

The Presbyterian Church of Upper Montclair

Sunday, January 25, 2026

10:00 a.m.

*If you are able, please stand.

Please turn off cell phones.



WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

“Amazing that we made Jesus into the consummate answer giver because that is not what he usually does. He more often leads us right onto the horns of our own human-made dilemmas, where we are forced to meet God and be honest with ourselves. He creates problems for us more than resolves them, problems that very often cannot be resolved by all-or-nothing thinking but only by love and forgiveness.”

Richard Rohr



Prelude

Sheep May Safely Graze
Anne Marie Juliano, piano

J.S. Bach

*Call to Worship

Andrew Kennedy

One: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

All: The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

As we gather in the presence of God, may we be inspired again to open our hearts and minds,

and to place our trust in God's promises.

***Opening Hymn 394** *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*
(verses 1-3)

Westminster Abbey

Prayer of Preparation and Confession (unison)

Gracious God, when despair and suffering overwhelm us, when regret and shame make it hard even to face ourselves, we cry out for you and feel abandoned. We doubt your presence and your promises. We convince ourselves that you have turned away from us in anger. We ask why you have forsaken us.

In these moments, strengthen us in faith and fill our hearts with courage. We believe, God. Help our unbelief.

We offer our silent prayers.

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 425 (seated) *Son of God, Whose Heart Is Peace*

Tama Ngakau Marie

***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.)

Time for Children

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

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading (p.619 of OT)

Psalm 27:1, 4-9 (NRSV)

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

⁴One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

⁵For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

⁶Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

⁷Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, LORD, do I seek.

⁹Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Reading (p.4 of NT)

Matthew 4:12-22 (NRSV)

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— ¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Caught Up In Each Other’s Dreams”

Pastor Greg Horn

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn 175

Seek Ye First

Lafferty

We Worship With Our Offerings

Offertory Anthem

Come to Jesus

arr. James Koerts

***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.*

Prayer of the People

***Hymn 701**

Lord, Prepare Me

Sanctuary

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

GO WITH GOD – TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

*The flowers decorating the chancel this morning are given
by Laura & John Phillips in celebration and memory of
January birthdays of family members with us and with God.*

WELCOME and thank you for your part in this service of worship. If you are a visitor 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 for directions. If you are sending your kids to Sunday School for the first time, please step out briefly as your children are dismissed to fill out a registration form before returning to the sanctuary.

PIZZA & MOVIE NIGHT @ PCUM– Kids and parents! On Friday evening, January 30th, 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! Pizza and salad, with a short child-friendly film screening. RSVP to Millie Tourtelot at millie@pcum.org. More Pizza & Movie Nights happening on March 20th, May 1st, and May 29th. Mark your calendars!



ADULT STUDY CLASS ON PCUM STAINED GLASS WINDOWS RESCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 8th: On Sunday, February 8th from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm, you are invited to the latest in a monthly series of 1-hour long class led by Pastor Greg Horn studying the beautiful stained glass "aisle windows" in PCUM's sanctuary. This class's focus will be on the middle window on the sanctuary's west side (the window with the boy's face at the top) that depicts the young Jesus teaching in the Temple. Hope to see you there!

LOOKING AHEAD TO LENT – Be sure start the six-week season of Lent leading to Easter by taking part in the meaningful Ash Wednesday worship service on Wednesday, February 18th at 7:30 pm. Parents: look for more information on PCUM’s annual Fireside Ash Wednesday service for younger children at 6 pm on February 18th.

LENTEN THURSDAY LUNCHTIME ADULT STUDY STARTS THURSDAY FEB. 19TH AT NOON – Starting Thursday, February 19th from 12 noon to 1:30 pm throughout the Season of Lent, you are invited to join an Adult Study of popular author Marilynne Robinson’s New York Times bestseller *Reading Genesis*. Classes will be held through Thursday, April 2nd and will be in-person at the church, with a remote option.

BOARD GAME NIGHT FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27th @ 6:30 PM – Older children (grades 3-7) are warmly invited to come out for a fun night of pizza, dessert and board games! This is a FREE, drop-off event for the PCUM community, and children are welcome to bring friends. To RSVP, please use the QR Code to sign up through Sign-Up Genius. Thank you.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER 2026 –PCUM’s popular Progressive Dinner is back and scheduled for the evening of **Saturday, March 14th from 6:00 to 10:30 pm**. The evening starts with everyone gathering at one home for appetizers and conversation, followed by groups of 6-8 being hosted for dinner in separate homes, with the evening concluding with everyone gathered together again for dessert. The Progressive Dinner is a lot of fun and a great way to get to know your PCUM family even better. So mark your calendar and book your babysitter! If you’re new to PCUM, you are especially welcome! More details coming soon!

VOLUNTEER TO SERVE HUNGRY NEIGHBORS – Twice each month, you are invited to join fellow PCUM volunteers serving hungry and food-insecure neighbors. **Sign up at** www.pcum.org/serve-others.

DEDICATE FLOWERS – You can honor/memorialize loved ones by dedicating flowers for any Sunday morning worship service throughout the year. The suggested donation for two bouquets is \$80. Sign up on the Flower Calendar in the Deacons’ Corner or online at www.pcum.org.

MIDDLE SCHOOLERS! PCUM’S vibrant Middle School Youth Group meets Wednesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. throughout the year ahead! All teens and tweens 6th–8th grade are invited to come out to have fun and share dinner with friends. Contact Garrett Pahl (garrett@pcum.org) and/or Sierra Joy (sierra@pcum.org).

OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2026 are available. If you would like envelopes, please request them on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you can email (pcum@pcum.org) or call the church office (973-746-3854).

PLEASE SUBMIT 2026 PLEDGE CARDS! –If you would like to pledge but haven’t submitted your 2026 Pledge Card, you are invited to pledge today during the morning offering—using a Pledge Card available at the ends of each pew and on the table at the sanctuary entrance. To pledge online, please go to pcum.org/give.



PCUM’s Core Values:

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

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