

## UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 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, please have mercy on us, we pray. We have gathered in Your name to worship and learn how to better please you. Please accept our offerings of praise and thanksgiving as a sweet-smelling savor holy and acceptable. We pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday-Friday, 6 AM, via Zoom

Daily Scripture reading



Morning Devotions

Facebook

UPC Book Club

Sundays at 7:30 pm via Zoom

November 23



Thanksgiving Dinner



Thursday, 7:30 PM, via YouTube

Come, let us worship the Lord our God in the beauty of holiness.

I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord.

RESPONSIVE

CALL TO

WORSHIP

There is fullness of joy in the house of the Lord, worshipping with God's people.

We will sing songs that testify of God's grace and mercy.

The Lord is better than good and greater than great. He is almighty.

Praise the Lord all the earth. For the Lord alone is worthy of praise.



I Love the Lord, who Heard My Cry

**OPENING HYMN** 

## **UNISON SCRIPTURE READING**

Clap your hands, all you people, and shout to God with a joyful sound. The Lord Most High is to be feared, a great king over all the earth. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth be moved. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised. In the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness, beautiful situation the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion on the side of the north, the city of the great king.Praise the Lord!

## 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**

Jesus was passing through Jericho. A wealthy chief tax collector named Zacchaeus was in the crowd, hoping to see Jesus. Because he was short, he could not see over the top of the crowd. So he ran and climbed a sycamore tree to see him. When Jesus reached the spot under the sycamore tree where Zacchaeus was. He looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house Today. So he came down at once and gladly welcomed Jesus. All the people saw this, and some began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now, I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." Jesus said to him, "Today, salvation has come to this house because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to save the lost."





## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God, we acknowledge that you made this day. Help us rejoice and be glad in it. If we become overwhelmed by the world's cares, please gently remind us that we can refocus, relish your presence, and do the good things for which you created us. God, grant us the spirit of generosity to be kind to others as you are to us. Forgive us if we have sought vengeance and retribution. Forgive us if we have stirred up trouble instead of working for peace. God, please help us see others as you do through the lens of love and compassion. Father, we submit ourselves to you for cleansing. Please create in each of us a clean heart and renew within us the right spirit and the desire to follow and please only you. We pray in the mighty and holy name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON



#### PASSING THE PEACE

## THE MEDITATION





#### CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

THE COMMUNION HYMN

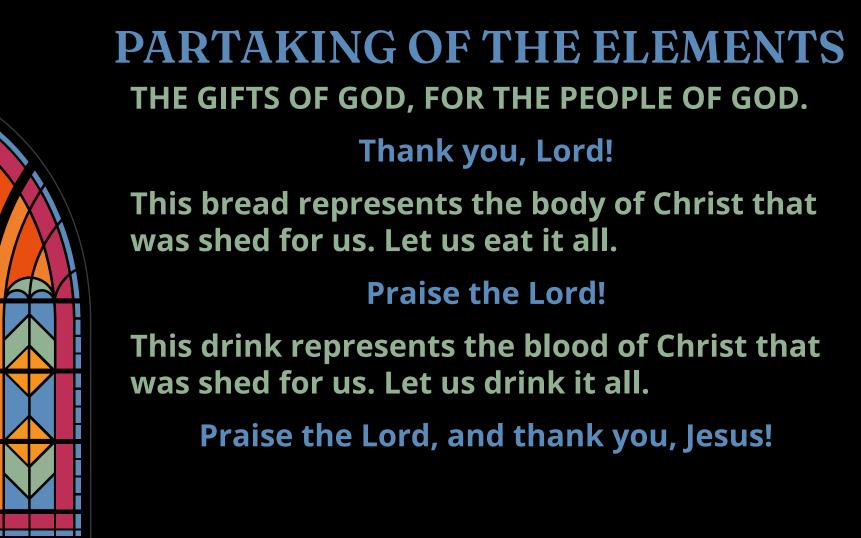
### **INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER**

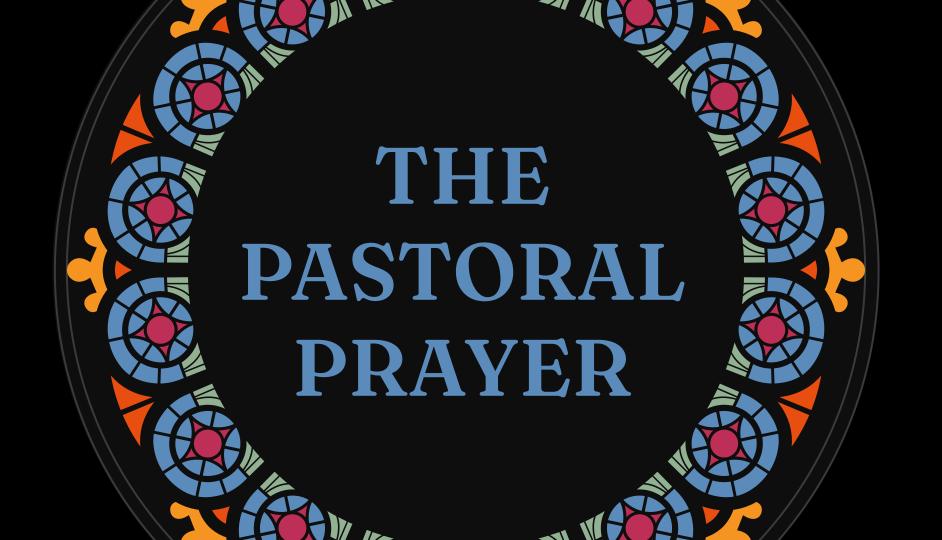


All glory and honor are yours, O God, for you bring life from death, joy from suffering and dancing from mourning. We give thanks that abundant life is made known and present within us in your Son Jesus, who has come to live and die as one of us, to reconcile all creation to life and life everlasting. By him, with him, and in him, the web of your love is made whole, and we, with it.

Jesus gathered his disciples and said, "Remember me." And so we do. We remember that he gathered his friends and his betrayer around a common table, sharing the gifts of wheat and vine, the first fruits from the earth. We remember that he offered himself to us, that we may follow him even beyond death into your eternal love.

Gather us now at your table, O God, so we may be sustained in our faith journey. May these gifts of the earth be for us the gift of your goodness made present, made known. And grant that we who eat this feast may be filled with your life and goodness.





## - 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

#### **CLOSING HYMN**

