

Myers Park
United Methodist Church



Christ with the Gathering of His Saints, Elizabeth Wang

A Service of Christian Worship

November 4, 2018

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

All Saints' Day

WE GATHER

Gathering Music

It Is Well

arr. Bill Yeckley

Welcome

Please pass the hospitality pads at this time.

Passing of the Peace

Chiming of the Holy Trinity

- † **Processional**
Highland Cathedral Ulrich Roever and Michael Korb
- † **Call to Worship** *Revelation 21:1-5*
- † **Processional Hymn No. 711**
For All the Saints SINE NOMINE
- † **The Creed No. 881** The Apostles' Creed
- † **Gloria Patri No. 71** GREATOR EX
**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

**Gracious and merciful God,
as we remember the great love and sacrifice of Christ,
we come seeking your forgiveness.
We have not lived faithfully as your disciples,
or obeyed your commandments.
We have not loved you as you love us,
or our neighbors as ourselves.
Renew our spirits, strengthen our wills,
and send us out forgiven and restored
We ask for peace that passes understanding,
and the strength to live and work for you.
Trusting in your promises,
we pray the prayer Jesus gave us:**

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen**

Anthem

An Expression Of Gratitude

David Schwoebel

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you.
Always with joy in every prayer for you.
I thank my God for your fellowship in the gospel
from the very first day 'til now.
And I am sure that he, who began a good work in you,
will bring it to completion at the day of Christ.

And this I pray, I pray that your love may abound more and more.
Abound in the knowledge, in judgment,
that you may approve what is excellent to the glory of God.
That you may be pure and blameless,
filled with the fruits of righteousness
which comes through Christ Jesus.

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

† **Gospel Reading**

John 11, *selected verses*

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

† Naming of the Saints

Suzanne "Sue" Lillicrapp Anderson	Carol Wohlford Mesrobian
David Stanford Baker II	Virginia Reeve Pense Moore
William Hampton Ballentine	William Badger Newell, Jr.
John Steven Batanides	Helen Compton Newman
Martha Bledsoe	Henry Hale Nicholson
Mary Sue Banks Burnett	Judy Rose Baker Pickett
James Lee Chambers, Jr.	Edwin Seybourne Poole III
Ellen McDonald Chason	Andrew Lee Sayrs
Frances Harward Connell	William H. "Doc" Simendinger, Jr.
Maryann Allen Echols	Linda Sue Stephens
Grace Alexander Elkins	Bonnie Stonestreet Sturkey
Catherine "Jean" Farris	Larry David Thames
Bernard Ray Fitzgerald	Jean P. Thomason
Justin Young Hampton	Susan Hunter Troxler
Granville E. "Gran" Hearn Jr.	Sandra Payseur Vaughan
Pearl Shaw Hearn	Gail Jacobs Vinson
Frank B. Hicks, Jr.	Carol Earnhardt Walker
Dorothy Luter Hobson	Marilyn Baxley Webb
Imogene Austin Jordan	John Webb Weeks
Bill Michael King	Mary Ellen Strawbridge Yarborough
David Glenn Maddox	

As we read the names of those in our church family who have joined the Church triumphant in the past year, we toll a bell after each one in remembrance, and then we toll a final bell for all those we carry silently in our hearts.

All Saints' Prayer

**We bless your holy name, O God, for all your servants
who, having finished their course, now rest from their labors.
Give us grace to follow the example of their steadfastness
and faithfulness, to your honor and glory:
through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

Offertory

In Remembrance

Jeffery L. Ames

Lux aeterna, luceat eis, Domine.
(Let perpetual light shine on them, Lord.)

Turn to me and be gracious, for my heart is in distress.
Oh God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?
My tears linger at night, but joy comes in the morning light.

Lord, in your infinite mercy, grant them rest. Rest forevermore.

† 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 GO OUT TO SERVE

† Closing Hymn

Blest Are They

David Haas

see insert

† 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

When the Saints Go Marching In

arr. Jack Gale

† Stand as you are able

WORSHIP LEADERS



PREACHER

Dr. James C. Howell, Senior Pastor



LITURGISTS

Rev. Bill Roth, Pastor of Congregational Care

Rev. Uiyeon Kim, Pastor of Discipleship



LAY READER

Dow Bauknight (8:30), Lynn Cacchione (9:45), Marsha Rexford (11:00)



MUSICIANS

James R. Jones, Director of Music and Organist

Evan Wesley Currie, Music Associate and Organist

Johnny Burris, bagpipes

Dylan Reikowski, soloist

da Capo Brass

Chancel Choir



CRUCIFERS

Matthew Buie (8:30), Jack Rothacker (9:45), Maggie Whittle (11:00)



ACOLYTES

Walker Huff and Micah Wilson (8:30)

Will Rothacker and Caroline Boulware (9:45)

Joanie Gaskins and Darden Cone (11:00)



BIBLE CARRIERS

Quinn Wilson (8:30), Hannah Boulware (9:45), Ella Jones (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.

HOLY COMMUNION THIS MORNING Holy Communion is celebrated each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the memorial chapel behind the Sanctuary except when it is given in worship services.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHAPEL NARTHEX are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of *Allison Meyer and Jay Hoekstra* on Saturday at our church.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

On All Saints' Sunday, we remember all those – famous or obscure, living and “to glory gone” – who are part of the “communion of saints” we confess in the Apostles' Creed. We encourage one another by telling the stories of those who have shared the gospel with us, who have been our guideposts and teachers. Today at Myers Park United Methodist Church, we remember the loved ones we lost last year, but are comforted by the knowledge that they have joined the “great cloud of witnesses” (Hebrews 12:1-2) and are living still. Today we proclaim that the people of God can never truly be alone.

