



May GOD be
gracious to us
and bless us

United Presbyterian Church

1701 East Second Street Bloomington, Indiana 47401

Sunday, December 4, 2022

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United Presbyterian Church Worship Guide

December 4, 2022 – Second Sunday of Advent; Deacons Sunday



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder Allen Pease

PRELUDE *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Candle of Peace – Deacon Michelle Heitink

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Michelle Heitink, liturgist

Liturgist: We gather to worship God who does wondrous things.

People: God of justice and love, be present to us in our worship.

Liturgist: Renew us here as the showers that water the earth.

People: God welcomes all people to this holy place.

Liturgist: Blessed be God's glorious name.



PASSING OF THE PEACE

Liturgist: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Liturgist: Let us share the peace with one another.

*Opening Hymn

People, Look East

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison with Liturgist)

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Liturgist)

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Old Testament Lesson *Isaiah 1: 1-10* (Pew Bible p. 520; Large Print p. 1049) Liturgist

The Gospel Epistle Lesson *Romans 15: 4-13* (Pew Bible p. 867; Large Print p. 1750) Pastor

Reverend: The word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God**

MUSIC for MEDITATION

The Coventry Carol

The UPC Quartet

Sermon

Hope Is a Knowledge That Community Brings

The Reverend Sarah McKenney

AFFIRMATION of FAITH – The Apostles Creed (traditional) led by Rev. McKenney

I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Holy Communion

Reverend Sarah McKenney

Hymn of Preparation *Let us Break Bread Together* – #513

The Invitation

Celebration of the Sacrament Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Elder Don Root

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.

CALL TO OFFERING

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Envelopes for the Deacons Offering are in the Narthex

***Closing Hymn**

Live Into Hope

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Reverend Sarah McKenney

POSTLUDE

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

*Stand if you are able

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Yoshi & Ihoko Yoshida Shea Henry Olivia McKenzie Nora vander Heijden

Cathy Junken Rev. David Rosen Anita Steverson Berta Wenneker

Hanover College, Rev. Catherine Knott, Chaplain, is a liberal arts college with graduate and undergraduate students, affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (USA). So much has happened in these last few years, as the isolation and illness associated with the pandemic can take a toll on young lives, particularly pertaining to mental health and well-being. We pray for the healing and shalom of our students, faculty and staff and also give thanks for the new graduate programs in physical therapy and veterinarian medicine that we have begun or are in the process of building. We strive to be inclusive and caring on our campus and ask for strength and wisdom to work through this as we pick up the pieces from the past few years of challenge.

UPC will be receiving the annual PC(USA) Christmas Joy Offering on Sunday, December 25, 2022 and on January 2, 2023.

50% of your gifts open doors which lead to relief for church workers and their families when critical needs arise. 50% of your gifts open doors of opportunity which lead to hopeful futures for young people at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

Materials are in the Narthex which contain greater details about this annual offering. Please take and learn more.



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