

United Presbyterian Church

February 15, 2026 Sacrament of Baptism



Welcome and Announcements

Elder Allen Pease

Prelude in C Major BWV 870—J.S. Bach Benjamin Watkins, piano

Call to Worship (Isaiah 42: 1-9)

Alejandra Haddad, 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.

***Opening Hymn**

Baptized in Water

#492

Prayer of Confession (In unison with the Liturgist)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in

**Thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have
Left undone. Forgive us, we ask, and direct what we shall become, so
That we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways. Hear, now,
our Silent confessions....**

Declaration of Forgiveness

Liturgist: Amen. Friends, let us now declare together the good news
of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***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.

**Gloria Patri*

#579

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 *Lord of Our Growing Years* UPC Quartet

Old Testament Lesson *Joshua 3: 14-17* – Liturgist

New Testament Lesson *Luke 3: 21-22* – Liturgist

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

Sermon *The Water That Might Wash Us Away* Reverend Thad Winkle

Response: Instrumental composed and performed by Benjamin Watkins

The Sacrament of Baptism

Affirmation of Faith

Minister: Do you believe in God?

People: We believe in God!

Minister: Do you believe in the way of Jesus?

People: We believe in the way of Jesus!

Minister: Do you believe in God's still-speaking Spirit?

People: We believe in God's still-speaking Spirit!

The Baptismal Covenant

The Baptism

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Congregational Welcome

People: Joyfully we receive you into the body of Christ. Join with us as we give witness in the world to Good News—for we are all one in Christ Jesus. Alleluia! Amen!

Presentation

The Infants

Yasmina Ytje Haddad-Winkle Eveline Alejandra Gutjahr

The Parents

Thad & Aida Haddad-Winkle Isaac Gutjahr & Yasmina Haddad

Wade in the Water

***Hymn of Blessing** *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* #498

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer Lay Minister Alejandra Haddad
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
Offertory
Andante cantabile from K. 333—W. Mozart
*Doxology #592
*Prayer of Dedication

***Closing Hymn:** *When We Are Living/Pues Si Vivimos* #400

* **Charge and Benediction** Reverend Thad Winkle

Postlude *Arabesque for Macie Hale Watkins* 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 Bloomington, Rev. Tommy Grimm and Rev.
Tyler Brinks, asks for your prayers, that the Holy Spirit would breathe new
dreams and fresh visions into all place the church's bones are dusty and dry.
God recently answered our prayers and graciously worked through a
capital campaign, resulting in new HVAC and other improvements. Pray
that this renewed building would be paired with a renewed church people:
that as a Matthew 25 church, we'd do justice faithfully; that in a university
town marked by privilege and poverty, we'd love all people, particularly
the poor; and that we'd walk humbly with our God. Thanks for praying.



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