AGING WITH GRACE AND PURPOSE The Builders Sunday School class hosts a program on *Aging With Grace And Purpose* at 9:30 a.m. this morning in Room 103 of the Parish Life Building. Everyone, including other classes, small groups and individuals from the congregation and community, are invited to hear Dr. Charles Edwards talk about dementia, Alzheimer's and related topics, and how best to care for those in need.

YOUTH AND FAITH Director of Youth Ministries Lauren Stines leads a conversation from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. this morning in Jubilee Hall on how to develop a robust faith in youth. The gathering – entitled *Sticky Faith* – will also feature an announcement on dates and locations for summer youth mission trips.

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 Hubee D's food truck (\$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.

GROWING IN FAITH...

GRIEF SUPPORT WORKSHOPS Rev. Bill Roth and Parish Nurse Susan Mobley will lead a three-session workshop to support those grieving a loss. The workshops will be 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, November 5, in Room 110 of the Parish Life Building and November 19 and 26 in Room 109. Details: Carmen Rivera at 704-295-4818 or crivera@mpumc.org.

MARTHA CIRCLE The Martha Circle will meet at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, November 7, in Room 152 of the Snyder Building. Members, guests and visitors are invited to enjoy the fellowship and hear Rev. Uiyeon Kim, our Pastor of Discipleship.

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. So join us at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. November 7. Details: james@mpumc.org.

WIRED 4 MINISTRY The Wired 4 Ministry class helps you understand how God created you to affect others through your spiritual gifts, heart, ability, personality and experiences. You can take a class from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Thursday, November 8. Pre-class exercises are required. To register, reach Carol Tate at 704-295-4822 or ctate@mpumc.org.

SERVING OTHERS...

CHARLOTTE JUSTICE TOUR "Dig deep" and learn what's in the soil here in Charlotte by taking a tour led by Greg and Helms Jarrell of QC Family Tree from 10:00 a.m. to noon Saturday, November 10. RSVP to Greg Jarrell at greg@qcfamilytree.org.

THANKSGIVING TABLE TITHE Again this year, we are collecting Thanksgiving food items, plus a \$25 donation (gift card or check), for neighbors at Loaves & Fishes and our partner schools. Look for tagged bags with instructions throughout the building, and drop off items in the marked bin in the Parish Life Building Lobby through Sunday, November 18.

SEDGEFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL NEED Church van drivers are needed one Thursday a month to take scholars from Sedgfield Middle School to lunch at Tupelo Honey. Lunch is provided. Details: Frank Turner at fturner3@icloud.com.

MIDDLE SCHOOLERS SERVE THE CITY Middle schoolers are invited to help serve the city November 17-18, starting with a 24-hour famine at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, November 17, as they head to Loaves & Fishes food pantry to sort food. Youth will also serve alongside other organizations as they learn about hunger here and abroad, then spend the night at the church before going together to Sunday School. Register at www.mpumcyouth.org.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY One more chance to make an impact on the affordable housing crisis by partnering with Myers Park Presbyterian to build a house for a family in the Grier Heights community. Interested in learning more or ready to sign up to work on November 10? Reach Megan Jones at mjones@mpumc.org or www.myersparkumc.org/habitat.

BORDER EXPERIENCE We have created an additional opportunity to travel November 25-30 with Rev. Nathan Arledge and a mission team to McAllen, Texas, to serve and pray for migrant families being detained at the border. For details on how past trips worked, visit www.myersparkumc.org/border-response. To sign up, reach Nathan at nathan@mpumc.org.

COSTA RICA MISSION INFORMATION Learn about our upcoming Costa Rica mission trip at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, November 18, in Room 105 of the Parish Life Building. Sign up now 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 Learn more about our February and July 2019 ZOE mission trips at our information meeting at noon Sunday, November 11, in Jubilee Hall. Registration will open soon for the February 2019 trip, check back at www.myersparkumc.org/zoe to join the team.

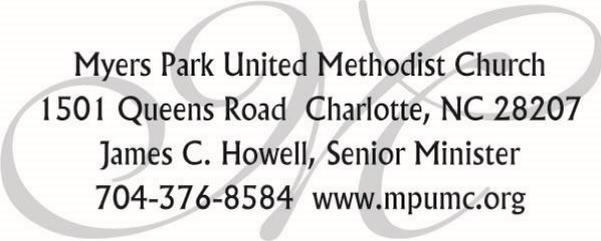
WHY GIVE TO JUBILEE PLUS!? Funds collected through our second-mile outreach fund help support partners like **UMAR**, which creates educational, occupational and social opportunities for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Give to *Jubilee Plus!* year-round at www.myerspark.umc.org/jubileeplus 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.

WOMEN'S FALL GATHERING Women in the church are invited to the Women's Fall Gathering from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, November 15, in Jubilee Hall. Join your sisters in Christ for fellowship, hors d'oeuvres and a holiday missions market. Hear from speaker Lisa Koons, local pastor and Director of *24-7 Prayer* and *End Slavery Charlotte*. Cost is \$10. Scholarships are available. Register at www.myersparkumc.org/women.

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.

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. Questions? Reach Rev. Barbara Barden at 704-295-4813 or bbarden@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. Look soon in the mail for your Estimate of Giving card to support the 2019 operating budget and *Jubilee Plus!* fund devoted entirely to outreach. You will also be able to make an estimate of giving, or gift, at www.myersparkumc.org.



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