

The Presbyterian Church of Upper Montclair

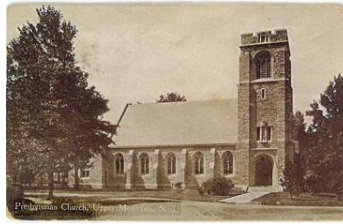
Sunday, October 19, 2025

10:00 a.m.

*If you are able, please stand.

Please turn off cell phones.

ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY



(1907-2025)

WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

"...faith isn't about having everything figured out ahead of time; faith is about following the quiet voice of God without having everything figured out ahead of time."

"God's ways are higher than our ways not because God is less compassionate than we are but because God is more compassionate than we can ever imagine."

Rachel Held Evans

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Prelude

Max Morden, trumpet

*Call to Worship

Lizzie Valle

One: Let us gather and pause together for a moment,
and in our stillness
give our hearts, minds, and praise to God
who, with each new day, looks at all people and all creation
and says, "It is very good."

All: Let us worship God!

The Spirit of God binds us together as One
and sends us out into the world to bear witness to God's love.

In Christ, God is reconciling the world to God,
offering peace, forgiveness, and abundant life to all.

Just as the body is made up of many parts,
and as worshipers have done now for 118 years,
**today we gather from different backgrounds and points of view,
with different talents and gifts, joy and burdens
to give thanks to God and for each other, to grow and to serve,
to be One in Christ's love,**

Let us worship God.

Let us worship God!

***Opening Hymn 475** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Nettleton

Prayer of Preparation and Confession (unison)

Pastor Greg Horn

Merciful God, who calls us to be the church in this place and time, we come together to celebrate your Presence in our midst—for the past 118 years and right now. But Lord, we need your help to answer your call. The world can be a hard place, and we want to be part of its healing. As we gather today, we confess our avoidance, our purposeful distractions, our prideful arrogance.

As you have for 118 years, have mercy on us. Grant us wisdom and courage for the living of these days. Open our eyes, ears, and minds anew to your voice—and lead us into the future you are even now preparing.

our silent prayers of preparation and confession

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;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer Hymn 438 (seated) *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*
(verses 1 & 3)

Toplady

Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness

***We Give God Glory** (Hymn #582)

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen. (sing 3 times)
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

Welcome & Life of the Church

(Please fill out the Friendship Pad completely and pass it along.)

118th Anniversary Celebration

Recognition of Longtime Members

Prayer of Thanksgiving (insert)

***Celebration Hymn 730** *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

Grand Isle

Scripture Reading (p.899 of OT)

Jeremiah 31:31-33 (NRSV)

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Solo

Come By Here / Kum Ba Ya

spiritual

Ravon Middlebrooks

The Sacrament of Baptism (insert)

Francis Lucky Taft

Welcome and Presentation

Questions to the Child's Parents

Questions to the Child's Church Family

The Act of Baptism

***Baptism Hymn 486** *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

Kingdom

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Time for Children

(All children are invited forward. Afterward, all children may attend Sunday School.)

Scripture Reading (p.99 of NT)

Luke 18:1-8 (NRSV)

¹⁸ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart.

² He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." ⁴ For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." ' ⁶ And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Is Your God Too Small?"

Pastor Greg Horn

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn 175**

Seek Ye First

Lafferty

Prayer of the People

We Worship With Our Offerings

Offertory

We've Come This Far by Faith

Albert A. Goodson

Chancel Choir

***We Give Praise to God** (Hymn #606)

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

GO WITH GOD – TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

*The flowers decorating the chancel this morning
are given to the glory of God by Fran Adams
in loving memory of Bill Adams.*



WELCOME and thank you for your part in this service of worship. If you are a visitor here at the Presbyterian Church of Upper Montclair (PCUM), you are especially welcome. May you sense in this place the presence and the love of God in Christ. After worship, you are invited for refreshments and conversation in Fellowship Hall.

PLEASE ASK AN USHER for anything you might need, and please help fellow worshipers by exiting and entering the sanctuary at times other than during prayers or scripture readings.

