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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* Benjamin Watkins, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 1)

Jim Haverstock, liturgist

Liturgist: Blessed are those who delight in the law of the Lord,

People: And meditate on God's word day and night.

Liturgist: They are like trees planted by streams of water,

People: Which yield their fruit in its season. Let us worship the Lord, our source of wisdom and strength.

***Opening Hymn:** *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* #315



PASSING OF THE PEACE (liturgist & congregation)

Liturgist: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Liturgist: Let us share the peace with one another.

MUSIC for MEDITATION

At the Name of Jesus

Members of the UPC Quartet

Call to Confession (I John 1: 8,9) – Led by the Liturgist)

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

Prayer of Confession (in unison with Liturgist)

Merciful God, we confess that we have often acted out of selfish ambition and vain conceit. We have allowed envy and self-interest to guide our actions, rather than the wisdom that comes from above. Forgive us for the times we have caused conflicts and quarrels among ourselves and others. Help us to submit ourselves to you, resist the devil, and draw near to your grace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

As far as the East is from the West, so far has God removed our transgressions from us. Walk in the newness of life!

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be renewed and transformed. Amen

**Scripture Readings**

James 3:13 – 4:3, 7-8 (Pew Bible p. 920; large print p. 1862) – Liturgist
Mark 9: 30 - 37 (Pew Bible p. 770; large print p. 1557) – Alejandra Haddad
 Elder Alejandra Haddad – The word of the Lord

People – Thanks be to God

SERMON

Who Among Us is the Greatest?

Elder Alejandra Haddad

***Hymn**

Savior, Like a Shepard Lead Us

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH— The Apostle’s Creed (traditional) led by Alejandra Haddad
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.*

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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 Members of the UPC Quartet

**Doxology*

#592

Prayer of Dedication – Elder Alejandra Haddad

***Closing Hymn** *O for a World* #386

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**Elder Alejandra Haddad****POSTLUDE***In the Eyes of the Lord*

Dr. Benjamin Watkins, piano

*Please stand if you are able

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Allen Pease Kathleen Olds Anita Steverson

His Eyes Mission in Honduras led by the Colby's

Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project in Uganda led by Jackson Kaguri

Student's returning to elementary, middle and high school, university and grad school

The faculty and staff of Monroe County United Ministries

Our military men and women around the world

The people of Georgia, Lebanon, Nigeria, the Middle East and Ukraine

First Presbyterian Church in Farmersburg, John Turner, Commissioned Pastor, is a small-town church with loving and caring people. A small congregation with a big heart. Please pray for our members who are having medical issues and those who worry about the future of their grandchildren and the survival of our church.

First Presbyterian, Fort Branch is pastored by Rev. Corey Atkins. Fort Branch asks that you pray for a new Spirit of participation, cooperation, and help to wash over the congregation, for the older congregants, and for hope that tomorrow will bring brighter days.

Retired Ministers living in the Presbytery of Ohio Valley. A number of retired Presbyterian pastors live within or near the bounds of our presbytery. While officially retired, many of them remain active in the presbytery by participating in presbytery assemblies, serving on committees and commissions, moderating sessions, providing pulpit supply, and supporting their colleagues. We are grateful for their pre- and postretirement service, and ask that you pray for their health and well-being.

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