

August 16, 2026



**These I will bring to my holy mountain
and make them joyful in my house of
prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of
prayer for all peoples
Isaiah 56:7**

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: August 16, 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: "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Faber/Tourjee

Welcome:

Lynne Walsh

Announcements:

Lynne Walsh

Call to Worship: Psalm 67

Lynne Walsh

One: May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us

**All: that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.**

One: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

All: let all the peoples praise you.

One: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

**All: for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.**

One: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

All: let all the peoples praise you.

One: The earth has yielded its increase;

God, our God, has blessed us.

All: May God continue to bless us;

let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Opening Hymn: #1 “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

Lyte/Andrews

Call to Confession:

Lynne Walsh

One: Friends,
if we say 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 us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
Therefore, let us confess our sins to God.

All: Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you.

You call, but we have not listened.

**We walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped in our own concerns.**

We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.

**God of grace, help us to admit our sin,
so that as you come to us in mercy,
we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness;
"through Jesus Christ our Redeemer".**

Words of Assurance:

Rev. Andy Hall

Friends, hear the good news!
By grace you have been saved through faith,
and this is not your own doing;
it is the gift of God.

In Jesus Christ,
we are forgiven,
so be at peace.

Amen.

Passing of the Peace:

Because we have received the peace and mercy of Christ, let us share that 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

Guide us, O God,
by your Word and Spirit,
that in your light we may see light,
in your truth find freedom,
and in your will discover your peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1; 6-8

Lynne Walsh

Our first reading is Isaiah 56:1 and 6-8. Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.
And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it

and hold fast my covenant—
these I will bring to my holy mountain
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.
Thus says the LORD God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message:

Anthem: “Blessed Assurance”

Crosby/Knapp

Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2a; 29-32

Rev. Andy Hall

Our second reading is Romans 11:1-2a and 29-32. Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

One: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: “Merciful to All”

Rev Andy Hall

WE RESPOND

Apostles’ Creed:

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer:

Almighty God,
who taught us to pray not only for ourselves
but for people everywhere,
hear us as we pray for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ.

Inspire the whole church with your power, unity, and peace.

Grant that all who trust you may obey your Word,
and live together in love.

Lead all nations in the way of justice and goodwill.
Direct those who govern,
that they may rule fairly, maintain order,
uphold those in need, and defend oppressed people;
that this world may claim your rule and know true peace.

Awaken all people to the danger we have inflicted upon the earth.
Implant in each a reverence for all you have made
that we may preserve the delicate balance
of creation for all coming generations.

Give grace to all who proclaim the gospel
through Word and Sacrament and deeds of mercy,
that by their teaching and example
they may reveal your love for all people.

Comfort and relieve, O Lord,
all who are in trouble, sorrow, poverty, sickness, or grief,
especially those known to us,
whom we name before you now,
speaking their names either aloud or in the silence of our own hearts.

[petitions may be offered]

Heal them in body, mind, or circumstance,
working in them, by your grace,
wonders beyond all they may dream or hope.

Bring to our remembrance
all those who, having served you on earth,

now sing your praises eternally.
May their endurance give us courage
and their faithfulness give us hope;
through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

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:

All that we are, and all that we have, are gifts from God.
Out of our gratitude for God's manifold blessings,
we want to offer back to God a portion of what God has given to us.

As scripture says:
freely you have received;
freely give.

Offertory: "I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord"

Psalm 89:1/Fillmore

Doxology:

Prayer of Dedication:

God of grace, you love to give good gifts to your children.

From the abundance you have given us,

we your children now dedicate back to you these gifts,

and with them, our lives as well.

Use these gifts, and use us, for the ministry of reconciliation,

that your kingdom may come and your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Closing Hymn: #429 “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

Scholtes

SENDING

Charge and Benediction:

And now,

Go out into the world in peace.

Love the Lord your God

with all your heart,

with all your soul,

with all your mind;

and love your neighbor as yourself.

