Peace United Church of Christ

November 22, 2026

Reign of Christ Sunday



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Website: **www.peacechurchucc.com**

We are an Open and Affirming Church

We worship together in a hybrid format: in-person worship and via live stream on YouTube. Whichever way you join us for worship, it is our hope that you will feel God's presence through the spoken word, the silence of prayer, and the blessing of music during this time. May we know closeness through the Spirit, knowing we are one in God.

You can reach the live stream worship through our website, click here: www.peacechurchucc.com. Click on the button for YouTube. It is on the right side, under a red heading that says, "Stay Connected." You can also watch the service at a later date. Please use this bulletin to enhance your worship experience. Although we may not yet all be physically present at this time, we are still gathered spiritually and socially. As the song says, "The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple, the church is not a resting place, the church is the PEOPLE!"
If you are in need of prayer, or a call to catch up with our fellow members & pastor, please contact the church office at 715-359-2136 right away. We have volunteers who are eager to keep in touch. Wherever you worship, we hope you feel the PRESENCE of our church family and the Holy Spirit.

Please continue your faithful support of Peace UCC. You can give online at http://www.peacechurchucc.com/ or mail it in.

*** When you see an * in the bulletin, you are invited to rise in body or in spirit.**

WELCOME TO PEACE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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We Gather Before God

Take these few minutes of quiet time to get in touch with the calm places, the still, deep places in you: the spirit.

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude: *"Glory and Praise to Our God"* Schutte

Welcome (Each to Each)
No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

Call to Worship-responsive (please remain seated)
Leader: From the Spirit who was, the Rock who is, and the Strong One yet to come, grace and peace to you!
All: To the Love that reigns over us, the love that walks beside us and the love that guides us from within, be praise and thanksgiving!
Leader: We come before God with humble joy, that we may learn to obey the Sovereign of Love, the Ruler of mercy.
All: Alleluia! Let us worship God.

*** Opening Hymn:** *"Now Thank We All Our God"*
Black Hymnal #419
First verse sung by Margaret Brubaker in German

***Opening Prayer (In unison)**
Eternal God, you have set Christ to rule over all the earth. He reigns with mercy and grace. Under his glorious and gentle rule, help us as we read your scriptures and proclaim your good news, to listen with humble hearts and to devote our lives to your service. We pray in the name of Christ, our sovereign. Amen.

***Response of Praise** Black Hymnal #759
Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three in One: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen. Amen.

We Listen for God's Word

Scripture Readings:
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Matthew 25:31-46

Moment with Our Children

Sermon: *"Justice and Love "* Rev. David Barber

***Hymn of Response:** *"Jesus Shall Reign"*
Black Hymnal #300

We Celebrate Life in Community and World

Prayers of the People
"…God in your wisdom,"
Response by Many: "Hear our prayer."
Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Presenting our Gifts

Offertory: *"All the Ends of the Earth"* Dufford

***Offering Response:** Black Hymnal #778
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God, for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ and Spirit, One.

Offertory Prayer (In unison)
Gracious God, we thank you for the mystery that you give yourself to us. In gratitude we give you our lives, symbolized in our gifts. Receive them with love, bless them with grace and use them according to your will. By your Spirit in us form us as citizens of your Realm, obedient to your law of grace, eager to work for justice in this world, in the name of Christ. Amen.

Closing Hymn: *"Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing"* Black Hymnal #303

***Benediction:**
***Song of Going Out:**
Go now in peace. Go now in peace. May the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.

*** Postlude:** *"Oh Bless the Lord"* Michaels

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Our services are available through Wausau Area Access Media Channel 980: Sun. 2 pm (last week's sermon); Tues. 7am; Wed. 4 pm; and Fri. 9 pm

Helping in Today's Service:

Preacher: Rev. David Barber
Music Director: Ben Knoedler
Liturgist: Jill Traska
Ushers: Jo Post-Raflik, Hartlee Wright
PP Creator: Pastor Kris Vraney
Technical Director: Michael Loomis
PP Operator: Paula Loomis
Coffee Hour: Terry Vullings' Team

Today's Announcements



Wednesday November 25th 6 pm at Peace

Join with members of Grace and St. Paul's UCC as we gather to give thanks for God's abundant goodness in our lives. The service will be led by leaders from all three churches.



Countdown to Jesus Raffle

Ticket sales for our calendar raffle are still going very well. We've already sold over 100 tickets so if you haven't purchased any (or taken some to sell to friends, family and strangers), now is the time! Each ticket costs $20, but since we are only selling 300 tickets, the odds of winning are pretty good! Beginning December 1, we will draw one winning ticket for that day and the daily prizes range from $50 to $300! And, ticket holders can win more than once as the daily winning ticket goes back into the drawing for another chance to win. If all 300 tickets sell, our Church will raise $3,800!! Tickets are available after worship from JoAnn and/or Russ Mancl or from Carey in the office during business hours Let's pull together to sell these tickets and raise some funds for our Church!



Holiday Gifts through Scrip

Gift cards are always popular at Christmas for so many reasons – they are always the right size, color and are small enough to fit inside a Christmas stocking! If you are planning to give Scrip cards this holiday season, to ensure delivery and disbursement in time for the holidays the last order date will be December 6th. You can wait until the 13th of December, however those cards will not be available until December 20th which is pretty close to Christmas. Please plan accordingly!



Thanks to everyone who helped to make our 2026 Holiday Bazaar a success! Whether you worked, baked, crafted, sold tickets, set up, cleaned up, served, greeted or shopped, we appreciate your efforts! A complete wrap-up is coming soon.

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Almighty and everlasting God, wrapped in glory; as you are compassionate, make us like you; as you are just, make us doers of justice; as you are one, unite us in the name of Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

