

**Myers Park
United Methodist Church**



A Service of Christian Worship

January 20, 2019

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

Second Sunday after Epiphany

WE GATHER

Welcome

Please pass the hospitality pads at this time.

Passing of the Peace

Chiming of the Holy Trinity

Introit

For Everyone Born

arr. Tom Trenney

For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead.

And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy,
compassion and peace:
for woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share, with wisdom and grace,
dividing the power, a system that's fair.

For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song.
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled.
For young and old, the right to belong.

For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free!

† Call to Worship

We've come to worship God,
Who loved us before we were born.
We've come to worship God,
Whose presence never leaves us.
We've come to worship God,
Whose love for us never ceases.
This is our God!
Let us worship together!

† Processional Hymn No. 89

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

† 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,
our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide,
and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us
a consuming fire of judgment.
Set us free from a past we cannot change;
open us to the future you desire for us;
and grant us grace. 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

Isaiah 62:1-5

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

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

arr. Eric Nelson

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way
leaning on the everlasting arms;
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.
What have I to dread, what have I to fear
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

† 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 (stanzas 1 & 2)

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. 17018

The Lord's Prayer No. 895

Giving and Receiving of Holy Communion

Gluten-free wafers are available at the Communion rail.

Communion Music

Prayer after Communion

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy myster
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. 557

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

† 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**

“The people respond – Amen!” from *Rubrics*

Dan Locklair

† Stand as you are able

WORSHIP LEADERS



PREACHER

Dr. James C. Howell, Senior Pastor



LITURGISTS

Rev. Barbara Barden, Pastor of Lay Involvement

Rev. Bill Roth, Pastor of Congregational Care



LAY READER

Jan Nomina (8:30), Aubrey Hawes (9:45), Fincher Jarrell (11:00)



MUSICIANS

James R. Jones, Director of Music and Organist

Evan Wesley Currie, Music Associate and Organist

Marlene Balena, cello

Nancy C. Hamff, flute

Chamber Singers

Chancel Choir (9:45, 11:00)



CRUCIFERS

Martin Godwin (8:30), Jackson Willis (9:45), Bennett Wilks (11:00)



ACOLYTES

David Buie and Dean Lowery (8:30)

Elizabeth Willis and Kate Mattei (9:45)

Deems May and Alex McCollum (11:00)



BIBLE CARRIERS

Clara Lowery (8:30), Charlie Mattei (9:45), Will Ricketts (11:00)

TODAY AT MYERS PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WELCOME! We are thankful you are here worshiping 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.

THE FLOWERS on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *Virginia Jones by her family Bill, Carolyn, and Jennifer Lovette.*

DISCOVER MYERS PARK 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 meets at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, January 20, in the parlor in the Parish Life lobby (Room 123). Details: Rev. Uiyeon Kim at 704-295-4840 or UKim@mpumc.org.

CLASS ON BAPTISM The *Preparing For Baptism* class at 9:45 a.m. today, in the Brides' Room (133 in the Snyder Building), will deepen your understanding of this Holy Sacrament. It's an essential first step for those preparing for Baptism for themselves or their children (including those expecting or planning for a child).

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.

Church Closed Monday: The church is closed Monday, January 21, to observe Martin Luther King Day. Those needing help can call 704-376-8584 and follow the prompts to the pastor on call.

DONATE USING REALM Myers Park United Methodist Church offers two ways to give electronically. You can give using the Realm app, called Connect – Our Church Community or online at www.myersparkumc.org/give, making it easy for you to give anytime from your smartphone. If you don't have a Realm App login, the Invite Code is MyersParkUMC. If you have trouble getting set up, please contact Barbara Barden at bbarden@mpumc.org.

SERVING OTHERS...

JANUARY COLLECTION: BABY ITEMS FOR CENTER OF HOPE We are collecting baby blankets, socks, hats, onesies and t-shirts (all infant sizes) during January for the Salvation Army Center of Hope. Items go in the marked bin in the Parish Life lobby. Questions? Reach Suzanne Johnson at shj422@carolina.rr.com.

