

Myers Park United Methodist Church



A Service of Christian Worship

January 27, 2019

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

Third Sunday after Epiphany

WE GATHER

Welcome

Please pass the hospitality pads at this time.

Passing of the Peace

Chiming of the Holy Trinity

Introit

Prayer of St. Francis

Allen Pote

† Call to Worship

The Spirit of God is upon us.

We are called to be God's people.

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We are called to be the body of Christ.

Come let us worship God, who binds us together in love and service.

† **Processional Hymn No. 57**
O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

† **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

God of mercy,
Forgive us for separating ourselves over and over again;
right and wrong, liberal and conservative,
rich and poor, worthy and unworthy.
We make demands to secure our own safety,
forgetting the Gospel demands love that is risky.
Grant us courage to live and love freely,
and to follow Christ fully. 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.

Anthem

The Word of God Rosephanye Powell
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was God.
The same was in the beginning with God.
All things were made that have been made.
All things were made by him.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism (9:45)

Congregational Response (9:45)

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

STUTTGART

**Child of blessing, child of promise,
baptized with the Spirit's sign;
with this water God has sealed you
unto love and grace divine.**

**Child of God your loving parent,
learn to know whose child you are.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship,
trust and love God more than all.**

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

† Hymn of Preparation No. 393

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

† Gospel Reading

Luke 4:14-21

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.

The Lord's Prayer No. 895

Offertory

Speak, O Lord

arr. John Ferguson

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you
to receive the food of your holy word.

Take your truth; plant it deep in us;
shape and fashion us in your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility;
test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.

Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
your majestic love and authority.

Words of power that can never fail
let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
help us grasp the heights of your plans for us –
truths unchanged from the dawn of time
that will echo down through eternity.

And by grace we'll stand on your promises,
and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.

Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built
and the earth is filled with your glory.

† 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

Gather Us In

1. Here in this place new light is stream - ing
2. We are the young - our lives are a mys - t'ry,
3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter,
4. Not in the dark of build - ings con - fin - ing,

now is the dark - ness van - ished a - way,
we are the old - who yearn for your face,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
not in some heav - en, light - years a - way, but

see in this space our fears and our dream - ings,
we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
here in this place the new light is shin - ing,

brought here to you in the light of this day. _____
called to be light to the whole hu - man race. _____
call us a - new to be salt for the earth. _____
now is the King - dom now is the day. _____

Gath - er us in - the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in - the
Gath - er us in - the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in - the
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and

blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath - er us in - all peo - ples to - geth - er,

we shall a - rise at the sound of our name. _____
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song. _____
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true. _____
fire of love in our flesh and our bone. _____

† 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**

“Con Moto Maestoso” from *Sonata III*

Felix Mendelssohn

† Stand as you are able

WORSHIP LEADERS

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PREACHER

Dr. James C. Howell, Senior Pastor

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LITURGISTS

Rev. Nancy Watson, Executive Pastor

Rev. Uiyeon Kim, Pastor of Discipleship

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LAY READER

Ellen Underwood (8:30), Jennie Buckner (9:45), David Dulin (11:00)

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MUSICIANS

James R. Jones, Director of Music and Organist

Evan Wesley Currie, Music Associate and Organist

Whitney Vance, soprano

Small Ensemble (8:30)

Chancel Choir (9:45, 11:00)

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CRUCIFERS

Jack Griffith (8:30), Trent Mulligan (9:45), Reid Brownlow (11:00)

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ACOLYTES

Linde Fonville and Sally Fonville (8:30)

Claire Grimes and Liza Grimes (9:45)

Jane Brownlow and Mac Brownlow (11:00)



BIBLE CARRIERS

Carson Clutter (8:30), John Grimes (9:45), George Shull (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.

Holy Communion, Sundays, 9:30 a.m.-Holy Communion is celebrated weekly in Memorial Chapel beside the Sanctuary except when it is given in worship services.

Prayers for Youth Retreats, January 25-2.Please pray for our 81 High School Youth/Chaperones and our 39 Middle School Youth/Chaperones this weekend while on their retreats. There will be no Youth Sunday Night activities this week.

Ride the Sunday Shuttle, Sundays, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.-The shuttle bus runs continually 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.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism-Receiving the sacrament of Baptism at the 8:45 a.m. Church in the Round service are *Nora McLeod Blalock* and *Asa Lee Blalock*, children of *Ellen and Ryan Blalock*. Receiving the sacrament of Baptism at the 9:45 a.m. Sanctuary service is *Elle Marie Ogden*, daughter of *Kelly and Steven Ogden*.

The Flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *John and Alice Gasbarro, Margaret Page and Frances Anderson by the Gasbarro family*.

SERVING OTHERS...

God and Secular Music, Tonight, 6:30 p.m., Jubilee Hall-The Martha Bassett 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.

January Collection-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, *January 28, 7:00 p.m., First Baptist Church West*-Author Richard Rothstein will join us, 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.

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

Men’s Shelter Monthly Meals, *First Wednesday or Second Tuesday, varying Men’s Shelter locations*-Prepare and serve a meal at the Men's Shelter of Charlotte. You'll serve with a team of church members for about an hour and a half. Reach Megan Jones at mjones@mpumc.org to sign up or learn more.

College Mexico Mission *May 26-June 1, Reynosa, Mexico*-Are you college-age and have a heart for missions? Sign up now to join our team of college students who 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.

Jubilee Plus! Giving Fund, *Year-Round*-Funds collected through our second-mile outreach fund help support partners like Men’s Shelter of Charlotte, who provide safe emergency shelter for men experiencing homelessness. 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, put it in the offering plate or mail it to the church.

WE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST...

Uptown Men’s Group, *Tuesdays, 7:00 a.m., Amelie’s French Bakery*- Come as often as your schedule allows, a dozen or so men typically attend. Email jlencic@wellsfargo.com to learn more.

Wednesday Bible Study, *weekly, 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Room 108*- Dr. Howell will explore *Moments In The Life Of Jesus* through Easter. No need to sign up; just come and bring a friend. Come any week you can; each week is an independent entity. To make child care reservations, email lrsmit@mpumc.org. Details: james@mpumc.org.

H.O.T. Wednesday-There is no H.O.T. Wednesday on January 30th. We look forward to welcoming you back on February 6th.

Yoga, *Thursdays, 10:00 a.m., Room 031*-Instructor Diane Cevallos leads a yoga class 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.

Administrative Board, *Tuesday, January 29, Room 108*-Want to know more about church business? All are welcome to attend Administrative Board meetings. Details: Executive Director Saribeth Dozier at 704-295-4844 or saribeth@mpumc.org.

Realm Giving Classes, *Thursday, January 31, 10:00-11:00 a.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m., room 107-08*-With a goal of paperless giving statements next year, we encourage all who call Myers Park UMC their church home to begin using Realm to access and track their annual giving. These step-by-step classes are designed to help you learn how to give electronically and to access your giving statement easily at any time during the year. Details: Barbara Barden at bbarden@mpumc.org.

Blood Drive, *Sunday, February 3, 7:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Youth Building Gym*-You can make an appointment from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. today in the Parish Life lobby. Walk-ins are also welcome February 3 The drive honors Mitchell Bays Turner, who died at the age of two from leukemia. Details: Carmen Rivera at 704-295-4818 or crivera@mpumc.org.

Lenten Small Groups, *beginning February 3*- Watch for titles and times on the website at www.myersparkumc.org/small-groups.

‘Riff of Love’, *February 4, 7:00 p.m., Jubilee Hall*- Greg Jarrell of ministry partner QC Family Tree will present a program 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.

Family Movie Night, *February 8, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Jubilee Hall*-All families are invited to a showing of *The Secret Life of Pets*. Bring a picnic supper and a blanket to sit on. We'll provide popcorn and drinks. Questions? Email Leslie Lowery at llowery@mpumc.org.

Marriage Matters Workshop, *Saturday, February 9, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Room 108*- This marriage workshop, led by Rev. Bill Roth and counselor Bronah Livingston, 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.

Summer Program Registration, *February 11*-Registration for Vacation Bible School (June 17-20) and Summer Fun Days (July 8-12 and July 15-19) opens Monday, February 11. More information will be available in the coming weeks. Questions? Email Amy Harriman at aharriman@mpumc.org.

CPR AED Training Class, *Monday, February 11, 6:00-9:00 p.m., Rooms 103 & 104* -Class cost is \$40 per person. Payment deadline is Friday, February 8. Register online in Realm.

Wired 4 Ministry, *February 12, 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. and February 25, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.*- Come experience the opportunity to understand how God “wired” you to make a difference through your spiritual gifts, heart, abilities, personality, and experiences. Registration and pre-class exercises are required. Details: 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.