

May 31, 2026



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Matthew 28:16-18

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 31, 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: “Holy God, We Praise Your Name” Franz/ *Katholisches Gesangbuch*,
1774

Welcome: Lynne Walsh

Announcements: Lynne Walsh

Call to Worship: Lynne Walsh

On this Trinity Sunday, we come to praise the Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

We praise God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation!

We come to wade into the depths of the divine mystery of God, the One-in-Three and Three-in-One.

We seek an ever-deepening faith in God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation!

We come to witness the interconnectedness of the Triune God, to marvel at the divine dance of partnership and cooperation.

We receive the invitation to join the divine dance of God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation!

Come, let us worship the Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

Come, let us worship the Triune God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation! [credit: Dr. Lisa Hancock]

Opening Hymn: #3 “Holy, Holy, Holy” Heber/Dykes

Call to Confession:

Lynne Walsh

As heirs of God, let us come to lay before God our sin and wrongdoings and lack of faith. Let us come with hearts that seek newness.

Holy One, we acknowledge that too often we try to live not acknowledging the mystery of your Being.

Even though you have shown us your truth, we allow ourselves to rest in our own uncertainties.

We find ourselves unable or unwilling to embrace the love through which you sent Christ to live among us.

We take for granted the grandeur of you as Creator, Redeemer, and ever-present Sustainer.

We do not live out the beloved community you desire for all. Forgive us, we pray, and help us give testimony to your love.

Words of Assurance: *[credit: Rev. Dr. Bertrice Wood]*

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:

Lynne Walsh

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 8

Lynne Walsh

Our first reading is Psalm 8. Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;
what are humans that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God
and crowned them with glory and honor.
You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,
all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Worship Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message:

Anthem: "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

Whiting & Spencer/Dykes

Second Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

A reading from Matthew 28:16-20. Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: “What Are Humans That You Are Mindful of Them?”

Rev. Andy Hall

Hymn: #191 “Father, I Adore You”

Coelho

Creed: *Nicene Creed, 4th century CE*

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

WE RESPOND

Prayers of the People and the Lord's 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: "Come, Join the Dance of Trinity"

Leach

Offering:

Sing Doxology:

Prayer of Dedication:

Closing Hymn: #704“God Will Make a Way”

Moen

SENDING

Charge and Benediction:

Postlude “Come, Thou Almighty God”

WesleyGiardini

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

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR
WEEK OF MAY 31, 2026

Laurie Sabourin begins her treatment for cancer this week. Pray for a speedy recovery for Laurie. Keep the rest of her family in your prayers.

Announcements for May 31, 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 are available in the Sanctuary.

Prayer Guides for June are available at both entrances.

The June Congregational Prayer Meeting will be held in the Church Office on Monday, June 8th at 6:30 PM.

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.

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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 24, 2026

Regular	527.00
Missions	3.00
Total	530.00

June 2026 Worship Leader Calendar

	June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28	July 5
Worship Leader	M. Alling	L. Walsh	M. Widner	S. Santoro	M. Alling
Greeter	S. Santoro	C. Lee	T. Remillard	T. Remillard	B. Candalino
Sound Board	M. Thomas	M. Thomas	L. Walsh	L. Walsh	M. Thomas
Camera	J. Baker	J. Baker	J. Baker	J. Baker	J. Baker
Media	K. Remillard	M. Widner	K. Remillard	K. Remillard	M. Widner
Coffee Hour	M. Widner	M. Thomas	T. Remillard	L. Walsh	M. Thomas
Junior Church	Summer Break	Summer Break	Summer Break	Summer Break	Summer Break
Counters	K. Mercer J. Baker	S. Santoro L. Walsh	TBD	TBD	TBD

Birthdays

Helaina Bissonnette 6/3

Church Calendar of Events
May 31-June 7, 2026

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

Monday, June 1, 2026

6:30 PM Trustee Meeting

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

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

Sunday, June 7, 2026

Presiding Minister – Rev. Andy Hall
Worship Leader—Marilyn Alling
Greeter – Suzanne Santoro
Sound Board – Mark Thomas
Media – Ken Remillard
Junior Church- No Junior. Church
Camera – Jim Baker
Coffee Hour – Mark Widner
Counters – Kimberly Mercer
Jim Baker

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

May 2026 Session Bullet Notes

Listened to:

- Reverend John Sweet and Gracie Patterson (Transitional Presbyters) talk about the Presbytery's Partners in Transformation initiative.

