



United Presbyterian Church
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Service of Word and Table for the Baptism of Our Lord
10:00am – January 12, 2025

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United Presbyterian Church
 Sunday, January 12, 2025
 Celebrating the Baptism of Our Lord



WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Allen Pease

PRELUDE

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** *Isaiah 60:1; 2 Corinthians 13:13* Elder Alejandra Haddad

Liturgist: Arise, shine; for your light has come,

People: and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Liturgist: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

* **HYMN No. 469** *Morning Has Broken*

* **PRAYER of CONFESSION**

Liturgist: In penitence and faith,
 let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**People: Merciful God,
 in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,
 making us part of the body of Christ.**

**We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves,
 separated from sisters and brothers in Christ.**

**We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,
 and show reluctance to welcome one another;
 we allow the past to hold us hostage.**

In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin.

**Remind us of the promises you make in baptism
 so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

-- all pray in silence.

* **WORDS of ASSURANCE**

Liturgist: In this day, fresh-made,
 let us delight in God's goodness and be ready to start anew.
 Friends, believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**People: Glory to God in the highest,
 and peace to God's people on earth.**

Liturgist: I invite you to share the peace of Christ with one another.

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

Liturgist: Your grace, O God, has dawned upon the world
 with healing for all humankind.
 Shine on our lives and in our hearts this day
 through the reading and proclamation of your Word
 that we may reflect your glory; through Christ the Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON (Liturgist)

Genesis 1:1-5

THE GOSPEL (Pastor)

Matthew 3:13-17

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

The Waters of Creation and New Creation

Rev. McGhee

MUSIC for MEDITATION

RENEWAL of OUR BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Pastor: I invite you to join with me in reaffirming our baptismal vows,
renouncing all that opposes God and God's rule
and affirming the faith of the church through the ages.
Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,
do you turn from the ways of sin
and renounce evil and its power in the world?

People: **I do.**

Pastor: Do you turn to Jesus Christ
and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

People **I do.**

Pastor: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple,
obeying his Word and showing his love?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Pastor With the whole church, let us stand and confess our faith.

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the
Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third
day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand
of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God....

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

Elder Alejandra Haddad

THE OFFERING OF OUR TREASURE

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

**The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication*

THE HOLY MEAL

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving 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.

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

* HYMN No. 70

Christ, When For Us You Were Baptized

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Susan McGhee

THE POSTLUDE

Dr. Benjamin Watkins

**Please stand if you are able.*

UPC Prayer List - Email requests to: upcbloomington@gmail.com.

The UPC Congregation as they embark on their 192nd year and the UPC Session as they seek to fill our pulpit

Bob Hammel Kathleen Olds Anita Steverson

His Eyes Mission in Honduras led by Valerie and Felipe Colby

Nyaka Global in Uganda led by Jackson Kaguri

The people of Georgia, Lebanon, Nigeria, Middle East, Sudan, Syria and Ukraine

Our military men and women stationed around the globe

Gratitude for our first responders, police, firefighters and deputies

Guidance for our elementary, middle & high school students and our college & grad students

Jefferson Presbyterian Church, near Cannan, was established in 1818. Made of stone, it has beautiful stained-glass windows and a high n arched ceiling that reveals beautiful natural wood. As with all small country churches, we struggle to keep people coming. Please pray for our growth.

Next Sunday – January 19 . . .

Our guest minister is the Rev. Forrest Gilmore, Executive Director of Beacon Inc. (formally Shalom Center). He'll give a fact-filled presentation on the state of homelessness in Bloomington and how Beacon's massive project to address homelessness in our area is growing as more and more civic groups, not-for-profits, community leaders and elected officials are getting on board.



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