

United Presbyterian Church

February 1, 2026 – Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
The Deacons Offering Holy Communion



Welcome and Announcements

Elder Allen Pease

Prelude *O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer* Benjamin Watkins, piano

Call to Worship

Deacon Michelle Heitink, Liturgist

Liturgist: We come to be present to God, not to hide. We come to lay down the burden of shame.

People: We come to rejoice in forgiveness; and, to acknowledge we are not only sons of Adam and daughters of Eve, but sisters and brothers of Christ. Let us worship God.

*Hymn of Praise

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

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Prayer of Confession (In unison with the Liturgist)

We confess that we listen to voices that are not your voice, Holy God, especially when they tell us what we want to hear. We prefer to trust our own wishes rather than your wisdom. Forgive us our immaturity, our pride, and our greed. Teach us, again, to allow your Spirit within us to guide us. Now hear our Silent Confession Amen

Words of Assurance

Liturgist: Teach us, once again, to allow your Spirit within us to guide us in wise decisions and faithful behavior, beginning with claiming anew the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ: in Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

*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.

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.

Music for Meditation

UPC Quartet

Sermon *Living in a Shameless World* Reverend David Lee

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7: ¹⁵ God took the Man and set him down in the Garden of Eden to work the ground and keep it in order. ¹⁶⁻¹⁷ God commanded the Man, “You can eat from any tree in the garden, except from the Tree-of-Knowledge-of-Good-and-Evil. Don’t eat from it. The moment you eat from that tree, you’re dead.” ³ The serpent was clever, more clever than any wild animal God had made. He spoke to the Woman: “Do I understand that God told you not to eat from any tree in the garden?” ²⁻³ The Woman said to the serpent, “Not at all. We can eat from the trees in the garden. It’s only about the tree in the middle of the garden that God said, ‘Don’t eat from it; don’t even touch it or you’ll die.’” ⁴⁻⁵ The serpent told the Woman, “You won’t die. God knows that the moment you eat from that tree, you’ll see what’s really going on. You’ll be just like God, knowing everything, ranging all the way from good to evil.” ⁶ When the Woman saw that the tree looked like good eating and realized what she would get out of it-she’d know everything!-she took and ate the fruit and then gave some to her husband, and he ate. ⁷ Immediately the two of them did “see what’s really going on”—saw themselves naked! They sewed fig leaves together as makeshift clothes for themselves.

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

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

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table and Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also, with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise

Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty.

God in three persons, blessed Trinity! (#138)

Pastor: We give you thanks for the Word made flesh in Jesus of Nazareth.
Great is the mystery of faith.

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again

The Words of Institution

The Distribution of the Elements

One Bread, One Body

UPC Quartet

Prayer after Communion – Rev. David Lee

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 – *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*
*Doxology #592
*Prayer of Dedication – Reverend Lee

***Closing Hymn** *Be Thou My Vision* #339
* **Charge and Benediction** *Good Words for the Week* Reverend David Lee
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 Georgia, Nigeria, Middle East & Ukraine
First Presbyterian Church of Greene County, Bloomfield, Rev. Hana Elliott,
pastor, was organized in 1967 when Bloomfield First (1823) and Scotland
(1847) Presbyterian merged. The congregation averages 35 in worship and
for over 200 years, has been involved in local mission of feeding the hungry!
Please prays as we discern how to continue to be welcoming and inclusive,
to raise kids in faith and cast a vision for the future of our church.

2026 UPC Annual Meeting to Report on 2025 is February 22

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