

United Presbyterian Church January 18, 2026
Second Sunday after Epiphany



Welcome The Reverend Carol Barrett

Announcements Elder Allen Pease

Prelude Benjamin Watkins, piano

Call to Worship – Psalm 145 Elder Souheil Haddad, liturgist

Leader: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise!

People: **No one can fathom the greatness of God!**

Leader: The Lord upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.

People: **My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord.**

Leader: Let every creature praise God's holy name,

People: **Forever and ever!**

***Hymn of Praise** *How Great Thou Art* #467

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Lord God, You tell us again and again, that You go with us wherever we are sent; that your power is made manifest in our weakness. Again and again, we doubt You. Forgive us for believing our wounds are greater than Your healing; that our insecurities outnumber Your spiritual gifts; that fear is more powerful than faith. Reignite our trust, for Jesus' sake, and for the sake of Your broken world. Hear now, our silent confessions...

Declaration of Forgiveness Rev. 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 UPC Quartet

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.



Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson *Exodus 3:1-15* – Liturgist Haddad

New Testament Lesson *Matthew 16:13-20* – Pastor Barrett

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *Who do You Say That I Am?* Reverend Carol Barrett

***Sermon Hymn:** *Here I am, Lord* #525

Affirmation of Faith— From *Confession of Belhar* by Reverend Barrett

“We believe that God has revealed God’s self, as the One who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that the Church must , therefore, stand by people, in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the Church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream....”

Prayers of the People 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.

Call for the Offering

Offertory

**Doxology #592*

Prayer of Dedication

***Closing Hymn:** *Lift Every Voice and Sing* #563

Charge and Benediction Reverend

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 Roby Virginia Kathleen Anita

His Eyes Mission in Honduras Nyaka Global in Uganda

The people of Georgia, Nigeria, Middle East and Ukraine

Mitchell Presbyterian Church, Byron Buker, Chaplain, is a small church, west of Spring Mill State Park. We’re blessed to have Pastor Byron Buker lead our Sunday morning worship. Our new pianist, Marina Hammond, provides beautiful music. We’re small in number and older in age, but we are a loving family that cares for our members. We financially support our community by providing funds to all four of our schools as well as other local organizations. Our Mission Statement reads: “We are faithful followers of Jesus Christ. We witness for Him by sharing the Good News through worship, teaching and service, and being a caring church in 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 by Friday, January 30.

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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