

October 25, 2026



Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart.

Luke 18:1

The United Presbyterian Church of Whitinsville

Church Location
51 Cottage Street,
Whitinsville, MA 01588

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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: October 25, 2026
Presiding Minister: Elder Wren Collé

**Children's bulletins are available at the Welcome Center*

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

WE GATHER

Prelude: "Thou Art Worthy"

Mills

Welcome:

Mark Thomas

Announcements:

Mark Thomas

Opening Prayer:

Mark Thomas

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Call to Worship: Psalm 100

Mark Thomas

One: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

All: Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

One: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us and we are his;

All: We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

One: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

All: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Opening Hymn: #370 "Rejoice, the Lord is King!"

Wesley/Darwell

Call to Confession:

Mark Thomas

When we gather to praise God, we remember that we are people who have preferred our wills to God's will. Accepting his power to become new persons in Christ, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession:

Mark Thomas

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Assurance: (Isaiah 43)

Elder Wren Collé

One: Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth! By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Gloria Patri:

WORD

Prayer for Illumination:

Mark Thomas

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:: Luke 11:5-8

Mark Thomas

And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: “You Deserve the Glory”

Hellmark

Second Reading: Luke 18:1-8

Elder Wren Collé

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my accuser.’ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’ ” And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: “Pray Always and Don’t Lose Heart”

Elder Wren Collé

Creed: (*The Westminster Confession of Faith*, Chapter XXIII “Of Religious Worship and the Sabbath Day” (6.117))

All: “Neither prayer, nor any other part of religious worship, is now, under the gospel, either tied unto, or made more acceptable by, any place in which it is performed, or towards which it is directed: but God is to be worshipped everywhere in spirit and in truth.”

Hymn: Insert “Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord”

Foulkes/Laufer

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer:

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.

WE RESPOND

Offering:

Invitation: Let us give thanks to the Lord with all our being. In the company of the upright, let us honor God for the blessings and goodness we have received.

Offertory: “The Greatest Thing”

Pendergrass

Doxology:

Prayer of Dedication:

One: Ever-giving God, source of all goodness and charity, your ear is always open to our needs.

All: When we cry to you, you are faithful and provide for us.

One: With joy we bring our thanksgiving.

All: For all your mercies, we return to you from our abundance.

One: All that we give, we dedicate to your glory.

All: All that we keep, we commit to your care, for we are only stewards of your bounty. Bless what we give and what we keep, for all is your creation. Amen.

SENDING

Closing Hymn: Insert “For the Fruit of All Creation” Green/Welsh melody, c1784

Charge and the Blessing:

Postlude: “Only Trust Him” Stockton

NAMES FOR
ALL SAINTS DAY
November 1, 2026

If you wish to have a relative's name remembered during All Saint's Day on November 1, 2026, fill out the form below. Please give your relative's name and your name. Place it in the plate or give it to the church office no later than Wednesday, October 28th.
Thank you.

Relative's Name _____

Your Name _____

Relative's Name _____

Your Name _____

Relative's Name _____

Your Name _____

Announcements for October 25, 2026

We welcome to the pulpit this morning Elder Wren Collé. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church in Sudbury and is currently serving a second term on Session. As part of her interest in Christian adult education and discipleship, she has been creating a monthly “Time with God” prayer guide since May 2024, which is shared ecumenically with congregations in several states. Also, Wren leads an evening devotions group on Zoom, which is dedicated to prayer and to reading and discussing Scripture and other devotional material. Wren received a Master of Divinity from Harvard Divinity School, worked as a hospital chaplain intern, and preaches regularly at Sudbury. She lives with her husband, Don, a historian, and their dog, Sophie, an Australian Shepherd rescue, in Fitchburg, MA.

The church needs to collect \$60.91 per active member for per capita this year. Per capita supports the operating costs of General Assembly, Synod of the Northeast, and the Presbytery of Boston. Please make your contributions before mid-December and mark the checks “Per Capita:” in the memo line of your check.

The November Prayer Guides are available at both entrances.

The official name of the church as recognized by the state of Massachusetts has been changed to the United Presbyterian Church of Whitinsville.

It is our church's turn to host Peace of Bread on Wednesday, October 28th. If you would like to help, please contact Lynne Walsh at walsh.lynne.c@gmail.com for information.

If you aren't able to help serve that night, you can also help by providing the food pantry with any of the following donations: cereal, juices, peanut butter, jelly, fluff, hearty soups, beefaroni, granola bars, coffee, tea, condiments, TP, shampoo, laundry soap, hand soap.

Any contributions of time or items would be greatly appreciated.

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.

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

October 4, 2026

Regular	\$ 839.00
Missions	21.00
Total	860.00

October 11, 2026

Regular	\$ 298.00
Missions	2.00
Total	300.00

October 18, 2026

Regular	\$ 530.00
Total	530.00

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR
WEEK OF October 25, 2026

Keep Laurie Sabourin and family in your prayers as she recovers from cancer surgery. She is currently at home. Mike and Laurie thank everyone for their prayers.

Keep Mark Widner and Becca as he recovers from surgery. Mark W. is currently at home.

