OCTOBER 18, 2026
CLASSIC WORSHIP | 8:45AM & 10:00AM

OUR LABOR OF LOVE

1 THESSALONIANS 1:1–10
REV. DAVID NEUEN

God's love is at work in and through the people of the church. As we reflect on the faith, love, and hope that shape our life together, we celebrate the many ways our laity embody Christ's love through their time, passion, and service. Each of us has a part to play in God's mission, and our everyday acts of faithfulness can become a powerful witness to the good news. As we recognize the ministry of our congregation, we are reminded that we are not called to belong to the church, but to serve God and our neighbors with the gifts we have been given.

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***

JOB OPPORTUNITY We are looking for an Office Assistant to provide administrative support to the church's ministry while ensuring a smooth, organized, and inviting office environment. Learn more and apply at ***pumc.org/jobs***

SERVE FAIR ***Today from 8:30-11:15am!*** We are invited to reflect on our offering of time, gifts, passions, and service for God's work. At the Serve Fair in the Main Lobby, discover the ministries of Plainfield UMC and find ways to make an impact for Christ.

ANNUAL HOG ROAST ***Today at 11:30am!***
The PUMC Men's Group will provide the roasted hog, chips, sides, and desserts. Due to the cool weather, we will be in the Worship Annex. Everyone is welcome!

DAY OF PRAYER Rest in God's presence, renew your spirit, and commit to a daily prayer practice on Saturday, October 24 anytime between 10am-1pm. Explore a variety of prayer experiences for all ages. Learn more at ***pumc.org/registrations***

CONSECRATION SUNDAY On Sunday, October 25, we will commit ourselves to generosity for the coming year, offering thanks for God's blessings, and responding with joyful giving that reflects the abundance of God's provision.

YOUTH HALLOWEEN PARTY Get ready for a fun night on October 25 at 7pm! Learn more and register at ***pumc.org/registrations***

TRUNK OR TREAT ***We need candy donations!*** Enjoy a fun evening filled with candy, costumes, and community on Thursday, October 29 from 5-7pm. Candy donations can be made in the Main Office and at the Kids Desk inside door 1. Register to attend, host a trunk, and support the event through serving opportunities at ***pumc.org/registrations***

CARE PACKAGES Join us on Sunday, November 1 at 11:15am in the Worship Annex to assemble the care packages for young adults and write cards.

METRO MINISTRIES FUNDRAISING EVENT Come on Saturday, November 7 at 4:30pm to enjoy a family friendly dinner, comedy, and professional magic show followed by an auction here at PUMC in the Worship Annex. Register at ***indymetroumc.org***

A TIME TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE
There's a Wideness In God's Mercy & The Ash Grove — settings by Dale Wood
Nick Fennig, organ

*** GREETING**

*** HYMN UMH 529** — vv 1, 2 & 5
How Firm a Foundation

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist: We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.
People: Grounded in love, we belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.
Liturgist: The Spirit empowers us to live as imitators of Christ in love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation.
People: Grounded in love, we belong to God, and through God, we learn to love one another.
Liturgist: The Spirit inspires us to receive God's Word with joy in a world that rejects the good news.
People: Grounded in love, we belong to God, and through God, we live in joy with one another.
Liturgist: Come, let us worship in the assurance of God's love that chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as the family of Christ.
People: We come to worship God in the assurance that we belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another. Amen.

*** HYMN UMH 402**
Lord, I Want to Be a Christian — vv 1, 2 & 4

WELCOME

ANTHEM
Lift Your Light — by Mary McDonald
Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE — 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

MESSAGE
Our Labor of Love — Rev. David Neuen

HYMN TFWS 2149
Living for Jesus — vv 1–3

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

A TIME FOR PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PREPARING FOR CONSECRATION SUNDAY

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

*** CLOSING HYMN UMH 589**
The Church of Christ, In Every Age — vv 1, 2 & 5

*** DISMISSAL & BLESSING**

*** POSTLUDE**
Prelude & Fugue in e minor, BWV 533 — by J.S. Bach

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

NEW MEMBERS

8:45
- John & Carol Drayton
- Gene & Tamara Toole

10:00
- Patricia Barry
- Howard Lewis
- David & Debra Greeves
- Charlie & Kathy Karazsia
- Richard & Diane McKnight
- Garry & Cindy Shelton

DIVE DEEPER

1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-10

Sunday, October 18

Open It: What is something you love doing so much that you willingly make time for it no matter how busy life becomes?

Explore It: What stands out to you about the way Paul describes the faith, love, and hope of the Thessalonian church? What do you notice about how the Thessalonians' faith influenced their lives and the people around them?

Get It: How does your experience of God's love inspire service to others? What would it look like for faith to be fully known in you so that you do not need to speak it? If someone observed how you spend your time and energy, what might they conclude about your priorities?

Apply It: What is one change you could make to your weekly priorities to create more room for serving others?

VITALS - BASIC BUDGET

10/11/2026	$10,570
Year-to-date	$792,304
Previous year-to-date	$829,254

PRAISE & PRAYER

Please pray for our Community Partners
- Buffalo Wild Wings
- Danielle Bell, Plainfield School Board

Please take a moment to touch and pray over the blanket for:
- Jennifer Rash from the Kinnamon Family with prayers for healing.

CALENDAR: OCTOBER 18-24

SUNDAY

Serve Fair	8:30 a • A
Classic Worship	8:45 a • S
Kids Sunday School	9:30 a • 203
Classic Worship	10:00 a • S
NewDay Praise Worship	10:00 a • A
Revelation 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
Youth Band Practice	11:10 a • Y
F.U.N. Class	11:15 a • K
Annual Hog Roast	11:30 a
Girl Scouts	2:30 p • ML

MONDAY

Homeless Meal Prep	1:00 p • Ki
Homeless Meal Delivery	5:00 p • O
Sanctuary Bells Rehearsal	6:30 p • B

TUESDAY

Tuesday Morning Prayer Group	10:00 a • W
Children's Council	5:30 p • K
Cub Scouts Den Meetings	7:00 p • MR
Missions Committee	7:00 p • W
Trustees Meeting	7:00 p • K

WEDNESDAY

All-Church Study-David Neuen	6:00 p • W
Church Council Meeting	7:00 p • K
Youth Worship	7:00 p • Y

THURSDAY

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p • M
Safety Council	7:00 p • K
Praise Team Rehearsal	7:30 p • A

FRIDAY

Friday Morning Bible Study	9:45 a • K

SATURDAY

Day of Prayer	10:00 a • MR

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

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