that weren't
helpful ... and allowed things into our lives
that have pulled us away from You.
Lord, we know better ... but we don't always choose better. Forgive us.
Help us recognize Your voice more clearly ... and give us the courage
to change the channel when we need to.
Create in us a desire to follow what is right ... to speak with kindness and to live in
a way that reflects You.
Thank You that You don't give up on us ... that You meet us right where we are ...
and lead us forward.
We bring all of this to You now ... In Jesus' name,
Amen.

Words of Assurance:

Elder Mark Widner

Passing of the Peace:

Leader:

Jesus says, "My sheep hear my voice." In His voice we find peace.

People:

Let us share that peace with one another.

Leader:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People:

And also, with you.

Please turn around and greet your neighbors with a wave or a sign of peace.

Gloria Patri:

WORD

Prayer for Illumination:

Suzanne Santoro

Gracious God,
In the midst of many voices,
help us hear Yours.
Open our ears,
our minds,
and our hearts to the voice of the Good Shepherd
who calls us by name and leads us to life.

And Lord, guide the words that are spoken,
that they may be Yours and not mine.

Speak, Lord, for we are listening. Amen.

First Reading: Psalm 23 (A psalm of David)

Suzanne Santoro

The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Children's Message: (We're on the Same Channel)

Anthem: "I Stand in Awe" (*Sung by UPC-W Choir*)

Altrogge

Second Reading: John 10: 1-10

"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Sermon Title: "Change the Frequency"

Elder Mark Widner

Hymn: #690” He Leadeth Me”

Gilmore/Bradbury

Creed: A Brief Statement of Faith (1983)

This is a modern statement of faith from our Presbyterian church family, written in 1983 to help express what we believe in everyday life

Leader:

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children, healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted.

People:

We trust in Jesus Christ, who calls us to follow him.

Leader:

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor.

People:

The Spirit guides us in truth and helps us hear God’s voice.

Leader:

In a broken and fearful world,
the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,

People:

and to follow where Christ leads.

Prayers of the people:

Leader: Heavenly Father, we come before You today... not because we have it all together but because we need to hear Your voice.

People: Lord, help us hear Your voice.

Leader: In a world full of noise...voices pulling us in every direction.

People: Lord, help us hear Your voice.

Leader: For those carrying heavy burdens today ... worries about bills about work and making ends meet.

People: Lord, be our provider and our peace.

Leader: For those facing illness, waiting for answers, walking through difficult medical situations.

People: Lord, bring healing and strength.

Leader: For families, for parents worried about their children, for those concerned about the future.

People: Lord, guide us and give us wisdom.

Leader: For those who serve, our military, first responders all who step into danger for others.

People: Lord, protect them and bring them home safely.

Leader: For peace in our homes, in our community, and in our world

People: Lord, let Your peace be known among us.

Leader: We now take a moment to lift up the prayers on our hearts spoken or unspoken...

[Add prayer requests]

People: Lord, hear our prayers

Leader: And Lord... when we hear voices that lead us away from You, to stay in what is not good ...

People: Help us change the channel and give us the courage to turn to you

Closing and Lord's Prayer:

Leader:

God we place all of this into Your hands trusting that You hear us and that You are at work. And now we pray together the prayer Jesus taught us...

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy Kingdom come, they 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

Call for Offering:

Everything we have, comes from God.

Our time, our abilities, our resources...

But also, the things we sometimes overlook...

Our families, our friends, the opportunities we've been given...

the moments of joy we didn't expect. All of it is a gift.

And giving isn't just about money.

It's about recognizing what we've been given and choosing to live with gratitude.

So today, as we give, we're not just placing something in a plate...

we're saying, "thank You."

Thank You for what we have, Thank You for what You've done...

and Thank You for the ways You continue to provide.

And as we give, we also trust, that what we offer, God can use...

to make a difference in the lives of others.

So let us give with grateful hearts.

Amen

Offertory: “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Gilmore/Beradbury

Offering: Special offering for missions taken today along with normal offering

Sing Doxology:

Prayer of Dedication:

Heavenly Father, everything we have comes from You.

And sometimes we forget that.

We look at what we have, our time, our money, our abilities and think it's not enough or that it won't really change anything.

But today we're reminded that what we give matters, how we live matters, the way we care for others matters. So, take what we've offered today and use it.

Use it to help someone who is struggling, to bring hope where it's needed and to make a difference in ways we may never see.

And Lord don't just use what we've given. Use us, in our homes, in our work, in our everyday lives...

Help us see that we have more to offer than we think and that You can use even small things in big ways.

Thank You for all You've given us and for trusting us with it. We give this to You ... in Jesus' name,

Amen.

Closing Hymn: #682” Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah”

Charge:

So, here's what we do with this. We don't just walk out of here and go back to the same noise. We pay attention. We listen.

And when we hear something that isn't right, we don't stay there. We change the frequency. Because the voice you listen to is the direction your life will follow.

And this week you're going to hear a lot of voices.

Some will pull you off course. Some will drain you. Some will take more than they give. But you also have something else.

