

**Myers Park
United Methodist Church**



A Service of Christian Worship

November 18, 2018

8:30, 9:45 and 11:00 a.m.

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER

Welcome

Please pass the hospitality pads at this time.

Passing of the Peace

Chiming of the Holy Trinity

Introit

Look At The World

John Rutter

Look at the world, everything all around us:
look at the world, and marvel every day.
Look at the world: so many joys and wonders,
so many miracles along our way.

Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation,
give us thankful hearts, that we may see:
all the gifts we share, and every blessing,
all things come of thee.

Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower;
look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain;
look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains,
valley and flowing river, field and plain.

Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer
bringing the harvest before the winter's cold.
Everything grows, everything has a season,
till it is gathered to the Father's fold.

Every good gift, all that we need and cherish
comes from the Lord in token of his love;
we are his hands, stewards of all his bounty;
his is the earth, and his the heavens above.

† Call to Worship

Psalm 108:1-4

Our hearts are ready, O Lord!

We will sing and make melody! We will awaken the dawn!

We will give thanks to you among the peoples,
and sing praises to you among the nations.

**For your steadfast love is great above the heavens,
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.**

Let us worship God!

† Processional Hymn No. 92

For the Beauty of the Earth

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† The Creed No. 881

The Apostles' Creed

† **Gloria Patri No. 71**

GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God,
you give us more than enough
and still we hoard your blessings.
We seek satisfaction in getting the next best thing,
but it still does not fill the deep hunger inside of us.
We long for the Spirit bread you alone can provide.
Forgive us, merciful God.
Help us receive the blessings you offer,
that we may be your bread for the world—
blessed, broken for all. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

...In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

The Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel chapter 1, *selected verses*

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Prayers of the People

After each petition, we enter into the prayer together with these words:

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Offertory

As We Gather At Your Table

K. Lee Scott

As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence:
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make love's victory known.

Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast
where triumphant love will welcome
those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

† Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

† Prayer of Dedication

WE COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

† Hymn No. 617

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

**I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved and free,
in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me,
his life laid down for me.**

**I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.**

† **The Great Thanksgiving p. 17-18**

† **The Lord's Prayer No. 895**

Giving and Receiving of Holy Communion

Gluten free wafers are offered at the communion rail.

Prayer After Communion

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.**

**Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

† **Closing Hymn No. 102**

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET

† **Benediction**

† **Benediction Response**

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore His sacred name.**

**Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign.
The hosts of God in unity combine.**

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore His sacred name.**

† **Closing Voluntary**

Now Thank We All Our God

arr. Sigfrid Karg-Elert

† Stand as you are able

WORSHIP LEADERS



PREACHER

Dr. James C. Howell, Senior Pastor



LITURGISTS

Rev. Nancy Watson, Executive Pastor
Rev. Uiyeon Kim Pastor of Discipleship



LAY READER

Dick Hagemeyer (8:30), Cameron Caudle (9:45), Betty Oelhafen (11:00)



MUSICIANS

James R. Jones, Director of Music and Organist
Robert Moody, conductor
Brian Childers, Director of Music for Children and Youth (9:45, 11:00)
Corine Brouwer, violin
Small Ensemble (8:30)
Alleluia and Junior Choirs (9:45, 11:00)
Chancel Choir (9:45, 11:00)



CRUCIFERS

Jack Griffith (8:30), Andrew Cowan (9:45), Reid Brownlow (11:00)



ACOLYTES

Ibby Wilson and Lawson Surles (8:30)
Jackson Crawford and Kennedy Crawford (9:45)
Jane Brownlow and Mac Brownlow (11:00)



BIBLE CARRIERS

Meredith Caldwell (8:30), Colin Murdock (9:45), Ava Giordano (11:00)

TODAY AT MYERS PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WELCOME! We are thankful you are here worshipping with us. Check out the *Guest Information* bookcases in the narthex gathering space outside the Sanctuary or drop by the Welcome Center in the lobby of the Parish Life Building for resources so you can get to know us better. New guests are invited to pick up a complimentary drink tumbler in the Sanctuary narthex. Our *Discover Myers Park* class is designed to welcome you and help get you connected as we share a snapshot of our history and ministries. The informal gathering lasts about an hour, and meets next at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, January 20, in Francis Chapel. Details: Rev. Uiyeon Kim at 704-295-4840 or UKim@mpumc.org.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *Martha Jean and Tommy Miller* by their family.

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUPS Sunday night youth groups meet from 5:45 to 7:45 p.m. Youth in Grades 6-12 are invited to join us in Jubilee Hall for Bojangles', mac-n-cheese and fruit salad (\$7). After dinner, youth break off for Sixth Grade Quest, Seventh Grade Thrive, Eighth Grade Confirmation and High School.

