

Calendar

Today - Adult Sunday School	10:30 am
22 - Men's Bible study	6:00am
22 - Ham Ball dinner	11:00am -1:00pm
25 - Men's group	8:00am
26 - Worship	9:00am

Announcements

Special thank you to Todd Studer for leading our worship!

Prayers

Our Church everyday at 7:14am

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Gather

United Presbyterian Church

Established 1893

October 19, 2025

*please stand if able

***WE INVITE EVERYONE TO JOIN
US FOR FELLOWSHIP
FOLLOWING OUR SERVICE***

Thank you for choosing to
worship with us today...
We are glad you are here!

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We come with questions, with burdens, with hope. Like Jacob, we wrestle through the night, longing for blessing.

People: Like the widow before the judge, we lift our prayers again and again, trusting God will hear.

Leader: God meets us in our struggle, transforming our weakness into strength, our fear into faith.

People: We will not give up. We will not let go. God's promise is worth the wrestling.

Leader: Come, people of God bring your persistence, your prayer, your passion.

All: We come to worship the God who meets us in the struggle and blesses us with new life.

***Opening Hymn**

***Opening Prayer**

Gracious God, you meet us in the struggle and in the silence. When our faith feels weary, you hold on. When our prayers feel unanswered, you are still near. Give us courage to keep wrestling, to keep praying, to keep believing that you are at work. Bless us with your presence this day that we may leave this place renewed, changed by your love, and strengthened to live with hope. Amen

Prayer of Confession and Reconciliation

Faithful God, we confess that we have not persisted in prayer nor trusted your steadfast love. We grow discouraged when we cannot see your hand at work. We turn away when the struggle is long and the answers seem far off. Forgive our impatience and our lack of faith. Wrestle with our hearts until we are made new, and teach us again to trust your mercy and your ways. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

***Congregational Response**

“Amazing Grace”

Scripture

Genesis 32:23-33 Luke 18:1-8

Sermon

“Persistently Wrestling for Justice”

Quiet Time of Reflection

***Statement of Faith**

Prayers of the People

Worship Through Giving

***Closing Hymn**

Blessed Be The Tie That Binds Please gather and join hands,
followed by **The Lord's Prayer**

***Benediction**

We go from here, carried by the breath of the Spirit. Let the Spirit fill us with peace, stir us to acts of love, and lead us into places where grace is needed. May the Spirit give us courage when we are uncertain, strength when we are weary, and joy that cannot be contained. We go in the power and presence of the Holy Spirit, today and always.
Amen.

Postlude