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November 30, 2025 Worship Guide

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United Presbyterian Church November 30, 2025 First Sunday of Advent

Announcements Elder Allen Pease

Welcome The Reverend Carol Barrett

Prelude *I. Allegro from Trio Op. 274--C. Reinecke*

Michael Mattner, clarinet, Mitch Serslev, horn and Andrew Sohn, piano.

Call to Worship



Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Candle of Hope – Gerritt and Vera Heitink

Vera Heitink, liturgist

Liturgist: Creator of the universe, from everlasting to everlasting,

People: We will give our thanks to You, O Lord!

Liturgist: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

People: We will praise Your name, O Lord!

***Hymn of Praise** *Praise Ye the Lord Almighty* #482 .

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)

Merciful God, who causes light to shine into a world without hope, shine Your light into our hearts and minds, as we begin this advent season. Yearly, we busily prepare everything, except a place for the Christ Child. Show us how to make room for Him in us and for others. Hear now our silent confessions....

Declaration of Forgiveness Reverend Carol Barrett

***Gloria Patri** #579

Passing of the Peace



Liturgist: God sends this message of joy to all people, preaching peace by Jesus Christ, the Lord of all. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also, with you.

Liturgist: Let us share Christ's peace with one another

Music for Meditation *II. Andante from Trio Op. 274--C. Reinecke*
Michael Mattner, clarinet, Mitch Serslev, horn and Andrew Sohn, piano.

Prayer for Illumination (Liturgist)

Gracious God, illumine these words by your Spirit, that we might hear what you would have us hear and be who you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

The First Lesson – *Isaiah 40:1-5* – Liturgist Heitink

The Second Lesson – *Luke 1:26-38* – Pastor

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



Sermon *Stand and Leap* Reverend Carol Barrett

***Sermon Hymn** *Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus* #2

Affirmation of Faith— From *The Confession of 1967* led by Reverend Barrett

We affirm that “God, in due time, raised up Jesus. His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God. He was the fulfillment of God’s promise to the people of God, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction, and called the church to be His servant for the reconciliation of the world.”

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer – Reverend Barrett

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 for the Offering

Offertory

**Doxology #592*

Prayer of Dedication

***Closing Hymn** *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent* #5

Charge and Benediction Reverend Carol Barrett

Postlude *III. Allegro from Trio Op. 274--C. Reinecke*

*Please stand if you are able

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

The family of Sue Lorimer as they mourn the loss of her brother Tim Masters
Kevin Jones Roby Lorimer Virginia McCartney Kathleen Olds Anita Steverson

His Eyes Mission in Honduras led by Valerie & Felipe Colby

Nyaka Global in Uganda led by Jackson Kaguri

The food pantries of Monroe County as they struggle with increased demand

Our students at all levels as final exams approach

The first responders of our community

The people of Georgia, Nigeria, Middle East and Ukraine

Hanover College, Hanover, Rev. Catherine Knott, Chaplain, is a residential liberal arts college with both graduate and undergraduate students, affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (USA). So much has happened in these last few years, as the isolation and illness associated with the pandemic can take a toll on young lives, particularly pertaining to mental health and well-being. We pray for the healing and shalom of our students, faculty, and staff, and also give thanks for the graduate program in physical therapy that we are in the process of building. We strive to be an inclusive and caring community on our campus and ask for strength and wisdom to work through this as we pick up the pieces from these past few years of challenge.



FOOD DRIVE: A missions we support is Pantry 279, a food pantry serving Monroe County. They’re in need. We’re collecting food items for them in our little red wagon. Here is a list of items most needed: Pasta, pasta sauce, canned meats, canned beans, spaghetti type things, soups, Ramin, pasta and rice dishes like Knorr noodles or Rice-a-Roni, oatmeal, baking items (flour, oils, sugar), baby formulas, toilet tissue, laundry soap and hand soap.

For the fourth consecutive year, Edgewood High School Marching Mustangs have won the ISSMA Class C State Championship of the Indiana State School Music Association. Caroline Worden, daughter of Bill and Stephanie Worden, has been marching with the band since her freshman year at EHS. Her brother Logan marched with them all four of his high school years. Logan is now a freshman at Tennessee. Congrats!



2025 Hat & Mitten Tree will be in Fellowship Hall this week. Please decorate it with hats, mittens, gloves, earmuffs and scarves in *sizes from toddlers to Teens*. The *decorations* will be given to agencies serving children in need. Stephanie Worden has volunteered to shop. Don't have the time? Simply bring in check/cash and she'll shop. Last day to decorate the tree is Monday, December 15.



CHRISTMAS JOY SPECIAL OFFERINGS

LEADERSHIP: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

Prepare the Way – Isaiah 40

When we give to the Christmas Joy Offering we prepare the way for church leaders and students of color at Presbyterian related schools. Of the offering, 50% smooths the path for church workers and clergy in times of need and 50% prepares students of color to learn and grow at Presbyterian schools. The PC(USA) Christmas Joy Offering will be received at UPC the 4th Sunday of Advent (12/21) and our service of Lessons & Carols (12/28).



Tossed Salad

Spaghetti with Marinara! Spaghetti with Meat Sauce!

Fettuccini Alfredo! Garlic Bread!

Coffee, Ice Tea and Milk!

Celebrity Chefs!

UPC Christian Ed Director Melanie Mathis-McBride

Elder Darian McBride

UPC Music Director Benjamin Watkins



Desserts for the auction are needed!

If you'd like to donate a dessert, let Melanie or Allen know.

Cake, pie, fruit bread, cookies, tortes, cupcakes!

All dessert donations welcome!

6 p.m., Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Tickets Available Soon!! Adults – \$10 Kids 10 & Under – \$5

To benefit the UPC Music Program