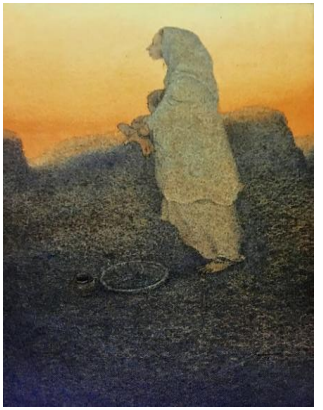
November 1, 2026



Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:3

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.

Worship Service: November 2, 2026
Presiding Minister: Rev. Pamela Spence-Bakker

**Children's bulletins are available at the Welcome Center*
*** All hymns are from The Celebration Hymnal (the green one) unless otherwise noted***

"...for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Welcome: Marilyn Alling

Prelude: "For All the Saints" How/Williams

Announcements: Marilyn Alling

Call to Worship: Marilyn Alling

LEADER: Come, all who hunger and thirst for truth. Come to experience God's present in community.

PEOPLE: We have been called together as children of God.
What we may grow to become is not yet revealed.

LEADER: Look to God with joy and radiant expectation.
Delight in songs of praise and exaltation.

PEOPLE: God hears our cries and saves us from troubles.
God delivers us from all our fears.

LEADER: Taste and know the Creator's goodness.
Take refuge in the One who supplies all you need.

PEOPLE: **God is present with us here and everywhere we go.**
May our worship here inspire continuing praise.

Hymn: #686"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" Williams/Croft

Call to Confession: Marilyn Alling

Prayer of Confession: (In Unison) Marilyn Alling

Saving God, save us from ourselves. Rescue us from the fears that keep us from following where Jesus leads or trusting in your guidance. We have not hungered and thirsted for righteousness. We have not been pure in heart or humble-minded. We do not risk an unpopular witness or step bravely into the role of peacemaker. Our words and deeds do not praise you. Our worship lacks passion and conviction. We seek you now, O God. Redeem your children and fill us with the radiance of your self-giving love. Amen.

Moment of Silent Confession:

Words of Assurance: Rev. Pamela Bakker-Spence

Passing of the Peace: Rev. Pamela Bakker-Spence

Gloria Patri:

WE SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF THE LORD

Prayer for Illumination: Marilyn Alling

God of the prophets and the saints, whose presence comforts and challenges and empowers, bless us here with a thirst for your truth, an openness to your leading, and true compassion for all your people, that with radiant faces we may carry the good news of salvation among all your people, leading a chorus of praise and thanksgiving that honors you moment by moment, day by day. Amen.

Reading from the Gospel: Matthew 5: 1 - 12 Marilyn Alling

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: "Shall We Gather at the River" Lowry

Reading from the New Testament: Revelation 7:9-17 Rev. Pamela Bakker-Spence

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,

singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one who knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: “Safe in the Hand of God” Rev Pamela Spence-Bakker

WE FOLLOW AFTER THE LORD

Hymn: Insert “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” Anonymous;adpt. Temple/Temple

Offering:

Invitation:.

Offertory: "When the Saints Go Marching In" Anonymous

Doxology:

Prayer of Dedication:

Life of the Church:

Sharing of Joys and Concerns:

Prayers of the People and the 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.

Communion Litany:

Minister:	The Lord be with you.
People:	**And also with you.**
Minister:	Lift up your hearts.
People:	**We lift them to the Lord.**
Minister:	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People :	**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
Minister:	You commanded light to shine out of darkness, divided the sea and dry land…

Therefore, we lift our hearts in joyful praise,
Joining our voices with choirs of angels,
And with all the faithful of every time and place,
Who forever sing to the glory of your name:

ALL: **Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might,**
heaven and earth are full of your glory;
hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes
in the name of the Lord,
hosanna in the highest.

The Breaking of Bread and the Pouring of Wine

Minister: …and help us to follow his example as we await his return in glory.

