

United Presbyterian Church

January 25, 2026 – Third Sunday after the Epiphany

“I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation. I can do all things through Jesus who gives me strength.” Philippians 4:12-13



Welcome and Announcements

Elder Allen Pease

Prelude Benjamin Watkins, piano

Call to Worship

(2 Corinthians 13:13, Colossians 3:12,14)

Jim Haverstock, liturgist

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.

Liturgist: As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, let us clothe ourselves
with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

**People: And above all, let us clothe ourselves with love, which binds
everything together in perfect harmony.**

***Hymn of Praise** *In Christ There Is No East or West* #439

Prayer of Confession (In unison with the Liturgist)

**You speak to us in many ways, through rushing wind or small voice, in
Scripture's Word or through your Grace and we in turn find many ways,
to hear the world's insistent voice break through the silence and take
your place. Forgive our sin. Help us hear your voice above the clamor of
this world, recognize the difference and follow only you. 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: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.

**Gloria Patri*

#579

***Passing of the Peace**

Liturgist: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Liturgist: Let us share that peace with one another.

Music for Meditation UPC Quartet

Prayer for Illumination – Liturgist

Gracious and Holy God:

give us Diligence to seek Thee, Wisdom to perceive Thee, Eyes to behold Thee, a Heart to meditate upon Thee, and a Life to proclaim Thee; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The First Lesson *Isaiah 9:1-4* – Liturgist Haverstock

The Second Lesson *Matthew 4:12-23* – Pastor Macy

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon *Blinded by the Light* Reverend Mariella Macy

***Hymn of Response** *Amazing Grace* #280

Affirmation of Faith The Apostle's Creed (traditional) led by Rev. Macy
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.

Prayers of the People and 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 – Deacon Heitink

Offertory

*Doxology #592

*Prayer of Dedication – Reverend Macy

***Closing Hymn** *The Church's One Foundation* #442

* **Charge and Benediction** Reverend Mariella Macy

Postlude Benjamin Watkins, piano

** Please stand if you are able*

United Presbyterian Church Prayer List

Kevin Roby Virginia Kathleen Anita

His Eyes Mission in Honduras

Nyaka Global in Uganda

The people of Georgia, Nigeria, Middle East and Ukraine

First Presbyterian Church of Greene County, Bloomfield, Rev. Hana Elliott, pastor, was organized in 1967 when Bloomfield First (est. 1823) and Scotland (est. 1847) Presbyterian Churches merged. The congregation, which averages about 35 in worship, is diverse in just about every way possible. For over 200 years, we have been heavily involved in local mission, both as a congregation and as individuals, with a special emphasis on feeding the hungry--and anyone else who needs to eat! Please prays as the congregation discerns how to continue to be welcoming and inclusive, to find new ways to raise kids in faith and faithfully cast a vision for the future of our church.

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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