



United Presbyterian Church
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January 11, 2026 Worship Guide
Baptism of the Lord Sunday
Guest Minister
Reverend Dr. Martha FrizLanger

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Baptism of the Lord & 3rd Sunday of Christmas



Welcome & Announcements Elder Allen Pease

Prelude *Arabesque for a New Year* Benjamin Watkins, piano

Call to Worship – Isaiah 42: 1-9

Deacon Vera Heitink, liturgist

Liturgist: Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations. He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope.

People: **This is what God the Lord says—the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.**

Liturgist: I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols. See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you.

***Hymn of Praise** *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above* #476

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 – all pray in silence – Amen

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.

***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

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.



Sermon *Our Baptism: What it Means* Rev. Martha FrizLanger

Scripture: *Matthew 3:13-17, Acts 10:34-43*

***Sermon Hymn:** *Baptized in Water* #492

Affirmation of Faith— From *The Scots Confession* led by Reverend FrizLanger

We affirm that.....When the fullness of time came, God sent his Son, his eternal wisdom, the substance of his own glory, into this world, who took the nature of humanity from the substance of a woman, a virgin, by means of the Holy Ghost. And so was born the “just seed of David,” the “Angel of the great counsel of God,” the very Messiah promised, whom we confess and acknowledge to be Emmanuel, true God and true man, two perfect natures united and joined in one person.

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer – Elder Don Root

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 – Elder Don Root

Offertory

**Doxology* #592

Prayer of Dedication – Reverend FrizLanger

***Closing Hymn:** *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* #429

Charge and Benediction Reverend Martha FrizLanger

Postlude Benjamin Watkins, piano

*Please stand if you are able

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

The Heitink family as they mourn the loss of a dear brother-in-law
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 people of Georgia, Nigeria, Middle East and Ukraine

The food pantries of Monroe County as they deal with the food crisis

Those dear ones we’ve lost over the past year

First Presbyterian Church of Bedford, Rev. Timm High, pastor, is a small congregation which celebrated in 2024 the 205th anniversary of our establishment. We are pleased to welcome the Rev. Timm High to our church. Rev. High comes to us from Utah and will be serving as our Transitional Minister. Our church was blessed over the past 5 years with many wonderful folks that filled our pulpit with a variety of messages while we searched for our next minister. We continue to provide our monthly community ministry of serving a free breakfast on the fourth Saturday. Our women's group continues to organize the collection of items to fill shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child, filling over 40 boxes. We are blessed to have a talented organist who provides wonderful music for our worship services with the beautiful and versatile pipe organ. Also, a blessing this year was to baptize three children into the family of Christ. God continues to bless us as we welcome Rev. High and continue to discern our ministry in our congregation and our community.



Church Leaders: Annual Reports Due

The UPC 2026 Annual Report covering 2025 is being assembled for presentation at the UPC Annual Meeting. Email your report to upcbloomington@gmail.com no later than Friday, January 30, 2026. See Elder Stephanie Worden if you have questions.

2026 UPC Annual Meeting to Report on 2025



United Presbyterian's Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 22, 2026, immediately after morning worship. Please get this important event on your calendar now.



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