All: **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Prayers after Communion

Minister: Bless the Lord, O my soul;
People: **and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.**
Minister: Bless the Lord, O my soul;
People: **and forget not all God's benefits**.
ALL: **God of our mothers and our fathers; we praise you for all your servants who, having witnessed to you on earth, now live with you in heaven. Keep us in fellowship with them until we meet with all the faithful in the joy**

of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

Closing Hymn:#767 “For All the Saints” How/Williams

Charge and the Blessing:

Postlude: “Soon and Very Soon” Crouche

ALL SAINT'S DAY NAMES (2026)

Anne MacLeod
In memory of Carol Pilibosian
Angus MacLeod
In memory of Carol Pilibosian
Heather Whitney
In memory of Carol Pilibosian
Dorothy Bowerbank
In memory of Lynne Walsh
George Bowerbank
In memory of Lynne Walsh
Marcia Walsh
In memory of Lynne Walsh
William Walsh
In memory of Lynne Walsh
Pauline Reynolds
In memory of Laurie Sabourin
Bea Sabourin
In memory of Mike Sabourin
Jack Lavallee
In memory of Laurie Sabourin
Claire Lachapelle
In memory of Mike Sabourin
Dorothy Onanian
In memory of Laurie Sabourin
Margie Shaws
In memory of Mike Sabourin
Uncle Ted King
In memory of Chris Lee
Ruth Johnson (parent)
In memory of Lois R. Convent
Carl Johnson (parent)
In memory of Lois R. Convent
Elinor Keyes (grand-parent)
In memory of Lois R. Convent
Ernest Keyes (grand-parent)
In memory of Lois R. Convent
Pat Remillard
In memory of Ken Remillard
Jim Remillard
In memory of Ken Remillard
Blanche Remillard
In memory of Ken Remillard
Cleve Reynolds
In memory of Laurie Sabourin
Leo Sabourin
In memory of Mike Sabourin
Chuck Holding
In memory of Laurie Sabourin
John Onanian
In memory of Mike Sabourin
Jim Shaws
In memory of Laurie Sabourin
Linda Skillen
In memory of Laurie Sabourin
In memory of Howard Lee
In memory of Ronda (Lee) Thomas

Announcements for November 1, 2026

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 Congregational Prayer Meeting will be held tomorrow night at 6:30 PM in the Church Office.

Lynne Walsh would like to thank all the people who helped make UPCoW's turn to serve Peace of Bread on Oct. 28th a success. Thanks to the following people who helped with the food purchase, meal preparations, serving and clean up. Gaye Shannon, Ken Remillard, Tanya Remillard, Jim Baker, Sue Mateer, Rob Beaudoin, Cathy Beaudoin, Austin Reichert, Mike Sabourin, Peter Sabourin, Sylvia Sabourin, Carol Pilibosian, Gerry and Paul. Your contribution of time toward this mission is 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

October 18, 2026

Regular	$ 530.00
Total	530.00

October 25, 2026

Regular	$ 1420.0
Per Capita	60.00
Total	1480.00

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR
WEEK OF November 1, 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.

Keep Ken in your prayers as he recovers from his second cataract surgery.

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.

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	M. Thomas	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

BIRTHDAYS

November

Molly Powers 11/6

Melody Powers 11/10

Jennifer Connelly 11/15

ANNIVERSARIES

November

Tony and Suzanne Santoro 11/29

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Church Calendar of Events
November 1-8, 2026

Sunday, November 1, 2026

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

Monday, November 1, 2026
6:30 PM November Congregational Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, November 4, 2026
5:30 PM Peace of Bread
7:00 PM Worship Committee Meeting (via ZOOM)

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Presiding Minister –Elder Wren Colle
Worship Leader – Suzanne Santoro
Greeter – Chris Lee
Sound Board – Mark Thomas
Media – Ken Remillard
Junior Church - TBD
Camera –Jim Baker
Coffee Hour – Mark Thomas
Counters –Suzanne Santoro
Lynne Walsh

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