



United Presbyterian Church
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January 7, 2024 – Holy Communion – Epiphany and Deacons Sunday



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS **Reverend Cheryl Montgomery**
PRELUDE *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* Benjamin Watkins, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Souheil Haddad, liturgist

Liturgist Arise, shine; for your light has come,
People **and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**
Liturgist For darkness shall cover the earth,
People **and thick darkness the peoples;**
Liturgist but the Lord will arise upon you,
People **and God's glory will appear over you.**
Liturgist Nations shall come to your light,
People **and kings to the brightness of your dawn.**

***Opening Hymn** *Arise! Your Light has Come!* #411



PASSING OF THE PEACE (liturgist & congregation)

Lift your eyes and look around. The light of Christ shines in the face of each one here. Let us now greet one another, rejoice that we are here together, and pass the peace of Christ, our joy and our hope. The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

MUSIC for MEDITATION *De Tierra Lejana Venimos (From a Distant Home)*
Benjamin Watkins, piano

Call to Confession

God judges the nations with righteousness and answers the poor with justice. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession (In unison with Liturgist)

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and pour out the gifts of your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Liturgist As certain as the dawn follows the night, so is the promise of God's forgiveness and love for us all. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
People **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen.**

CALL TO OFFERING

Deacon's Offering envelopes are in the Narthex
 Offertory

**Doxology* #592

Prayer of Dedication – Rev. Cheryl Montgomery

***Closing Hymn** *As with Gladness Men of Old* #63

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

POSTLUDE *Midnight Stars Make Bright the Sky* Dr. Benjamin Watkins, piano

*Please stand if you are able

UPC Prayer List - Email requests to: upcbloomington@gmail.com.

Shea Henry Olivia McKenzie Kathleen Olds Rev. David Rosen Anita Steverson
 Roby Lorimer Patty Lucas

His Eyes Mission in Honduras led by the Colby's

Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project in Uganda led by Jackson Kaguri

Our military men and women around the world

The people of Ukraine The people of the Middle East

Our military men and women stationed around the world

The faculty and staff of Monroe County United Ministries

Committees of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley

Please pray for the following committees and commissions as they continue their work of service in 2024: Board of Trustees, Committee on Ministry, Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Nominating Committee, Permanent Judicial Commission, Personnel Committee, Presbytery Council and Stewardship Committee.



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