Ken's cataract surgery went well and he was back to driving a few days later. Vision in the 1st eye has improved. Just hoping he won't need glasses for distance after the 2nd eye is done at the end of the month. Thanks for your prayers.

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 Patty Reynold's daughter, Jessica, who recently underwent cancer surgery. Jessica just had a ct scan and it was clear. She has a whole-body scan scheduled for November, please pray for it to be clear. Jessica was diagnosed with a very rare poorly differentiated thyroid cancer that is very aggressive and she has had two successful surgeries and is doing good.

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

October 2026 Worship Leader Calendar

	Oct 4	Oct 11	Oct 18	Oct 25	Nov 1
Worship Leader	M. Thomas	S. Santoro	L. Walsh	M. Thomas	M. Alling
Greeter	C. Lee	C. Lee	T. Remillard	C. Lee	T. Remillard
Sound Board	L. Walsh	L. Walsh	M. Thomas	L. Walsh	L. Walsh
Camera	J. Baker	J. Baker	J. Baker	J. Baker	J. Baker
Media	K. Remillard	K. Remillard	K. Remillard	K. Remillard	M. Widner
Coffee Hour	M. Thomas	M. Thomas	T. Remillard	L. Walsh	M. Widner
Junior Church	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Counters	K. Mercer K. Remillard	S. Santoro L. Walsh	C. Philibosian K. Remillard	T. Remillard J. Baker	K. Mercer C. Pilibosian

November 2026 Worship Leader Calendar

	Nov 1	Nov 8	Nov 15	Nov 22	Nov 29
Worship Leader	M. Alling	S. Santoro	L. Walsh	M. Widner	M. Alling
Greeter	T. Remillard	C. Lee	T. Remillard	C. Lee	T. Remillard
Sound Board	L. Walsh	M. Thomas	M. Thomas	L. Walsh	M. Widner
Camera	J. Baker	J. Baker	J. Baker	J. Baker	J. Baker
Media	M. Widner	K. Remillard	K. Remillard	M. Widner	K. Remillard
Coffee Hour	M. Widner	M. Thomas	T. Remillard	L. Walsh	M. Widner
Junior Church	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Counters	K. Mercer C. Pilibosian	S. Santoro L. Walsh	TBD	TBD	TBD

Oct 2026 Session Bullet Notes

Approved:

- Blackstone Valley Community chorus (BVCC) to use the Fellowship Hall for rehearsal practice if needed
- Boy Scouts using the Fellowship Hall for a food drive on October 24th
- Communion via intinction in November

Discussed:

- Nominating committee, Stewardship & 2027 budget
- New ways to do Advent and Lenten devotionals

Completed:

- Survey requested from Presbytery of Boston

Determined:

- November communion servers

Changed:

- November prayer meeting to 1st Monday of the month
- November session meeting to Sunday November 15th

50-Year Members of the Body of Christ (2026)

Marilyn Alling 1959	*Gay McCrea 1955	*Laurie Sabourin 1974
*Elizabeth Austin 1960	*Carol Pilibosian 1962	Michael Sabourin 1967
*Deborah Baker 1963	*Cheryl Postma	Judy Salzberg 1954
Jim Baker 1965	Austin Reichert 1990	*Suzanne Santoro 1976
*Jennifer Connelly 1960	Leslie Reichert 1990	William Skillen 1964
*Lois Convent 1954	Ken Remillard 1972	Bill Spalton 1968
Jean Finnegan 1951	Becca Widner	Mark Thomas 1970
	Mark Widner	Ronda Thomas 1971

* 50 Year member at this church

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Church Calendar of Events
October 25-November 1, 2026

Sunday, October 25, 2026

Presiding Minister -Elder Wren Collé
Worship Leader –Mark Thomas
Greeter – Chris Lee
Sound Board -Lynne Walsh
Media – Ken Remillard
Junior Church - TBD
Camera - Jim Baker
Coffee Hour –Lynne Walsh
Counters – Jim Baker
Tanya Remillard

Wednesday, October 28, 2026

5:30 PM UPCoW Serving at Peace of Bread

Sunday, November 1, 2026

Presiding Minister – Rev. Pamela Bakker-Spence
Worship Leader – Marilyn Alling
Greeter – Tanya Remillard
Sound Board – Mark Thomas
Media – Mark Widner
Junior Church - TBD
Camera –Jim Baker
Coffee Hour – Mark Widner
Counters –Kimberely Mercer
Carol Pilibosian

People in Ministry

Ministers

The People of this Congregation

Pastor

Vacant

Minister of Music

Eileen N. Straub

Corporate Treasurer

Ken Remillard

Financial Secretary

Lynne Walsh

Administrative Assistant

Mark Thomas

Sexton

Patricia Reynolds

Session

Rev Pamela Bakker-Spence, Moderator
Lynne Walsh, Clerk
Marilyn Alling
Ken Remillard
Tanya Remillard
Mark Thomas
Mark Widner

Deacons

Jean Finnegan
Gay McCrea
Carol Pilibosian
Becca Widner

Trustees

Jim Baker
Kimberly Mercer
Suzanne Santoro