HURRICANE RESPONSE Donate to our relief fund for victims of the two recent hurricanes at www.myersparkumc.org/disasterrelief or write a check to the church with *Disaster Relief* in the memo line and put it in the offering plate, drop it off at the front desk or mail it to 1501 Queens Road, Charlotte, NC 28207.

RIDE THE SUNDAY SHUTTLE The convenient Sunday shuttle bus service runs continually from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. between the church and Myers Park Traditional at 2132 Radcliffe Avenue off Selwyn Avenue, so you don't have to hunt for a parking space.

GROWING IN FAITH...

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE MeckMin's annual community interfaith Thanksgiving service is at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 20, at First United Methodist Church, 501 N. Tryon St. uptown.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY Dr. Howell leads the weekly Bible study on *Familiar Bible Passages: A Closer Look* Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. in Room 108 of the Parish Life Building. No need to sign up, just join us and bring

a friend. Come any week you can; each week is an independent entity. There is no Bible study on November 21. Mark your calendar: Dr. Howell will lead us in a closer look at *Christmas Stories In The Bible* at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Wednesday November 28 and December 5 and 12. Details: james@mpumc.org.

WOMEN'S RETREAT The 13th annual Women's Retreat will be February 8-10, 2019, at Caraway Conference Center near Asheboro, N.C. Megan Argabrite, our Director of Worship and the Arts, invites us to *Encounter – The Everyday Art Of Worship*. Cost, other information and online registration is at www.myersparkumc.org/women. Scholarships are available. Questions? Reach Rev. Barbara Barden at 704-295-4813 or bbarden@mpumc.org.

CHOIR TRIP TO SCOTLAND The Chancel Choir will travel to Scotland May 20-28, 2019. A limited number of seats are available for non-choir members. To learn more, reach Nancy Hamff at 704-295-4831 or nancy@mpumc.org.

SERVING OTHERS...

CASSEROLE MINISTRY NEEDS COOKS Folks who enjoy cooking are invited to join the team that makes and delivers casseroles to those who have had a baby, been hospitalized, suffered a death in the family or need support for another reason. Reach Barbara Henson at bhenson@ayrsley.com.

JUBILEE STORE Help parents in Charlotte Family Housing create a special Christmas for their children. This year's store will be at St. John's Baptist Church on Hawthorne Lane, more convenient for families. Pick up a gift tag from a tree in the Parish Life lobby, Jubilee Hall lobby or outside the Choir Room. Better yet, sign up to serve with these families as a shopping assistant, gift wrapper, greeter or child care worker on Saturday and Sunday, December 8-9. Learn more and sign up at www.myersparkumc.org/jubilee-store.

COSTA RICA MISSION INFORMATION Learn about our upcoming Costa Rica mission trip at **12:30 p.m. today** in Room 105 of the Parish Life Building. Sign up to join our mission team traveling over Spring Break, April 13-20, 2019. Cost is \$1,300 per person. Families (children ages eight and up) are encouraged to join us. Our mission will be to help build relationships in Costa Rica while working alongside friends at the Costa Rica Mission Project. Visit www.myersparkumc.org/costarica.

ZOE KENYA MISSION Sign up for one of our two 2019 ZOE Kenya mission trips! Join a mission team traveling February and July 2019 to Maua, Kenya. Cost

will be about \$2,350 depending on the exact flight cost at time of registration. Check www.myersparkumc.org/zoe to register.

COFFEE WITH SEDGEFIELD FAMILIES Join current parents and church members involved with Sedgefield Middle School to talk about their experiences with the school and ongoing plans supporting the school reassignment transition at 9:45 a.m. Sunday, December 2, in Jubilee Hall. Details: Laura Murdock at laurakmurdock@gmail.com.

ROOM IN THE INN Each Thursday and Friday night from December 1 to March 31, we open our church doors and hearts to provide warm meals, beds and fellowship for homeless neighbors. We will host more than 400 neighbors who might not otherwise have a place to stay. There are many opportunities for individuals, families and groups to participate, such as driving the van, preparing and serving a meal, and staying overnight with guests. If you feel called to serve in this ministry, reach Greg Wells at 704-338-4662 or greg@willisengineers.com.

WHY GIVE TO JUBILEE PLUS!? Funds collected through our second-mile outreach fund help support partners like **Second Harvest Food Bank**, who supplies food and grocery items to charitable agencies that assist people in need. Give to *Jubilee Plus!* year-round at www.myersparkumc.org/jubileeplus or write a check to the church with *Jubilee Plus!* in the memo line and put it in the offering plate or mail it to the church.

WE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST...

GRIEF SUPPORT WORKSHOPS

Rev. Bill Roth and Parish Nurse Susan Mobley are leading workshops to support those grieving a loss. The workshops are 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday November 19 and 26, in Room 109 of the Parish Life Building. Details: Carmen Rivera at 704-295-4818 or crivera@mpumc.org.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT The Caregivers Support Group meets at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, November 20, in Room 105 in the Parish Life Building. All who care for a loved one can come and share the challenges and joy. Details: Parish Nurse Susan Mobley at 704-295-4836 or smobley@mpumc.org.

