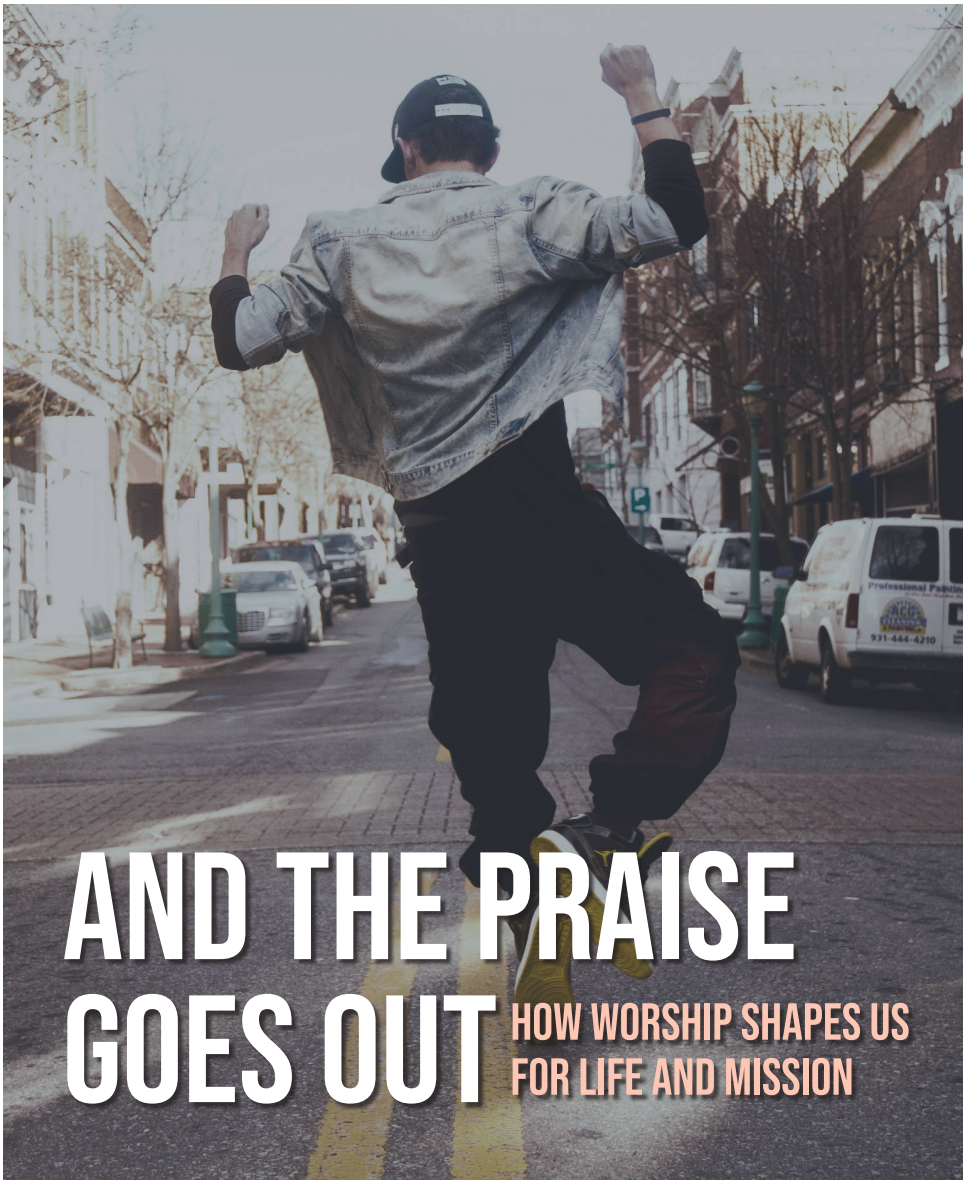

AUGUST 9, 2026
CLASSIC WORSHIP | 8:45AM & 10:00AM

AND THE PRAISE GOES OUT: FOUND IN A STORY

NEHEMIAH 8:1-3, 5-6, 9-12
REV. DAVID NEUEN

When the people of Israel gathered to worship, they listened to scripture and they rediscovered who they were. As God's story was read aloud, they remembered God's faithfulness, recognized their own lives within the story, and found new hope for the future. Worship does the same today. As we return again and again to God's story, we discover our own, and we are sent out to live it with joy.

WELCOME!
We are so glad you're here!

WORSHIP TIMES

CLASSIC WORSHIP Sundays at 8:45 & 10:00am in the Sanctuary.
NEWDAY PRAISE WORSHIP Sundays at 10:00am in the Worship Annex.
YOUTH WORSHIP Wednesdays at 7:00pm in room 200.
LIVE STREAM *at pumc.tv*

KIDS AND YOUTH

INFANT AND TODDLERS Care is provided in room 127 from 8:30-11:00am.
PRESCHOOLERS Room 207 at 10am.
K-GRADE 5 Room 203 at 10am.
GRADES 6-12 Small groups meet in room 200 at 10am.

ADULT SMALL GROUPS

Find adult small groups and classes at ***pumc.org/groups***

KIDS@PUMC WEEKDAY PROGRAMS

PRESCHOOL AGES 1-5 Email Charity Aton at ***caton@pumc.org***
KIDS CONNECTION GRADES K-5 Email McKenzie Smalley at ***msmalley@pumc.org***

MEET PUMC is a casual 30-minute orientation designed to help you get to know our church. On Sunday, August 9 at 11:15am you'll meet members of our leadership team, learn about our mission and values, and discover opportunities to connect, serve, and grow. Register online at ***pumc.org/registrations***

YOUTH GROUP PARENT MEETING Parents and students, join us Monday, August 10 at 7pm in the Youth Worship space, room 200! We'll share the vision for our student ministry, celebrate recent changes, and preview what's ahead this school year. Whether your student is new or has been involved for years, we'd love to see you there!