And may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,

so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Alleluia! Amen.

Postlude: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Robinson, adpt Clarkson/Trad.

Am.. Mel

Announcements for August 16, 2026

A brief survey has been inserted in the bulletin on “*When Monday Comes*”. Please take time to fill it out and place it in the collection plate or drop it off in the church office no later than August 21st.

Change in Office Hours: Tuesday (1 -5 PM)

The August Prayer Guide is available next to the bulletins.

NAC is holding a Backpack school supply drive. School supplies can be dropped off today in the Fellowship Hall. The deadline for the School Supply Drive is today, August 16, 2026.

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

Giving Report Budgeted Operating Giving for 2025-2026 FY	49,000.00
Regular Offering Collected as of 6/30/2025	46,364.72
Expenses as of 6/30/2025	172,678.56

August 2, 2026

Regular	\$ 607.00
Missions	3.00
Total	610.00

August 9, 2026

Regular	\$ 521.00
Missions	4.00
Total	525.00

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR
WEEK OF August 16, 2026

Keep Laurie Sabourin and her family in your prayers as she continues to recover from cancer treatment.

Angelo's brother Wayne is now home from the hospital. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers from his cancer treatment.

Prayers for Tanya's friend Cindy who is recovering well from her hernia surgery but still experiencing significant pain.

Kate's mom Jane is able to drive now and has been enjoying time out with friends. Thanks for all your prayers.

Prayer for Jason's friend Bella who is recovering well from her skateboarding fall and was able to go out socially to enjoy time with friends.

Prayers for Patty Reynold's daughter, Jessica, who recently underwent cancer surgery.

Robin, Tanya's childhood classmate from Virginia is undergoing chemo/radiation treatments. She has a colostomy bag which she hopes is temporary. She is unable to drive due to extreme leg swelling and exhaustion. She is basically homebound except for doctor appointments. She does have support from her husband and teenage daughter but is saddened to lose her independence and freedom. She was so active before this diagnosis. Please be in prayer for her healing.

Keep Lynne's neighbor Deb in your prayers who has stage 4 colon cancer and has started cancer treatment.

August 2026 Worship Leader Calendar

	August 2	August 9	August 16	August 23	August 30
Worship Leader	M. Widner	M. Thomas	L. Walsh	M. Alling	M. Widner
Greeter	T. Remillard	C. Lee	T. Remillard	T. Remillard	C. Lee
Sound Board	L. Walsh	M. Thomas	M. Thomas	M. Thomas	L. Walsh
Camera	J. Baker	J. Baker	J. Baker	J. Baker	J. Baker
Media	K. Remillard	K. Remillard	K. Remillard	M. Widner	M. Widner
Coffee Hour	M. Thomas	M. Thomas	T. Remillard	L. Walsh	M. Widner
Junior Church	Summer Break	Summer Break	Summer Break	Summer Break	Summer Break
Counters	L. Walsh S. Santoro	K. Remillard J. Baker	K. Mercer S. Santoro	C. Pilibosian T. Remillard	L. Walsh J. Baker

Church Calendar of Events

August 16-23, 2026

Sunday, August 16, 2026

Presiding Minister -Rev. Andy Hall
Worship Leader – Lynne Walsh
Greeter – Tanya Remillard
Sound Board -Mark Thomas
Media – Ken Remillard
Junior Church - Summer Vacation
Camera - Jim Baker
Coffee Hour –Tanya Remillard
Counters – Kimberly Merxer
Suzanne Santoro

Monday, August 17, 2026

6:30 PM Session Meeting

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

5:30 PM Peace of Bread

Sunday, August 23, 2026

Presiding Minister – Andy Hall
Worship Leader – Marilyn Alling
Greeter – Tanya Remillard
Sound Board – Mark Thomas
Media – Mark Widner
Junior Church - Summer Vacation
Camera –Jim Baker
Coffee Hour – Lynne Walsh
Counters – Carol Pilibosian
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

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