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WELCOME

Welcome to the United Presbyterian Church
Plainfield



OPENING PRAYER

Gracious and Eternal God, on this third Sunday of Advent, we gather in hope and expectation, lighting the Candle of Joy as a sign of Your promise. You are the One who makes barren places bloom, who turns mourning into dancing, and who calls us to walk in Your ways of gladness and grace. Lift our weary spirits, O Lord, and quiet the shadows that weigh upon us. Fill this sanctuary with Your Spirit, that we may be renewed in faith, overflowing with love, and prepared to be bearers of joy in our homes, our community, and Your creation. As we worship You this day, let Your Word take root in us, and let the joy of Christ shine through our hearts. We pray in the mighty and holy name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, the Giver of Joy. Amen.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday-Friday, 6 AM, via Zoom



**Morning
Devotions**

Daily Scripture reading



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Sundays at 7:30 pm via Zoom



**Suspended
until after
Advent**

Thursday, 7:30 pm, via YouTube



**Midweek
Service**

Daily, at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom



Advent Study

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING



RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

The Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them.

The Lord keeps faith forever, bringing justice for the oppressed and food for the hungry.

The Lord sets prisoners free, opens the eyes of the blind, and lifts up those who are bowed down.

The Lord loves the righteous, watches over the stranger, and upholds the orphan and the widow.

**The Lord will reign forever, our God for all generations.
Praise the Lord!**





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Comfort, Comfort Now My People

OPENING HYMN

UNISON SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 35:1-6

1 The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.

2 It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD, and the excellency of our God.

3 Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.



UNISON SCRIPTURE READING

4 Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you.

5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

6 Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.



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 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 forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



UNISON SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 35:7-10

7 And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes.

8 And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein.

9 No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there:

10 And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away





CALL TO PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER

Almighty God, holy and merciful Father, we confess that we have not always prepared the way of joy. Too often we have resisted Your glad tidings and clung to shadows of despair. In these moments, we have failed to live as bearers of good news. Forgive us, renew us, and let Your Spirit awaken songs of joy within us. Make us fruitful in hope, steadfast in love, and radiant with the joy of Christ. We pray in the mighty and holy name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, the Giver of Joy. Amen.





RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I say, rejoice!

**In Christ, our sins are forgiven, our despair is
lifted, and our hearts are renewed in joy.**

The top corners of the image feature a decorative stained glass pattern. It includes circular medallions with intricate floral designs in red, green, and black, set against a background of blue and red geometric shapes.

PASSING THE
PEACE

GLORIA
PATRI

PRAYER FOR
ILLUMINATION

THE
MEDITATION



CALL TO
DISCIPLESHIP

JOYS & CONCERNS



THE
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.






WORSHIP
THROUGH
GIVING



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Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

CLOSING HYMN

THE BENEDICTION

The image features a decorative border with a stained glass aesthetic. It includes circular medallions with pink and yellow floral patterns, and pointed arches filled with pink and orange colors, all set against a dark blue background with light blue geometric accents.

THE CONG. RESPONSE

Amen