CHILDCARE for toddlers and a nursery for younger children are always available during worship in the North Wing, located off Fellowship Hall. Please ask an usher for directions.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES for all children preschool through 7th grade are located in the North Wing. Ask the ushers or Christian Education leaders for directions. If you are sending your kids to Sunday School for the first time, please step out briefly with your children as they are dismissed to fill out a registration form before returning to the sanctuary.



TODAY IS THE 118TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION of the life and ministry of the Presbyterian Church of Upper Montclair. Welcome to all worshipers, with a special welcome and heartfelt thanks to the longtime members honored this morning.



RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM this morning is Francis Lucky Taft, son of Christina Hawley & Jeffrey Taft. Presenting Francis to be baptized on behalf of his church family and the PCUM Session (elected board) is Elder Lizzie Valle. Representing Francis’s circle of loved ones who along with the church are committing themselves to his support and nurture are his aunt Rosalie Hawley and cousin Alexander Tsay, and grandparents Mike & Jouhanna Hawley and Tracy & Paul Taft.

BAPTISM IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.) celebrates the Good News that God’s love claims us even before we are able to respond in faith or action. In the PC (USA), baptism itself does not bring about salvation, but is an outward sign pointing to God’s love for us and free gift to us, already given, of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The waters of baptism represent the washing away of all brokenness that separates us from God, our dying and rising with Christ, and an adoption into the covenant family of Christ’s Body, the church. The entire congregation, on behalf of the worldwide Christian church, assumes responsibility for nurturing baptized children in the Christian life and fellowship of the church.



Thoughtful, Nourishing Worship ✠ Vibrant Ministry to Children & Youth
Relationships ✠ Participation ✠ Service to Others and to the World ✠ Relevance and Authenticity

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Co-Youth Leader: Garrett Pahl

Children’s Programs/Co-Youth Leader: Sierra Joy

Church Administrator: Denise Silecchia

Livestream Techs: Tres Williams, Jerome Nelson

Custodian: Jimmy Abad

REGISTER FOR PCUM'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: The church's weekly Sunday School for kids Pre-K through 7th Grade meets year-round. Sunday School learning starts in the sanctuary; then, after the Children's sermon, kids gather for a fun, faith-building music time before dividing into smaller groups for developmentally-appropriate, interactive Bible story lessons led by children's program leaders Millie Tourtelot, Sierra Joy, and volunteer teachers. On several Sundays throughout the year, kids lead their church family in song or by sharing what they've learned in Sunday School. In the summer, children of all ages learn about their part in God's creation and showing Christ's love by tending vegetable beds and donating their produce to the Human Needs Food Pantry of Montclair.

You can register your child(ren) for Sunday School by visiting www.pcum.org. You can easily register multiple children at once. Registering for PCUM's Sunday School ensures that you stay up to date and don't miss important announcements about Sunday School or other children's activities. If you have questions about Sunday School or other ministries for children and families at PCUM, please reach out to Millie Tourtelot, Dir. of Christian Education, at millie@pcum.org.

PIZZA & MOVIE NIGHT @ PCUM! Kids and parents! This Friday evening, October 24 at 6 p.m., families with children 2nd grade & younger (older siblings are welcome!), are invited to a FREE evening of movie-watching, fellowship, and fun for kids and families! Meet other parents while your children play with church friends under the supervision of the Children's Ministries staff. Pizza and salad for everyone, as well as a short child-friendly film screening. **RSVP to Millie Tourtelot at millie@pcum.org.** Another Pizza & Movie Night is scheduled for Friday, December 5th!

ADULT STUDY CLASS – PCUM STAINED GLASS WINDOWS: Starting at 11:45 am next Sunday, October 26th and then on the Fourth Sunday of each month through Sunday, May 24 of 2026, you are invited to a 1-hour long class led by Pastor Greg Horn studying the ten beautiful stained glass "aisle windows" that adorn the east and west walls of PCUM's sanctuary. Each of PCUM's aisle-window tells a biblical story, and each window's story is interpreted and presented in artistic and theological ways that reflect this congregation's origins and its rich 118 year-old history, while at the same time literally illuminating what God has to say to us at this 21st century moment.

