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United Presbyterian Church 1701 E. Second Street Bloomington, IN 47401

Sunday — November 24, 2024

The Reverend Carol Barrett Guest Minister

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder Allen Pease

PRELUDE

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Benjamin Watkins, piano

Elder Alejandra Haddad, liturgist

CALL TO WORSHIP

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Liturgist:	This is the day that the Lord has made,
People:	We will rejoice and be glad in it.
Liturgist:	The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
_	and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
People:	And also with you.
Liturgist:	Let us pray.
	Bless to us, O God, this day, fresh made.
	In the chorus of the birds, bless us.
	In the scent of blossoms, bless us.
	In the wet grass and the spring flowers, bless us.
	Bless us and heal us,
	for we come to you in love and in trust.
	We come to you in expectant hope,
	God of the morning and all beginnings.
People:	Thanks be to you, O God! Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee #464



PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.** Let us share the peace with one another.

CALL TO CONFESSION (Liturgist)

To all and to each where regret is real, God pronounces pardon and gives us the grace to begin again. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison with Liturgist)

Gracious and Holy God, whose mercy comes fresh every morning:

we confess to you our faithlessness, our lack of trust in your promises,

Liturgist:

Liturgist:

People:

our lack of hope in your reign.

Forgive us our sins and free us from our fears,

that we may serve you with joy and confidence,

offering ourselves as instruments of your providing love.

In the strong name of Jesus we pray. Amen. (

(all pray in silence....)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

- Liturgist: Sisters and brothers, hear the good news: the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
- People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

MUSIC MEDITATION

Spirit of the Living God UPC Quartet

THE WORD, READ AND PROCLAIMED

The Old Testament LessonEcclesiastes 4:9-12 (Liturgist)New Testament LessonI Thessalonians 5:16-18 (Preacher)Reverend:The Word of the LordPeople:Thanks be to God

The Sermon

Wherever Two or More The Reverend Carol Barrett

*Hymn God of Our Life #275

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and **THE LORD'S PRAYER** – Elder Alejandra Haddad 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

**Doxology* #592 Prayer of Dedication – Rev. Carol Barrett

*Closing Hymn Let All Things Now Living #554

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Reverend Carol Barrett

POSTLUDE

Rejoice the Lord Is King

Dr. Benjamin Watkins, piano

*Please stand if you are able

UPC Prayer List - Email requests to: <u>upcbloomington@gmail.com</u>.

David Barnett Bob Hammel Kathleen Olds Anita Steverson 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 Georgia, Lebanon, Nigeria, Middle East, Sudan and Ukraine

Our military men and women stationed around the world

The faculty and staff of Monroe County United Ministries

The UPC Congregation as we prepare to begin our 192nd year in God's servce.

The Livonia Presbyterian Church is located one block off of highway 56 in Livonia between Salem and Paoli in western Washington County. We celebrated our 200th anniversary in 2016. We are very proud of our church building, especially our stained-glass windows.

Each fall we host our fried chicken dinner fundraiser. Beginning in the 1980's, it has become a highly anticipated event in the area. We are blessed to be able to support our community by giving out food baskets at Thanksgiving to those in need. We also donate clothing to two local elementary schools each year at Christmas. We would greatly appreciate prayers for our Minister, Congregation, fundraising efforts, the men and women who serve in our Armed Forces & Law Enforcement, and those afflicted by illness & poverty. Our pastor is The Reverend Donald Stokes.



6 p.m., Wednesday, December 4, 2024 Desserts for the auction are needed! If you'd like to donate a homemade dessert, let Melanie or Allen know. Tickets Now Available! Adults – \$10 Kids 10 & Under – \$5 See Allen in Church Office or at Fellowship after Morning Worship.





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