Reviewed bids for:

- Replacing four exterior Church doors
- Repairing broken steps of office building

Discussed:

- BRS completing tower point work in 2027
- Mission budget disbursements
- Changing our current fiscal year to a calendar year updates to CG&N policy and procedures manual

Approved:

- Updating the Church's By-laws
- Granting Village Congregational Church use of our kitchen for their Harvest Fest in September
- Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 7th
- Officially dissolving the Memorial Funds Committee and transferring the Memorial Funds monies into the Boyd NCTC account

Determined next month's:

- Communion servers and Prayer Meeting
- Dates of June Session Meeting and August communion due to absence of members and/or pastor

IMPRESSIONS FROM MILWAUKEE

The one word that describes for me the time before General Assembly is **Preparation**. Since the last time I wrote this irregular column, I have met with the commissioners from the Synod of the Northeast via ZOOM for a time of getting to know other commissioners from the Synod and being trained on technology which we will use in our committee work and plenary sessions. Tomorrow (on Thursday the commissioners from the local Tri-Presbytery area will assemble via ZOOM for community building and more technology training.) My committee (Reformed Identity in the United States) will also gather via ZOOM on Sunday evening, June 7th for group building and more training on technological issues.

At present my committee has 11 items to review during our three-day on-line time as a committee at the beginning of General Assembly (June 22-24). The committee leadership has advised committee members they need to be available anytime during those days.

I have begun to study the items that will be looked at by committee. Items include: a new statement of faith, a study paper on Artificial Intelligence, an overture (an item that is being presented to the General Assembly by a Presbytery or Synod) on the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, an overture condemning White Christian Nationalism and an overture regarding the Doctrine of Discovery. Out of the committee's deliberations will come the committee's recommendations that will be sent to the plenary sessions of the entire General Assembly in Milwaukee

In addition I have begun to study items that have been referred to by other committees. There are approximately a hundred items (as of today) that will need to be debated at the in-person plenary sessions in Milwaukee. Right now I am trying to look at what items will be placed on the General Assembly's agenda. Included as possible agenda items from other committees include: the approval of the new president of the Presbyterian Publishing Corporation (home to Westminster/John Knox Press-the

denomination's publishing entity and denominational educational curriculum), the call for additional required training for all Presbytery's Committees on Preparation for Ministry and the addition of a new evaluative tool (portfolio) to certify a candidate is ready to receive a call as a Minister of Word and Sacrament. Other items to be considered include approving the current operations of the Board of Pensions and the Presbyterian Foundation

Regular commissioners (Ruling Elders and Teaching Elders) will travel to Milwaukee on Friday, June 26th. Two categories of advisory delegates (Young Adult and Theological Students) will meet on Thursday (June 25th) for orientation. All commissioners will be in Milwaukee on Saturday where commissioners can participate in a march supporting the end of gun violence, an in-person luncheon with our committee, an abbreviated exhibit hall in the afternoon and all-General Assembly reception Saturday night.

The next day (Sunday, June 28th) commissioners will board buses and travel out across the Milwaukee Presbytery to worship in local churches. We will gather for a noon-time meal with the local congregation before returning to downtown Milwaukee for an opening evening plenary session. The next three days the commissioners will be deliberating items first discussed during committee meetings. Worship services will also be conducted on those days. Seminaries will hold luncheons on Monday to update alumni. (I have already purchased my ticket for the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary as I am an alumni of that seminary). I will be joining my colleagues from the Synod of the Northeast on Tuesday for a luncheon.

Before we conclude the General Assembly on Thursday July 2nd with a closing worship service, the General Assembly will gather together to elect a team of two to become co-moderators for the next General Assembly meeting hopefully (if this G.A. approves it in San Juan, Puerto Rico) in 2028. As of now there are 4 teams vying to be moderators.

That afternoon, I will fly home from Milwaukee full of memories of business details, meeting fellow Presbyterians, and eating and worshipping with fellow Presbyterians.

MAY-JUNE 2026 CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, May 31 (Trinity Sunday)

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

Monday, June 1

- 6:30 PM Trustee Meeting (Church Office)

Wednesday, June 3

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

Sunday, June 7 (Sunday)

- 10:30 AM Worship Service After Service: Congregational Meeting

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