Each 1-hour long, discussion-based class will take place in the sanctuary and include a close study of a particular window, the scriptural scene it depicts, and the choices the artists and the church's founders made in presenting it. We'll also discuss aspects of the craft of stained glass-making; how to read and use your biblical knowledge more productively; the time and reasons PCUM came to be; and what messages these extraordinary windows, visual manifestations of God's Word, have for us today. Contact Pastor Greg (greghorn@pcum.org) with questions AND/or to request childcare.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PARENTS' GATHERING - Sunday, November 9 after worship - Parents of children of all ages, but especially families newer to PCUM or to Sunday School are invited to this gathering to learn more about our Sunday School program. We will discuss how you can support your child's spiritual development and ways to get involved with this special church community. There will be a pizza lunch for all, and activities for children as well. To RSVP, please email Millie Tourtelot at millie@pcum.org.

SING WITH THE CHANCEL CHOIR! PCUM's vibrant music ministry needs you! You don't have to sing every Sunday. Come as you are and sing when your schedule permits. Contact Dir. of Music Ministries, Anne Marie Julano for more information at annemarie@pcum.org.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP MEETS EVERY WEEK! PCUM'S vibrant 2025-2026 Middle School Youth Group meets Wednesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. throughout the year ahead! All teens and tweens 6th–8th grade are warmly invited to come out to have fun, share dinner, and meet old and new friends. **October 29th Halloween Party, 7:00-9:00 p.m. - come in costume!** Contact Garrett Pahl (garrett@pcum.org) and Sierra Joy (sierra@pcum.org).

FALL "MEMBERSHIP EXPLORATION GROUP" – If you would like to learn more about faith, about PCUM, about others, and about yourself, you are invited to be part of the fall Membership Exploration Group. Just indicate your interest on the Ritual of Friendship pad or contact Pastor Greg Horn (greghorn@pcum.org) or the Church Office (pcum@pcum.org). The group consists of several Sunday lunch conversations that fit your schedule—food and childcare for everyone provided—where questions are asked and answered and new friendships are made.

VOLUNTEER TO SERVE HUNGRY NEIGHBORS – Twice each month, you are invited to join fellow PCUM volunteers serving hungry and food-insecure neighbors. PCUM prepares and serves an evening meal here in Montclair on the 4th Saturday of the month and a lunch meal in Newark on the 3rd Saturday of each month. **Sign up at www.pcum.org/serve-others.**

The Sacrament of Baptism of Francis Lucky Taft

Baptism Questions

Pastor Greg Horn

Do you intend your child to be baptized?

Do you trust Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

*Do you promise to worship and serve God wherever you may be
and to live and teach your faith to your son that he may grow
and live all his days in the presence of the living God?*

Questions to the Church Family

Elder Lizzie Valle

Do you, the brothers and sisters in Christ of this child of God,
representing the church universal in every time and place,
promise, through your prayer and example, to *support*
and encourage Francis from this day forward?

We do.

Do you, the people of the church, *promise to tell* Francis the good
news of the Gospel, *to show* him the reality of God's love, *to pray* for
him, and—by your own commitment to Christ's church— *to*
strengthen his family ties within the household of God?

We do.

The Act of Baptism

***Baptism Hymn 486** *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

Kingdom

Presbyterian Church of Upper Montclair

Anniversary Litany of Celebration

Friends, today we gather in joy and gratitude to celebrate 118 years
of God's Presence in the people, the worship, and the ministry
of the Presbyterian Church of Upper Montclair.

**Thanks be to God, whose steadfast love endures
from generation to generation!**

From a small gathering of faithful believers to a vibrant congregation
alive with worship, learning, and service —
growing together and walking side by side
upon the peaks and through the valleys of life —
God has been our strength and our song.

For the founders who dreamed,
for the pastors and gifted staff and all those who stepped forward to lead,
for the members and friends who prayed, sang, served, and gave —
we remember their witness with thanksgiving.

**We stand on the shoulders of those who trusted in God's promises
and, in countless ways, were willing to share God's love.**

For music that opens our hearts to your steadfast love and your call,
for children whose joy reminds us of what it means to follow you,
for teens who question and discover their voices and hearts matter,
for adults who serve and give and show up —
we rejoice in God's gift of life in this community of faith.

