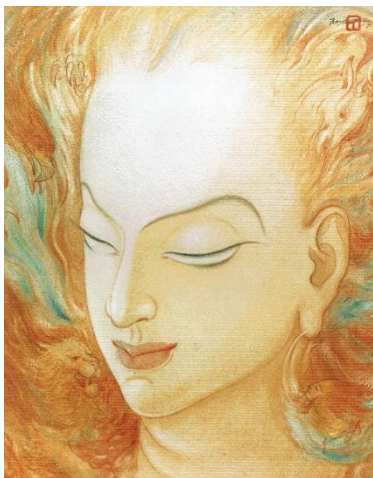


May 10, 2026



“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees her nor knows her. You know her because she abides with you, and she will be in you.”

— John 14:16-17

The United Presbyterian Church of Whitinsville

Church Location
51 Cottage 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.

O God,
you have prepared for those who love you
joys beyond understanding.
Pour into our hearts such love for you,
that, loving you above all else,
we may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

[credit: Dr. Lisa Hancock]

Opening Hymn: #63 “*All Creatures of Our God and King*” St Francis of Assisi/
Geistliche Kirchengesange, Cologne, 1623

Call to Confession:

Friends,
If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our sins,
God, who is faithful and just,
will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
Together, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name.
Amen.**

Words of Assurance:

Rev. Andy Hall

Passing of the Peace

And this peace that we have received is simply too good to keep to ourselves,
and so we share a sign of peace with one another.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
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:

Mark Widner

God of mercy,
you promised never to break your covenant with us.
Amid all the changing words of our generation,
speak your eternal Word that does not change.
Then may we respond to your gracious promises
with faithful and obedient lives;
through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

First Reading: Acts 17:22-31

A reading from Acts chapter 17, verses 22 to 31. Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we, too, are his offspring.'

"Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Children's Message:

Anthem: "Blessed Assurance"

Crosby/Knapp

Second Reading: John 14: 15-21

A reading from John chapter 14, verses 15-21. Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

[Jesus said,] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees her nor knows her. You know her because she abides with you, and she will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "God Is No Thing"

Rev. Andy Hall

Hymn:#630 "*What a Friend We Have In Jesus*"

Scriven/Converse

WE RESPOND

Creed: *adapted from the Confession of 1967*

God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in humanity. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which people are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables us to receive forgiveness as we forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as we make peace among ourselves. In spite of our sin, the Spirit gives us power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation to all people.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer:

On this Mother's Day, our Prayers of the People are adapted from Rev. Dr. Leah Schade, a pastor and professor at Lexington Theological Seminary.

As God's beloved people, let us pray for the church, the whole human family, and God's good Creation.

We pray for women who are pregnant; those who are waiting with joyful expectation, and those who are filled with uncertainty and fear; we pray for women whose pregnancies are high-risk, and whose lives are in danger in the birthing process. Hear us, Mothering God,

Your mercy is great.

We pray for those who long to be parents, but who struggle with infertility. Join their cries with those of Sarah and Abraham, Hannah and Elkanah, Elizabeth and Zecharias, that your will may be done in their lives. Hear us, God of Life,

Your mercy is great.

We pray for women who are mothers, either by birth, by adoption, or through foster care. We pray that they may be supported in their mothering task by the men and other women in their lives; that their children may be provided with sufficient food, shelter and healthcare. Hear us, Mothering Jesus.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for women who have lost children, either in utero, through sickness, through war and violence, or through tragic accident. Comfort them, Holy Spirit with your everlasting presence and assure them of new life. Hear us, Mothering Christ.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for women who are incarcerated; women who have been abusive; women who have been hurtful and neglectful. Hear us, Mothering Spirit.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for women who give of themselves not just through childbearing, but with their intellect, their skills, their gifts, and their physical abilities. Bless all women, not only mothers, that they may receive equal compensation for their work, may be protected from abuse and harassment, and may be valued as unique individuals. Hear us, Holy God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for queer mothers, for those who are transitioning, and those who are seeking to understand who God has created them to be in their bodies, minds and spirits. May they be protected from danger and guided by those who love and support them. Hear us, Holy God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for women who strive to protect and advocate for those most vulnerable – children, the poor, God’s Creation, the disenfranchised, other women, and for all those whose voices go unheard. Hear us, Holy Jesus.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for those for whom Mother’s Day is a day of mourning and sadness. For those who have lost mothers and other important women in their lives, that they may be comforted with the peace that passes all understanding. Hear us, Comforting Spirit.

Your mercy is great.

We give thanks for women who have been our mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, daughters, life-partners, and friends. We give thanks for men who have mothered us with their own caring, affection, nurturing, and friendship. We lift to you now the names of people who have mirrored your mothering spirit for us, Holy God, either speaking their names aloud or remembering them in our inner silence.

