



United Presbyterian Church  
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United Presbyterian Church Worship Guide  
December 8, 2024 – Second Sunday of Advent



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder Allen Pease

PRELUDE in E Major – J.S. Bach  
Benjamin Watkins, piano



*Lighting of the Advent Wreath*  
The Candle of Peace – Deacon Michelle Heitink

\*OPENING HYMN *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* #8



**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Liturgist: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Liturgist: Let us share the peace with one another.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison with Liturgist, Deacon Michelle Heitink)

Rather than focusing on our excuses, O Lord, we focus on our failures to take concrete steps to bring your light where we are able. We confess our lack of energy because of long lines while shopping, or too long a list of self-imposed hectic holiday habits, while ignoring just how blessed we are to know so many, while not noticing those with little, or have spoken empty words without offering genuine action, or worse, no action at all. Wake us! Help us to renew our words with actions following them, and forgive us, we pray. Amen.

\*Silent Confession

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Liturgist: One: We COULD wallow in our self-pity, but we can do better. You, Lord, are a God of many chances. Friends, this is the good news we need to hear to wake us up: in Christ, we are forgiven.

People: **Amen!**

**MUSIC FOR MEDITATION**

*Ave Verum Corpus*—W. A. Mozart

The UPC Quartet

Directed by Benjamin Watkins

PRAYER of INTERSESSION Rev. David Lee

**THE SERMON**

*Judgement: One side or the other rejoices.*

The Reverend David Lee

Scripture: Read as a part of the sermon:

*Psalms 98 (The Message Version)*



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The UPC Congregation as they embark on their 192<sup>nd</sup> year  
 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, Syria and Ukraine  
 Our military men and women stationed around the world  
 The UPC Session as they seek a part-time Pastor for our congregation  
 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

**Madison Presbyterian**, pastored by Rev. Karen VanderPloeg. Located in historic Madison, the Madison Presbyterian Church has a renewed sense of energy and excitement about what God is doing here. We average about 90 in worship and value our traditional worship with a great choir led by a member of the Hanover College faculty. We are all about loving and encouraging each other and our community. In a new initiative, we are partnering with the schools here to provide clothing, coats, and necessities for children in need. This program builds on other partnerships we already have to feed hungry children and families, provide temporary housing for emergencies, and help transition homeless families to housing stability. Please pray for energy, intelligence, imagination and love as we continue our journey of faith and service in Madison.



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