ALL-CHURCH STUDY THIS FALL This September, we will begin an exciting all-church study on the book Voices of Resistance by Amanda Miller. The author leads us through an exploration of music in the Bible born from experiences of celebration, grief, longing and protest. Group Sign-ups begin August 16. More information coming soon!

WESLEY HERITAGE TOUR TO ENGLAND Pastor Abby invites you to join her and Bishop Tracy Malone next April on a Wesley Heritage Tour to England with the Indiana Annual Conference. There will be an info session on August 30 at 11:15 am in the Worship Annex. More details and the link to register is at ***pumc.org/registrations***

GROWING YOUNG ALL-CHURCH SURVEY

Help us better understand our church by taking this 10-minute survey. We invite everyone to participate—even if you've completed it before or aren't an official church member. Please complete one survey per person. Thank you for helping us continue to grow!

Fill out the survey at www.***oursurvey.church/PlainfieldUnitedMethodist*** or scan the QR code.

A TIME TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE
Three Preludes from "A Little Organ Book" — by Hubert Parry, C.V. Stanford, and Harold Darke
Nick Fennig, organ

*** GREETING**

*** HYMN UMH 57**
O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing — vv 1-3, 5 & 7

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**
Leader: Come, people of God. The Spirit gathers us to form us once again.
People: We come to worship the Lord who calls us by name.
Leader: Rejoice in the author of creation, the redeemer of the world, and the one who is still writing a story of grace, hope, and new life.
People: We love to hear the story that challenges, convicts, and calls.
Leader: Yet we are not merely listeners.
People: Christ has welcomed us and brought us near. The sacred story has become our story.
All: This is our story, this is our song, praising our Savior all the day long!

*** HYMN UMH 657**
This Is the Day — sing twice

WELCOME

A PLACE OF REMEMBRANCE: COLUMBARIUM EXPANSION

ANTHEM
Steal Away — arr. Ruth Elaine Schram
PUMC Women's Ensemble
Nick Fennig, piano

A TIME FOR PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE — Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 9-12

MESSAGE
Found in a Story — Rev. David Neuen

*** HYMN UMH 377**
It Is Well with My Soul — vv 1, 3 & 4

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

GIVING — *Because God gives, we give. Thank you for your generosity.*

*** HYMN UMH 568**
Christ for the World We Sing

*** DISMISSAL & BLESSING**

*** POSTLUDE**
Fugue 16, G minor (from Book I, The Well-Tempered Clavier) — by J.S. Bach
Nick Fennig, piano

(*) asterisk indicates time for persons, who are able, to stand.

DIVE DEEPER

NEHEMIAH 8:1-12

Sunday, August 9

Open It: What story, whether from a book, movie, family tradition, or personal experience, has had a lasting influence on how you see yourself or the world?

Explore It: What do you notice about the people's response as they gather to hear God's Word? What does that reveal about the purpose of worship?

Why do you think hearing God's story together moves the people from conviction to celebration?

How does this gathering differ from simply attending a lecture or listening to a speech? What makes it an act of worship?

Get It: If worship is a rehearsal of God's story, how does returning to that story week after week shape our identity and imagination? What other stories compete to shape us? How does knowing that we are participants in God's story change the way we approach worship?

Apply It: Choose one way to immerse yourself in God's story each day this week. Read a passage of Scripture. Reflect on the lyrics of a hymn. Participate in a form of worship meaningful to you. Ask: "How is God inviting me to live out the good news story today?"

WHAT'S NEXT

GENESIS 28:10–19

Sunday, August 16

Seeing God Like Never Before

Big Idea: The practice of worship opens our eyes to God's presence making all spaces sacred.

Focus Question: How is the Holy Spirit inspiring worship throughout life and in the midst of God's world?

CALENDAR: AUGUST 9–15

SUNDAY

Classic Worship	8:45 a • S
Classic Worship	10:00 a • S
NewDay Praise Worship	10:00 a • A
Revelations Class	10:00 a • L
Ordinary People Class	10:00 a • W
Rewired Class	10:00 a • K
Genesis Class	10:00 a • 101
Youth Small Group	10:15 a • 200
F.U.N. Class	11:15 a • K
Meet PUMC	11:15 a • A

MONDAY

Homeless Meal Prep	1:00 p • Ki
Homeless Meal Delivery	5:00 p • O
Threshold Singers Rehearsal	7:15 p • M

TUESDAY

Rachel Circle	2:30 p • A
GriefShare	6:00 p • L
Endowment Committee	6:15 p • W
Hope Circle	6:30 p • K
Finance Committee	7:00 p • W

WEDNESDAY

Outreach Committee	6:00 p • W
Church Council	7:00 p • K
Youth Worship	7:00 p • Y

THURSDAY

Praise Team Rehearsal	7:30 p • A

SATURDAY

Men's Group	8:30 a • A

Calendar Legend: A=Worship Annex, B=Bell Room, K=Koinonia Room, Ki=Kitchen, L=Library, M=Music Room, ML=Main Lobby, MR=Multiple Rooms, S=Sanctuary, V=Various Rooms, W=Wesley Room, Y=Youth Room

VITALS - BASIC BUDGET

8/2/2026	$16,152
Year-to-date	$657,089
Previous year-to-date	$664,192

PRAISE & PRAYER

Please pray for our Community Partners

- Branches Community Church
- Jared McKee, Director of Public Safety for Plainfield

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