Give them your grace and bless them in their lives. Hear us, Mothering God.

Your mercy is great.

We now lift up to you those folks on our church's prayer chain and any other prayers on our hearts this morning.

For all those we name, and for those who have no one to name them, Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Holy God, we lift these prayers to you through the Holy Spirit in hope, entrusting all for whom we pray to your great goodness and mercy, made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

As our savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**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.**

Call for Offering:

Offertory: "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"

Rees/

Oude en Nieuwe Hollandtse Boeren lities en Contradansen, 1710

Offering:

Sing Doxology:

Prayer of Dedication:

Closing Hymn: #793” *For the Beauty of the Earth*”

Pierpoint/Kocher

SENDING

#Charge and Benediction

So now,
go out into the world in peace;
have courage;
hold on to what is good;
return no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak, and help the suffering;
honor all people;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

And may the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord make her face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
May the Lord lift up the light of her countenance on you,
and give you peace,
now and always.
Amen.

Postlude “The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

Dufner/Hawels

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Announcements for May 10, 2026

The May Congregational Prayer Meeting will be held on Monday, May 11th 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.

For information on upcoming events sponsored by the Northbridge Association of Churches or one of its members, please see the insert in the bulletin. RSVP's for the Breakfast with the DwVuyst's need to be phoned into the Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church office by Tuesday, May 12th.

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.

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A PIECE OF PEACE

We had a new volunteer group from the Whitin Community Center train alongside our volunteers from UPCW recently at the Peace of Bread Community Kitchen. We are excited to welcome them. They will be cooking a family favorite lasagna dinner at PoB in June.

The month of May volunteer groups & menus:

5/6: Open Sky Community Services~ baked chicken dinner

5/13: ERA/Taft School Teachers~ Pizza

5/20: Village Congregational Church~ meatloaf dinner

5/27: Pleasant Street Church~ Cheeseburger Casserole.

Please continue to pray for our ministry. Stop in any Wednesday night & see what's going on.

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR
WEEK OF MAY 10, 2026

My brother Wayne, who lives in Florida, was diagnosed with esophageal cancer. Treatment, Chemotherapy, radiation or both. Hasn't been determined! Angelo Mirabile

Please be in prayer for my dad, Bobby, (and his wife Jeanne) as he is getting a pacemaker on May 11th at Milford Hospital, which requires an overnight stay. He is 84 and has struggled with Afib for years but there are other cardiac issues as well. Hopefully this will offer much relief. Tanya Remillard

My friend Kate's mom, Jane, had shoulder replacement surgery last week and it went very well. She is home recuperating in her new automatic recliner chair, which helps her get up and down without using her arms. Tanya Remillard

Here are the prayer requests from Aline Berry, Seed Company's Global Translation Leader in Vanuatu.

- I just want to praise God for a good time we had at our SIL conference week. There's a lot of things being said at that time but I'm glad it all went well.
- I praise God for all the training that He has provided for me.
- I praise God for the Bible Collaboration week that went well. It's so good to see how we can align our culture with Scripture.
- I praise God for a wonderful trip that we had at Nguna Island with Dr Johnstone and I'm so grateful to get to meet him face-to-face for the first time. It was also a great privilege for him to come to Vanuatu.
- I praise God for this Easter holiday. It reminded us of what Jesus has done for us on that cross 2000 years ago. I am so grateful for what He has done. Thank you Jesus.
- Please pray for our last Shefa Oral Bible Storytelling module # 6 that will happen on May 04-15. Please pray for the safe arrivals of the participants and also pray for the trainers as they prepare themselves by learning the stories for this last workshop. Please pray that God will give us His wisdom and strength for these two weeks workshop.

Giving Report

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

May 3, 2026

Regular	\$ 1163.00
Missions	27.00
Total	1190.00

MAY 2026 CHURCH CALENDAR

May 10 (6th Sunday of Easter)

- 9:15 AM Choir Practice 10:30 AM Worship Service

Monday, May 11

- 6:30 PM Congregational Prayer Meeting (Church Office)

Wednesday, May 13

- 5:30 PM Peace of Bread 7:00 PM CG&N Committee (ZOOM)

May 17 (7th Sunday of Easter)

- 9:15 AM Choir Practice 10:30 AM Worship Service

Monday, May 18

- 6:30 PM Session Meeting (Church Office)

Wednesday, May 20

- 5:30 PM Peace of Bread

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May 2026 Worship Leader Calendar

	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31
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. Pilibosian	Pentecost	Summer Break
Counters	T. Remillard M. Sabourin	K. Mercer J. Baker	S. Santoro L. Walsh	C. Pilibosian K. Remillard	M. Sabourin T. Remillard

BIRTHDAYS Anthony Santoro 5/14

ANNIVERSARIES Mike and Laurie Sabourin 5/15