

An open Bible with two pages visible, resting on a dark wooden surface. The text is overlaid in white with a black outline. The background shows a window with a view of a building.

**Praise you the LORD. I
will praise the LORD with
my whole heart, in the
assembly of the upright,
and in the congregation.**

—Psalm 111:1

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS **Reverend Cheryl Montgomery**
PRELUDE *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* Benjamin Watkins, piano



Today's Sanctuary Flowers are placed by Gerrit and Vera Heitink
in loving memory of both of their fathers.

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 111) Deacon Vera Heitink, liturgist

Liturgist: Let us give thanks to the Lord with our whole heart.

People: Great are your works, O Lord, pondered by all who delight in them.

Liturgist: Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,

People: and your righteousness endures forever.

Liturgist: You cause your wonders to be remembered;

People: you are gracious and full of compassion.

***Opening Hymn** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* #142



PASSING OF THE PEACE (liturgist & congregation)

Liturgist: The one who taught with wisdom and understanding, the one who brought a new teaching of healing love, invites us to share the peace we have found with one another this day.

The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

MUSIC for MEDITATION *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* Members of the UPC Quartet

Call to Confession (Liturgist)

Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation. Let us seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In unison with the Liturgist)

Merciful God, in Jesus, we have seen your glory. Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word. Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace that day by day we might move closer to the people you would have us be. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Liturgist)

Relentlessly God seeks us out with abundant grace and boundless mercy. This is good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Liturgist)

Gracious God, illumine these words by your Spirit that we might hear what you would have us hear and be who you would us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.



First Reading: *Psalm 111* (Pew Bible p.464; Large Print p.939) – Liturgist
 Second Reading: *Jonah 4:1-11* (Pew Bible p.812; Large Print p.1637) – Liturgist
 Gospel Reading: *Mark 1:21-28* (Pew Bible p.764; Large Print p.1541)–Pastor
 Pastor: The word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God**

SERMON *Power and Authority* Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

***Hymn** *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* #462

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH— The Apostle’s Creed (traditional) led by Rev. Montgomery
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.

**Gloria Patri.* #579

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

Offertory *Take My Life* Members of the UPC Quartet
 **Doxology* #592

Prayer of Dedication – Rev. Cheryl Montgomery

***Closing Hymn** *At the Name of Jesus* #148

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

POSTLUDE *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Dr. Benjamin Watkins, piano

*Please stand if you are able

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

Kathleen Olds Rev. David Rosen Anita Steverson Roby Lorimer Patty Lucas
 His Eyes Mission in Honduras led by Felipe & Valerie Colby
 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

First Presbyterian Church of Greene County, Bloomfield, led by Rev. Hana Elliott, was organized in 1967 when Bloomfield First (est. 1823) and Scotland (est. 1847) Presbyterian Churches merged. The congregation, which averages about 35 in worship, is diverse in just about every way possible. It is heavily involved in local mission, and celebrated its bicentennial in 2023, in part, by completing more than 6,000 hours of service to the congregation and community in 2½ years. Prayers are requested as the congregation discerns how to continue to be welcoming and inclusive, to imagine new ways of raising children in faith, and to faithfully cast a vision for the future of our church.



SHROVE TUESDAY




The Worship Team Presents
 UPC's Sixth Annual Pancake Supper
 February 13 – 6 p.m. – FREE
 Pancakes—plain, blueberry, chocolate chip, no gluten.
 Sausage. Iced Tea O.J. Milk. Toppings!



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