November 22, 2026



Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you? Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'

Matthew 25: 44-45

Picture Source:

Food for the Hungry, Drink for the Thirsty.
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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 22, 2026
Presiding Minister: Elder Mark Thomas

**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: "Give Thanks" Smith

Welcome: Mark Widner

Announcements: Mark Widner

Opening Prayer: Mark Widner

Lord, God, we come before you with thanksgiving and praise, for you have created us as your people and you sustain us with your hand. Nourish us in your rich pasture and keep us in your steadfast love, that we may bless your name and serve you with gladness day after day; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Call to Worship: Psalm 100 (Responsively) Mark Widner

One: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands!
All: Serve the LORD with gladness;
Come into his presence with a song.
One: Know that the LORD, our maker to whom we belong;
We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.
All: Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving
And the courts with praise;
Give thanks and bless God's holy name.
One: God indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is everlasting,

Whose faithfulness endures from age to age.
All: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands!

Opening Hymn: #788 "Now Thank We All Our God" Winkart/Cruger

Call to Confession: Mark Widner

In Christ, God came to reconcile all things,
Making peace through the blood of the cross,
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession: (In Unison) Mark Widner

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.
We have not bowed before him, and we are slow to acknowledge his rule.
We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by justice and love.

In your mercy, forgive us.
Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all,
That we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Moment of Silent Confession:

Words of Assurance: Elder Mark Thomas
One: God has rescued us from the power of evil and claimed us for the realm of Jesus Christ,
In whom we have redemption.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
All: Thanks be to God.

Gloria Patri:

WORD

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Mark Widner

For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I the LORD have spoken.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God**.**

Anthem: "Come Ye Thankful People" Alford;/Elvey

Reading from the Gospels: Matthew 25:31-46

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

May the words of my mouth and our thoughts be truly acceptable to you our Rock and Redeemer, Amen.

Sermon: "Thanks for a Sheep" Elder Mark Thomas

Litany for the Reign of Christ:

One: Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice!
All: Christ will reign forever and ever.

One: The Lord is robed in majesty and girded in strength.
All: Christ will reign forever and ever.

One: God has established the world, and God's realm will never be shaken.
All: Christ will reign forever and ever.

One: God will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity
All: Christ will reign forever and ever.

One: The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our Lord,
All: Christ will reign forever and ever.

One: Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Savior, you pour out your power for the powerless and your salvation for the lost. Remember us in your new creation, so that we may live in peace with you in the presence of the Holy One, to whom be all honor and glory, through you, in the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
All: Amen

Hymn: #43 "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" Perronet/Holden

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: And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

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: "For the Fruit of the All Creation" Green/Welsh melody

Doxology:

Prayer of Dedication:

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts; ourselves, our time, and our possessions.

Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, Amen.

SENDING

Closing Hymn: #45 "Crown Him with Many Crowns" Bridges&Thring/Elvey

Charge and the Blessing:

Whatever you do, in word and deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through him. Amen

The Lord bless and keep you in your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore. Amen

Postlude: "We Gather Together" Alford/Elvey

Announcements for November 22, 2026

Cookies and Carols will be held at 4 PM in the Sanctuary on December 6th. If you wish to bring cookies, please use the sign-up sheet located in the Gathering Area.

The Thanksgiving Tree will up in the sanctuary today. Leaves are available at the two entrances. Write a phrase for something that you are thankful for and place it on the tree during the first hymn.

The December Prayer Guide is available at both entrances.

The December Congregational Prayer Meeting will be held on December 7, 2026 at 6:30 PM in the church office.

My heartfelt thanks to all the Deacons for building the Thanksgiving Day baskets.
Doing the turkey and butter purchasing for Sunday the 22nd pick up.
I'm very grateful also to the congregation's support. Truly thankful, in God's love and blessings.
Angelo. NAC rep

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.

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

November 1, 2026

Regular	$ 839.00
Missions	21.00
Total	860.00

November 8, 2026

Regular	$ 370.00
Total	370.00

November 15, 2026

Regular	$ 1310.00
Mission	22.00
Total	1320.00

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR
WEEK OF November 22, 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.

Angelo's brother Wayne is now home from the hospital. Doing well with a feeding tube and medications

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. She 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	L. Walsh	M. Thomas	M. Thomas	L. Walsh	M. Thomas
Camera	J. Baker	J. Baker	J. Baker	J. Baker	J. Baker
Media	M. Widner	K. Remillard	K. Remillard	K. Remillard	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	J. Baker T. Remillard	M. Alling K. Mercer	K. Remillard J. Baker

December 2026 Worship Leader Calendar

	Dec 6	**Dec 13**	**Dec 20**	**Dec 27**	**Jan 3**
Worship Leader	M. Alling	S. Santoro	L. Walsh	M. Thomas	M. Widner
Greeter	T. Remillard	C. Lee	T. Remillard	C. Lee	T. Remillard
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Church Calendar of Events
November 22-29, 2026

Sunday, November 22, 2026

Presiding Minister -Elder Mark Thomas
Worship Leader –Mark Widner
Greeter -Chris Lee
Sound Board -Lynne Walsh
Media – Ken Remillard
Junior Church - TBD
Camera - Jim Baker
Coffee Hour –Lynne Walsh
Counters – Kimberly Mercer
Marilyn Alling

Wednesday, November 18
5:30 PM Peace of Bread

Sunday, November 29, 2026
Presiding Minister – Elder Mark Widner
Worship Leader – Marilyn Alling
Greeter – Tanya Remillard
Sound Board – Mark Thomas
Media – Ken Remillard
Junior Church - TBD
Camera –Jim Baker
Coffee Hour – Mark Widner
Counters –Ken Remillard
Jim Baker

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 Spence Bakker, 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