

## UNITED PRESBYTERIAN **CHURCH O**F PLAINFIELD

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# WELCOME

Welcome to the United Presbyterian Church of Plainfield

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts and minds are open and from whom nothing is hidden, grant us grace to worship you in spirit and truth, and please accept our offerings of praise and thanksgiving as a sweet-smelling savor. We pray in the mighty and holy name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday-Friday, 6 AM, via Zoom

Daily Scripture reading



Morning Devotions

Facebook

October 5, 2024 Bazaar - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Health Fair - 10:00 am - 2: 00pm



Thursday, 7:30 PM, via YouTube



September 21, 2024 10:00 am - 11:30 am



ESTATE PLANNING Brothers and sisters, the voice of Wisdom calls to us from the street corner, the grocery store aisle, the noisy dinner table, and the quiet places of our hearts. Will you listen?

#### Yes, with God's help, we will listen!

Wisdom calls to us with hard truths, showing us where we've strayed in our hearts and as a community and urging us back onto God's path. Will you follow?

RESPONSIVE

**CALL TO** 

WORSHIP

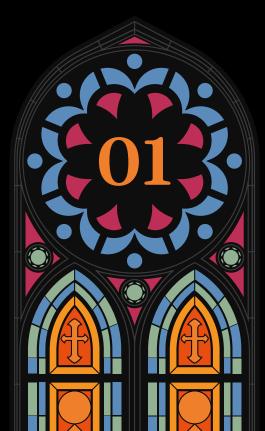
#### Yes, with God's help, we will follow!

Wisdom's call persists through the twists and turns, the rough patches, the barely discernible paths forward, and the moments we feel completely lost. Will you hold onto Wisdom wherever she takes you?

#### Yes, with God's help, we will hold onto Wisdom!

Then, let us worship God together as we cling to wisdom on our journey along the path of salvation paved with God's love.

Yes! Let us worship God together! Amen.



# Nearer My God to Thee **OPENING HYMN**

### **UNISON SCRIPTURE READING**

Teach me your decrees, O LORD; I will keep them to the end. Give me understanding, and I will obey your instructions and put them into practice with all my heart. Make me walk along the path of your commands, for that is where my happiness is found. Give me an eagerness for your laws rather than a love for money! Turn my eyes from worthless things, and give me life through your word. Reassure me of your promise, made to those who fear you. Help me abandon my shameful ways, for your regulations are good. I long to obey your commandments! Renew my life with your goodness.

## THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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. 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.

### **UNISON SCRIPTURE READING**

If anyone among you is wise and understanding, let him or her show it by his good conduct and deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. But do not boast or deny the truth if you harbor bitter jealousy and selfish ambition. Such wisdom does not come from above but is earthly, unspiritual, and demonic. Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, disorder and every evil practice will exist. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peace-loving, gentle, accommodating, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial, and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace reap the fruit of righteousness.



### **PRAYER OF PETITION**

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference. Help me live one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time, accepting hardships as the pathway to peace, and taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it, trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His Will that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with Him Forever in the next. Amen.





#### CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP



#### PASTORAL PRAYER

## - 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. Lead us away from temptation and deliver us from evil. For thine art the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.





Take My Life and Let It Be

CLOSING HYMN