‘COLOR OF LAW’ BOOK READ Author Richard Rothstein will join us at First Baptist Church West at 1801 Oaklawn Avenue from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Monday, January 28, to discuss his book, *The Color of Law*, and the impact governmental policies have on residential racial segregation. Join us for a conversation on neighborhood segregation and how we can address these issues in Charlotte. To learn more, visit www.coloroflawclt.com.

FOR THE LOVE OF READING Substitutes are needed for our reading program at Dilworth Elementary-Sedgefield campus on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. Details: Beth Gage at BethGage@me.com.

BORDER RESPONSE Rev. Nathan Arledge will lead a team to McAllen, Texas, for our next Mexican border experience February 17-21. Join the team by registering at www.myersparkumc.org/border-response to serve and pray for migrant families detained at the border.

COLLEGE MEXICO MISSION Are you college-age and have a heart for missions? Sign up now to join our team of college students headed to Reynosa, Mexico, May 26 to June 1. The team will work alongside Faith Ministries to build friendships while constructing a house and more. Cost is \$750 including airfare. Register at www.myersparkumc.org/college-mexico.

SERVE LUNCH AT CENTER OF HOPE If you love how you look in a hair net, come and help prepare lunch for women and children at the Salvation Army Center of Hope. Teams meet the third and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. To sign up or learn more, reach Suzanne Johnson at 704-491-3915 or shj422@gmail.com.

WE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST...

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION FOR JUBILEE PLUS!?

“How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? (1 John 3:17)” What an important question to reflect on for 2018 and look forward to in 2019. In 2018 we experienced many great mission opportunities and we witnessed a strengthening of relationships with neighbors here in Charlotte and around the world. We strive to give \$1 million each year to our partners via *Jubilee Plus!* however in 2018 our giving was down. We trust that you will reenergize your giving and resourcing to *Jubilee Plus!* as it makes such an impact within our mission work. Church family, 2019 is here. May we all be bold in our love so that many will know that hope is here. 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.

SUPPORT THE LABYRINTH Our Francis Chapel renovation will soon be complete, including the very first indoor labyrinth in Charlotte. You are invited to donate \$150 for a tile for the labyrinth. Order forms are outside Francis Chapel in the Parish Life lobby. To learn more or schedule a labyrinth orientation, contact Kathy Mansfield at 704-231-7417.

UPTOWN MEN’S GROUP An uptown men’s group meets Tuesdays at 7:00 a.m. at Amelie’s French Bakery at 380 S. College St. for an hour of fellowship and conversation. Come as often as your schedule allows. Email jlencic@wellsfargo.com to learn more.

H.O.T. WEDNESDAY H.O.T. Wednesday offers a delicious meal and fellowship from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in Jubilee Hall. This week’s menu: spaghetti noodles, meat sauce, marinara sauce, salad bar, breadsticks, desserts, ice cream. Make reservations at HotWednesday@mpumc.org or call 704-376-5520 (option six) by noon each Tuesday. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$5 for children and \$25 for family (two adults and three children under age 12). The Goodness Gracious! shop in the Parish Life lobby – where sales support outreach – is open until 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays when H.O.T. Wednesday meets.

TRY YOGA Instructor Diane Cevallos leads a yoga class Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in Room 031 downstairs in the Snyder Building. A donation of \$15 per class is suggested. Bring your mat. The class offers a Christ-centered approach to physical and mental health. Details: Parish Nurse Susan Mobley at 704-295-4836 or smobley@mpumc.org.

SHOOT HOOPS Men of all skill levels are invited to play basketball at 8:30 a.m. each Saturday through April 27 in the Youth Building Gym. Questions? Reach Bob Clark at 704-366-4981.

SUPPORT FOR CAREGIVERS All who face the challenge of caring for a loved one are invited to the monthly gathering of the Caregivers Support Group, the next one at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, January 22, in Room 105 in the Parish Life Building. Come and share your experiences with others. Details: Parish Nurse Susan Mobley at 704-295-4836 or smobley@mpumc.org.

