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**Sunday, November 10, 2024**

**The Rev. Dr. Tom Yorty, Interim Pastor  
Allan Andrews, Minister of Music & Choral Director  
Gregory White, Organist**

Services are live-streamed on YouTube at: <https://tinyurl.com/upcbuffalo>



## Confession and Pardon

### The Invitation:

Do you not know that all of us  
who have been baptized into Christ Jesus  
were baptized into his death?  
Our old selves were crucified with him,  
so that we might be slaves to sin no more.  
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

### The Prayer:

For failing to love others as you have loved us . . .  
God of grace, **forgive us.**

For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods . . .  
God of grace, **forgive us.**

For plundering the earth and abusing the planet . . .  
God of grace, **forgive us.**

For fearing those who are strange to us  
and ignoring those in need . . .  
God of grace, **forgive us.**

For losing heart and abandoning hope . . .  
God of grace, **forgive us.**

For all the ways we turn from you . . .  
God of grace, **forgive us.**

We offer our prayers in the name  
of the One who saves us,  
Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*There follows a moment of silent personal confession*

### The Pardon:

Our righteousness is found in Christ alone, a gift of God by  
faith. Beloved people of God, believe the good news: through  
the grace of Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn #581

Glory Be To The Father  
*Gloria Patri*

Sharing the Peace and Greetings

*As God's forgiven people we extend the peace of Christ to one another saying, "the peace of Christ be with you".*

Sung response

**Shalom to you now, shalom my friends.  
May God's full mercies, bless you, my friends.  
In all your living and through your loving,  
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.**

Minute for Stewardship

Cindy Hickey

## **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

Prayer for Illumination:

Lord God, pour out your Spirit upon us  
to bring good news to the oppressed,  
and let your word be fulfilled among us;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The Psalter: Psalm 127

Unless the LORD builds the house,  
their labor is in vain who build it.  
**Unless the LORD watches over the city,  
in vain the sentinel keeps vigil.**

It is in vain to rise so early and go to bed so late;  
vain, too, to eat the bread of toil;  
for you, LORD, give sleep to your beloved.  
**Children are a heritage from the LORD,  
and the fruit of the womb is a gift.**

Like arrows in the hand of a warrior

are the children of one's youth.

**Happy is the one whose quiver is full of them!  
Such a one will not be put to shame  
when contending with enemies in the gate.**

O God, you made your home with us in Jesus, your beloved child. May our earthly households be built on the rock of your steadfast love, that our work and our rest, our times together and our times alone, may be centered in you and enjoy your blessing; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Gospel Lesson: Mark 15:38-44 (p. 54 of the NT in pew Bible)

Anthem: O God Beyond All Praising  
*Thaxted Gustav Holst, arr. Jane Holstein*

Sermon: "How to Measure Abundance"

Hymn #708 We Give Thee but Thine Own  
*Schumann Mason and Webb's Cantica Laudis*

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory: Basse et Dessus de Trompette L.-N. Clérambault

Doxology Hymn #606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy**



Tuesday, November 12	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, November 14	12:00 pm 7:30 pm	Food Pantry Open Choir
Sunday, November 17	9:30 am 10:30 am 11:30 am	Choir Worship Service Deacon's Soup & Pie Sale

**Migrants or Brothers and Sisters? II:** In Adult Ed. Howard Henry and Lee Ann Grace will lead another session on immigration. They have volunteered for over 35 years at Frontier de Cristo in Douglas, AZ. Join us for this important continuing session as we learn more about the reality on the ground for those who make their way to the US from developing nations around the world as well as those whose lives are in danger in their homelands and seek asylum here. November 10, 11:30am

**Deacons' Soup & Pie Sale:** The Deacons Soup and Pie Lunch will take place on Sunday, November 17. This is an annual fundraiser for the Deacons Fund which ministers to the health and welfare of our church community. Please consider providing a pot of soup and/or a pie to support this great ministry - sign-up sheets are at the entrances to the sanctuary. Thank you and please join us on the 17th.

**UPC's Little Library Box** (located next to the ramp) is in need of books! If you have books that you'd like to pass on, drop them in the box for someone else's reading pleasure!

**The Network of Religious Communities** Please join us on Monday November 25, 2024 at 7:00 pm for the 42nd Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service/Celebration. It will be held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 1080 Main St, Buffalo, NY 14209.

**Calvary Baptist / UPC Thanksgiving Outreach 2024:** Preparation Week: November 18 through 23 – Can you help? Please see display in coffee room: (1) Note day and hours available on Preparation Schedules 1 and 2; (2) Please complete Volunteer Form noting day and hours available and give to Howard; (3) Do you know someone who needs a meal? Please complete Meal Sign Up Form and give to Howard Henry. Thank you!

**Save the Date!** The Annual Christmas Dinner will be held on Sunday, December 15th following the service. RSVP either through the Church Office (716-836-7660) or with Pat Cookfair-Casseri (716-440-9833). We will accept payment at the church office during the week or with Pat on Sunday.

It's a great time to reconnect with friends and get in the holiday spirit. The cost is: \$15 for adults, \$10 for children (5-12), under 5 are free. Ask for special pricing for families.

## **Welcome Visitors**

University Presbyterian Church (UPC), the members and officers, welcomes you today. Your presence strengthens our faith and our commitment as Christ's disciples.

University Presbyterian Church welcomes all who seek to follow the Way of Jesus—the way of compassion and justice—regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or gender identification. UPC does not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation in celebrating the rites of marriage.

## **University Presbyterian Church Officers and Staff**

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## **Mission Statement of University Presbyterian Church**

We are a hungry people who receive Christ, the Bread of Life, who sustains us on our journey. We strive to feed as we are fed, sharing the Bread to nourish others in body, mind and spirit.

**“Let Us Be Bread”**