CHURCH CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING Our church will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 22-23, for Thanksgiving. Those needing help can call 704-376-8584 and follow the prompts to the pastor on call. A safe and blessed holiday to all.

RESERVE A POINSETTIA Want to decorate the church in memory or honor of a loved one? Reserve a poinsettia for \$14 at www.myersparkumc.org. The deadline is Thursday, December 6, to be listed in worship bulletins for the *Lessons And Carols* services on Sunday, December 16. Questions? Reach Peg Broughton at peg@mpumc.org.

RESERVE A WREATH Another way to decorate the church in memory or honor of a loved one: Reserve a wreath for an exterior door for \$30 or inside the Sanctuary for \$50. You can place an order at www.myersparkumc.org. The deadline is Thursday, December 6, for listing in the *Lessons And Carols* bulletins on Sunday, December 16. Questions? Reach Peg Broughton at peg@mpumc.org.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE *Make A Difference* is the theme of our 2019 campaign to support the work of the church in the world. You should have received in the mail your Estimate of Giving card to support the 2019 operating budget and *Jubilee Plus!* fund devoted entirely to outreach. You can also make an estimate of giving, or gift, at www.myersparkumc.org. Please make your commitment as soon as you are able. Your generosity makes possible every beautiful facet of church life, and allows us to build loving relationships with neighbors around the corner and around the world.

CHRISTMAS TREES AND MORE Order your Christmas trees, wreaths and garlands in advance from Youth Ministries, Sunday mornings in the Parish Life lobby or at www.myersparkumc.org. Pick up your purchase at the parking lot across from the church – 5:00 to 8 p.m. November 29; noon to 8:00 p.m. November 30 (Family Fun Night with Hubees D's food truck); and 9:00 to noon December 1. Proceeds support youth missions. Details: Mark Murphy thefourmurphys12@gmail.com.

H.O.T. WEDNESDAY Our weekly meal and fellowship returns to Jubilee Hall on Wednesday, January 9.

MEDICARE D COUNSELING Church members Nick Beard, Ron Knape, Jan Nomina and Bill Spier will offer free one-on-one counseling on Medicare Part D enrollment on many days in the Church Library in the Parish Life Building. Bring your list of medications and dosages. To make an appointment, reach Carmen Rivera at 704-295-4818 or crivera@mpumc.org.

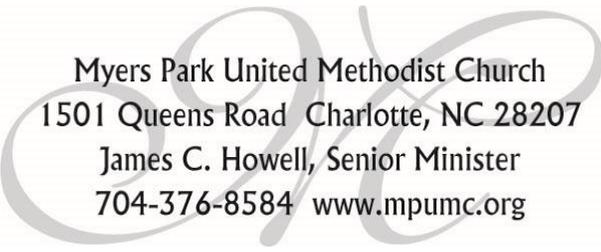
FAMILY ADVENT NIGHT Family Advent Night is 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 28, in Jubilee Hall featuring dinner (chili and baked potato bar) and the chance to make three crafts, including an Advent wreath. For child care, email lrsmit@mpumc.org. Register at www.myersparkumc.org/children.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS The annual Music Ministries Christmas concerts are at 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. Sunday, December 2, at First United Methodist Church, 501 N. Tryon St. Featured are the Chancel Choir, Women's Choir, Youth Choir, Junior Choir, Alleluia Choir, Myers Park Bells and Myers Park Strings. It's free. No ticket is needed. Shuttles run from the Parish Life portico entrance to the uptown church from 3:00 to 7:30 p.m. Free parking is beside the uptown church.

UMAR ARTS HOLIDAY SALE The popular holiday arts sale hosted by the agency that serves the intellectually and developmentally disabled is 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Friday, December 7, outside Jubilee Hall. Shop canvases, pottery, plants, quilts, jewelry, scarves and more, all handmade by UMAR artists.

SERVICE OF HOPE AND CONSOLATION Our annual Service of Hope and Consolation for those suffering a loss or challenge at the holidays is at 6:30 p.m. Monday, December 10, in the Sanctuary. Look to *the Cornerstone* and www.myersparkumc.org for the complete calendar of Advent activities and services, including our slightly revised Christmas Eve schedule of services.

WIRED 4 MINISTRY Learn how God has wired you to make a difference through your spiritual gifts, heart, abilities, personality and experiences. Take a *Wired 4 Ministry* class from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 4. Registration and preclass exercises are required. Reach Carol Tate at 704-295-4822 or ctate@mpumc.org.



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Myers Park United Methodist Church Mission Statement:
We are the body of Christ, growing in faith and serving others.