You have what God has given you.

Your time, your abilities, your words, your presence...

And those things matter more than you think. So, use them.

Encourage someone, help someone, show up for someone.

Do something that makes this world even just a little bit better place.

Don't wait for the perfect moment. Don't wait until you feel ready.

Just take what you have now and use it.

Benediction:

And as you go may God quiet the noise around you...

and make His voice clear within you.

May you have the courage to turn away from what is not right...

and the faith to follow where He leads.

May you go with purpose, with clarity, and with peace.

And may you come back ready to be filled again.

In the name of the Father...

and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit... Amen.

Postlude "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Baker/Dykes

Church Calendar of Events
April 26 – May 3, 2026

Sunday, April 26, 2026

Presiding Minister – Elder Mark Widner
Worship Leader—Suzanne Santoro
Greeter – Chris Lee
Sound Board – Mark Thomas
Media – Ken Remillard
Junior Church- Lynne Walsh
Camera – Jim Baker
Coffee Hour – Lynne Walsh
Counters – Lynne Walsh
Suzanne Santoro

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

5:30 PM Peace of Bread

Sunday, May 3, 2026

Presiding Minister – Rev. Andy Hall
Worship Leader—Marilyn Alling
Greeter – Bonnie Candalino
Sound Board – Mark Thomas
Media – Mark Widner
Junior Church- Communion Sunday
Camera – Jim Baker
Coffee Hour – Mark Thomas
Counters – Mike Sabourin
Tanya Remillard

People in Ministry

Ministers

The People of this Congregation

Pastor

Andy Hall

Minister of Music

Eileen N. Straub

Corporate Treasurer

Ken Remillard

Financial Secretary

Lynne Walsh

Administrative Assistant

Mark Thomas

Sexton

Patricia Reynolds

Session

Rev Andy Hall, Moderator

Lynne Walsh, Clerk

Marilyn Alling

Ken Remillard

Tanya Remillard

Mark Thomas

Mark Widner

Deacons

Bonnie Candalino

Jean Finnegan

Gay McCrea

Carol Pilibosian

Becca Widner

Trustees

Jim Baker

Kimberly Mercer

Mike Sabourin

Suzanne Santoro

Announcements for April 26, 2026

A special offering will be taken today during the worship service to benefit the Missions budget. Please use the “Missions” envelopes found in your bulletin if you wish to contribute to this special offering.

It is our church's turn to host Peace of Bread on April 29th. If you would like to help, please contact Lynne Walsh at walsh.lynne.c@gmail.com.

If you can't help serve that night the food pantry can always use donations. The most requested food pantry items are: cereal, juices, peanut butter, jelly, fluff, hearty soups, Beefaroni, granola bars, coffee, tea, condiments, toilet paper, shampoo, laundry soap and hand soap

May prayer guides are available at both entrances.

The National Day of Prayer will be observed on the first Thursday of May, May 7th

The May Congregational Prayer Meeting will be held on Monday, May 4th at 6:30 PM in the church office.

All prayer concerns should be sent to the Church Office. The Administrative Assistant will make sure to get the prayer concerns to the person preaching that Sunday.

Support our on-line broadcasts and the ongoing ministry of the church by mailing a contribution to the United Presbyterian Church, 7 Spring Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588 or online by going to www.whitinpres.org/give click on the “Give” tab and then scroll down and click on the yellow Pay Pal DONATE button.

Giving Report

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| Giving Report Budgeted Operating Giving for 2025-2026 FY | 49,000.00 |
| Regular Offering Collected as of 1/31/2025 | 28,159.23 |
| Expenses as of 12/31/2025 | 117,003.49 |

April 5, 2026

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| Regular | \$ 1802.00 |
| Missions | 3.00 |
| Total | 1805.00 |

April 12, 2026

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| Regular | \$ 697.50 |
| Missions | 2.50 |
| Total | 700.00 |

April 19, 2026

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| Regular | \$819.80 |
| Missions | 2.20 |
| Total | 822.00 |

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May 2026 Worship Leader Calendar

| | May 3 | May 10 | May 17 | May 24 | May 31 | |
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| Worship Leader | M. Alling | M. Widner | M. Thomas | S. Santoro | L. Walsh | |
| Greeter | B. Candalino | T. Remillard | S. Santoro | C. Lee | B. Candalino | |
| Sound Board | M. Thomas | M. Thomas | L. Walsh | M. Thomas | M. Thomas | |
| Camera | J. Baker | J. Baker | J. Baker | J. Baker | J. Baker | |
| Media | M. Widner | K. Remillard | M. Widner | K. Remillard | M. Widner | |
| Coffee Hour | M. Thomas | L. Sabourin | T. Remillard | L. Walsh | M. Thomas | |
| Junior Church | Communion Sunday | L. Walsh | C. Pilibosikan | Pentecost | Summer Break | |
| Counters | T. Remillard M. Sabourin | K. Mercer J. Baker | S. Santoro L. Walsh | C. Pilibosian K. Remillard | M. Sabourin T. Remillard | |