



First Sunday of Advent and Holy Communion



## United Presbyterian Church

1701 East Second Street Bloomington, Indiana 47401

Sunday, December 11, 2022

Guest Minister

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## United Presbyterian Church Worship Guide

December 1, 2024 – First Sunday of Advent – Holy Communion



**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Elder Allen Pease

**PRELUDE** Benjamin Watkins, piano



*Lighting of the Advent Wreath*

The Candle of Hope – Jim Haverstock

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Jim Haverstock, liturgist

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 O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

People **Amen!**

\*Opening Hymn *Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus* #1

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison with Liturgist)

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Liturgist)

People of God, hear the good news! As far as the East is from the West, so far does God remove our sin from us. In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven!



### PASSING OF THE PEACE

Liturgist: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*- please share the peace of Christ with those around you.*

**The Old Testament Lesson:** *Isaiah 2:1-5* (Liturgist)

**The Gospel Lesson:** *Matthew 24:36-42.* (Pastor)

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

### Sermon

*That We May Walk in God's Paths*

**The Reverend Susan McGhee**

### MUSIC for MEDITATION

Presbyterian Quartet

directed by Benjamin Watkins

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – Reverend Susan McGhee****CALL TO OFFERING**

Offertory

*\*Doxology* #592

Prayer of Dedication – Rev. Susan McGhee

**HOLY COMMUNION: Rev. Susan McGhee**

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving &amp; 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.**

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

**\*Closing Hymn** *Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth.* #7**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Reverend Susan McGhee****POSTLUDE**

Dr. Benjamin Watkins, piano

\*Please stand if you are able

**UPC Prayer List**Email requests to: [upcbloomington@gmail.com](mailto:upcbloomington@gmail.com).

The family of Ron Deremiah as they mourn his passing

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

Prayers of gratitude and safety for our First Responders

The UPC Session as they seek a part-time pastor

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Tossed Salad!  
 Spaghetti with Marinara! Spaghetti with Meat Sauce!  
 Fettuccini Alfredo!  
 Garlic Bread! Homemade Desserts! Coffee, Ice Tea and Milk!.

Celebrity Chefs!  
 UPC Christian Ed Director Melanie Mathis-McBride  
 Elder Darian McBride  
 UPC Music Director Benjamin Watkins  
 Celebrity Auctioneers! Deacons Fadi Haddad and Souheil Haddad

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.



We have donations so far 5  
 of 4 cakes,  
 1 pie and a batch of cookies.



**Tickets Now Available!**

**Adults – \$10 Kids 10 & Under – \$5**

See Allen in Church Office or at Fellowship after Morning Worship.



**To benefit the UPC Music Program**