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD Want to know more about church business? All are welcome to attend Administrative Board meetings, the next one Tuesday, January 29, in Room 108 of the Parish Life Building. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. Details: Executive Director Saribeth Dozier at 704-295-4844 or saribeth@mpumc.org.

GIVE BLOOD Donate blood from 7:30 a.m. to noon Sunday, February 3, in the Youth Building Gym. You can make an appointment from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. today or Sunday, January 27, in the Parish Life lobby. Walk-ins are also welcome February 3. Details: Carmen Rivera at 704-295-4818 or crivera@mpumc.org. The drive honors Mitchell Bays Turner, who died as the result of leukemia on Palm Sunday 2014. He was two.

LEARN CPR/AED February is American Heart Month, the perfect time to learn CPR and how to use the automated external defibrillators (AED) that are around the campus. A class is 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Monday, February 11, in Room 103 of the Parish Life Building. Cost is \$40. Register and pay online through *Realm* or reach Carmen Rivera at 704-295-4818 or crivera@mpumc.org.

MARRIAGE SEMINAR Rev. Bill Roth and counselor Bronah Livingston will lead a *Marriage Matters* seminar from 9:00 a.m. to noon Saturday, February 9, in Room 108 of the Parish Life Building. This meets the premarital counseling requirements for those getting married at our church. You must preregister. Reach Carmen Rivera at 704-295-4818 or crivera@mpumc.org.

GROWING IN FAITH...

AMERICANA MUSIC

At 6:30 p.m. Sunday, January 27, in Jubilee Hall, Martha Bassett and her band will present a concert and share how they see God and faith in secular music. Band members include Sarah Howell-Miller, daughter of James and Lisa Howell. Learn more at www.marthabassett.com.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY Dr. Howell's weekly Bible study will explore *Moments In The Life Of Jesus* at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. each Wednesday through Easter in Room 108 of the Parish Life Building. No need to sign up, just come and bring a friend. Come any week you can; each week is an independent entity. For child care, email lrsmit@mpumc.org. Details: james@mpumc.org.

JOIN A SMALL GROUP New Small Groups are starting for study, spiritual growth and fellowship. Short-term groups are forming at various days and times. Titles include: *Grounded In Prayer*, *The Way Of Forgiveness*, *Praying Our Goodbyes*, and *The Letters Of Paul* from Disciple Fast Track. Registration and purchase of the class book are required. Learn more and register with your Realm login or at www.myersparkumc.org/small-groups.

CHILDREN'S ENSEMBLES Our Children's Ensembles rehearse on Wednesdays - Tinkerbells at 4:30 p.m. and the three children's choirs at 5:00 p.m. Newcomers are invited to join in musical adventures in singing, drumming and bells. Details: Nancy Hamff at 704-295-4831 or nancy@mpumc.org.

BEN WITHERINGTON TO SPEAK Bible scholar Dr. Ben Witherington, long a friend to our church, will speak on *A Singular Jesus In A Pluralistic Culture* at 7:00 p.m. Friday, January 25, in Jubilee Hall. All are invited to this free discussion and dessert reception, sponsored by Search Charlotte. RSVP and details: Davis Kuykendall at 704-591-9834 or charlotte@searchnational.org.

'RIFF OF LOVE' Greg Jarrell of ministry partner QC Family Tree will present a program at 7:00 p.m. Monday, February 4, in Jubilee Hall based on his book, *A Riff of Love – Notes On Community And Belonging*. Greg will talk about QC Family Tree's work in the Enderly Park neighborhood of west Charlotte and play the saxophone as he links music and ministry. Learn more at www.qcfamilytree.org or www.gregjarrell.com.



Stephen Ministry congregations equip and empower lay caregivers – called Stephen Ministers – to provide confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting. Want to talk with a Stephen Minister or learn more about this powerful ministry? Reach Rev. Bill Roth at 704-295-4835 or broth@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.