We celebrate the Body of Christ — many members, one Spirit, one Lord!

And now, as we honor the past, we also turn toward the future with hope.
God still calls us — to love boldly, to serve compassionately, to welcome all,
to stand up for the vulnerable, to see the bigger picture, and to follow Jesus.

**And so, grateful for all the ways and all the moments that God
brings abundant life to the people and moments of PCUM's life,
we commit ourselves anew to Jesus Christ's mission here in this place
and throughout the world.**

May the Holy Spirit continue to move at will among us —
shaping us into a people and a church generous in love,
courageous in witness, and radiant with joy.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us!

For 118 years, God has been our help and our guide here at PCUM;

**For all the years to come, we place our trust in the One
who makes all things new.**

To God be the glory — yesterday, today, and forever!

PCUM'S ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY 2025

This morning, the PCUM family celebrates the faithfulness of the women and men who have been members of The Presbyterian Church of Upper Montclair for 25 years or more:

Patty Rosinski (1976)	Liz Brambilla (1991)	Ace Wilson (1996)
Charles Johnson (1977)	Rob Pahl (1993)	Steve Wrede (1996)
Alice Johnson (1977)	Andrea Moomjy (1993)	Mimi Wrede (1996)
Daphne Smith (1977)	John Schmitt (1993)	Bill Staehle (1997)
Erika Cowan (1980)	Johanna Schmitt (1993)	Debra Dowd (1997)
Joe Dunn (1980)	Pat Worthington (1993)	Jace Wagner (1997)
Ginny Moriarty (1980)	Paul Smith (1994)	Karen Wagner (1997)
Craig Dickson (1981)	Jeff Dunn (1994)	Christine Orzepowski (1997)
Alan Parke (1982)	Rick Jenkins (1994)	Tom Williams (1997)
Patsy Parke (1982)	Jackie Jenkins (1994)	Melody Williams (1997)
Robert Watt (1982)	Lynne DiBenedetto (1994)	Linda Gregg (1997)
Jeanne Wilson (1983)	Mark DiBenedetto (1994)	CJ Miller (1998)
Cynthia Binns (1985)	Richard Moriarty (1994)	Elisabeth Miller (1998)
James Binns (1985)	Laura Phillips (1994)	Lauren Binns Murray (1998)
Maria Block (1985)	Romy Hollerith (1995)	Denise Silecchia (1998)
Al Crisantiello (1985)	Chris Ehrenbard (1995)	Ruben Ratliff (1998)
Susie Patterson (1985)	Eileen Richardson (1995)	Melinda Hofmann (1998)
Dale Jacobs (1986)	Robert Richardson (1995)	Alexandra Jewett (1999)
Jennifer Fletcher (1987)	Janet Lee (1995)	Edward Jewett (1999)
Lisa Freedman (1987)	Steve Culbertson (1995)	Bob Whiteley (1999)
Lyle Landon (1987)	Kyle Howland (1995)	Lisa Cowan Brescia (2000)
Colleen Brambilla (1989)	Valerie Trupp (1996)	Jane Christovao (2000)
Susan MacKellar (1989)	Lori Chopoorian (1996)	Michael Johnson (2000)
Holly Christovao (1990)	Kate Brambilla (1996)	Philip Landon (2000)
Janet Neal (1990)	Mark Cowan Brescia (1996)	Lara Worthington (2000)
Elizabeth Bozik (1991)	Alex Dunn (1996)	

The congregation celebrates the dedication and faithfulness of those women and men who have been members of The Presbyterian Church of Upper Montclair for 50 years or more:

Doug Abell (1960)	Peg Scott-Fleming (1965)	Paul Bonelli (1968)
Pam Bonelli (1960)	Lynn Crane (1966)	Judy Polonofsky (1969)
Bill Ellis (1962)	Lynne Dennis (1966)	Toni Schott (1973)
Janice Amatucci (1964)	Jane Grimm (1966)	Jean Anne Rose (1974)
Linda Layden (1964)	John Peterson (1966)	C.Y. Treene (1974)
Kathy Dunn (1964)	Sue Zeigler (1967)	Arpad Bogdany (1975)

THANK YOU - AND THANK GOD - FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS!!!