

May 24, 2026



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Acts 2:17-18

The United Presbyterian Church of Whitinsville

Church Location
51 Cottage Street,
Whitinsville, MA 01588

Office Location
7 Spring Street
Whitinsville, MA 01588

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: May 24, 2026
Presiding Minister: Rev. Andy Hall

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: “Spirit of Gentleness”

Manley

Welcome and Announcements:

Rev. Andy Hall

Call to Worship: John 3:5-8

Rev. Andy Hall

Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above. The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.’”

Opening Hymn: Insert “*Kwake Yesu Nasimama*” Kenyan hymn/Kenyan mel.

Call to Confession:

Suzanne Santoro

Friends,

If 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,

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Almighty God,
who sent the promised Holy Spirit
to fill disciples with willing faith:
We confess that we resist the work of your Spirit among us,
that we are slow to serve you
and reluctant to spread the good news of your love.
God have mercy on us.
Forgive our divisions
and by your Spirit draw us together.
Create in us a desire to do your will
and be your faithful people
for the sake of your Son, our Lord. Jesus Christ. Amen.
[Credit: Scott Anoil}**

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:

Suzanne Santoro

Living God,
Help us so to hear your Holy Word
That we may truly understand:
That, understanding, we may believe,
And believing,
We may follow in all faithfulness and obedience,
Seeking your honor and glory in all that we do;
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

First Reading: Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b

Suzanne Santoro

O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. There is the sea, great and wide; creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great. There go the ships and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

These all look to you to give them their food in due season; when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works—who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke. I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD. Let sinners be consumed from the earth and let the wicked be no more. Bless the LORD, O my soul.

Worship Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message:

Anthem: "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Akers

(Sung by UPC-W Choir)

Second Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Acts 2:1-4

English-Rev. Andy Hall

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Acts 2:5-7

Kurdish-Rev. Chris Callison

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?"

Acts 2:8-13

Arabic-Pastor Adel Henen

And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

Acts 2:14-20

Kyrgyz-Joel Frietas

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I

say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Mini-Sermons: "In-Spiration"

Hymn: #389 "Spirit of the Living God"

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WE RESPOND

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer:

Prayers from Iraq partners

Pastors Callison and Henen

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Prayers from Kyrgyz partner

Joel Frietas

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Prayers from United States

Rev. Andy Hall

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

And now, 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: “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart” Croly/Atkinson Arr. Hayes

Offering:

Sing Doxology:

Prayer of Dedication:

Closing Hymn: “Lord’s Prayer” (recording sung in Kurdish)

SENDING

Charge and Benediction:

Postlude: “God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind” Stuempfle/Hughes

Credit for Art: Vanderbilt University Divinity Library. Common Lectionary website

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR
WEEK OF MAY 24, 2026

Continued prayers for my dad, Bobby, who recently had a successful operation to install a pacemaker. Tanya Remillard

Prayers for Kimberly Mercer's father. A few months ago, he was diagnosed with dementia and over this past weekend while I was away I was made aware that it is progressing fast, and he is not doing well. He is still at home. We just don't know how much longer he will be able to stay there. Kimberly Mercer

Announcements for May 24, 2026

Session has authorized the calling of a Special Congregational Meeting to be held immediately after the Worship Service on June 7, 2026. Agenda items include announcing and answering questions concerning the change of the fiscal year, amendments to the Church's Bylaws, and voting on changing the name of the church. Copies of the proposed bylaw changes will be available this Sunday in the Sanctuary.

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 25th due to the Memorial Day Holiday. The office will be open on Thursday, May 28th from 12:30 to 4:30 pm.

Attention Worship Leaders!! If you know your summer vacation schedule, please turn the dates when you are unavailable during the summer into the Church Office. The Administrative Assistant is currently working on the June 2026 schedule.

Prayer Guides for June are available at both entrances.

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.

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Church Calendar of Events
May 24-31, 2026

Sunday, May 24, 2026

Presiding Minister – Rev. Andy Hall
Worship Leader—Suzanne Santoro
Greeter-Chris Lee
Sound Board – Mark Thomas
Media –Ken Remillard
Junior Church-No Junior Church
Camera – Jim Baker
Coffee Hour-Lynne Walsh
Counters –Carol Pilibosian
Ken Remillard

Wednesday, May 27, 2026

5:30 PM Peace of Bread

Sunday, May 31, 2026

Presiding Minister – Rev. Andy Hall
Worship Leader—Lynne Walsh
Greeter – Bonnie Candalino
Sound Board – Mark Thomas
Media – Mark Widner
Junior Church- No Junior. Church
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

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 10, 2026

Regular	\$ 1007.00
Missions	23.00
Total	1030.00

May 17, 2026

Regular	607.00
Missions	3.00
Total	610.00

MAY 2026 CHURCH CALENDAR

May 24 (Pentecost)

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

Wednesday, May 27

- 5:30 PM Peace of Bread

Sunday, May 31 (Trinity Sunday)

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

Wednesday, June 3

- 5:30 PM Peace of Bread
- 7:00 PM Worship Committee Meeting (ZOOM)

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