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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 WreathThe 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:

Psalm 98 (The Message Version)

Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! For God has done marvelous things; God's right hand and holy arm have gained victory.

- ² The Lord has made known God's salvation; God's righteousness has been revealed in the sight of the nations.
- ³ The Lord has remembered God's mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
- ⁴ Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth; break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises. ⁵ Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of a psalm, with trumpets and the sound of a horn; shout joyfully before the Lord, the Sovereign.
- ⁷ Let the sea roar, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell in it; ⁸ let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills be joyful together ⁹ before the Lord, for the Lord is coming to judge the earth. With righteousness the Lord shall judge the world, and the peoples with equity.

*Hymn Come Thou Long Expected Jesus #2

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH— The Apostle's Creed (traditional) led by Rev. David Lee 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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER - Deacon Michelle Heitink

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. David Lee

*Closing Hymn Hark the Herald Angels Sing #31

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (Good Words for the Week)

Reverend David Lee

Congregational Response

Go now in peace: Never be afraid, God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true: Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe: Reach out to others so all the world can see God will be there, watching from above. Go now: in peace, faith, and love.

POSTLUDE

Prepare the Way
Dr. Benjamin Watkins, piano

^{*}Please stand if you are able

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The UPC Congregation as they embark on their 192nd 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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