

Myers Park
United Methodist Church



The "Jesus Boat", Photo by James Howell.

A Service of Christian Worship

February 10, 2019

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

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

WE GATHER

Welcome

Please pass the hospitality pads at this time.

Passing of the Peace

Chiming of the Holy Trinity

Opening Voluntary

Nocturne for the Left Hand Alone

Alexander Scriabin

† Call to Worship

Come, people of God!

We have come because God has called us.

Come, people of the Story!

We have come to listen and to tell.

Come, people of faith!

We have come to sing and pray with joy.

Come, let us worship the Lord!

† **Processional Hymn No. 64**

Holy, Holy, Holy

NICAEA

† **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

Merciful God,

**we who own more than we use,
and want more than we need,
come asking your forgiveness.**

We seek your salvation, then act like we save ourselves.

We beg your forgiveness, then repeat our errors.

We experience your grace, then act defeated.

We rely on your power, but only in hard times.

We are confused and misguided and lost.

**Forgive us, and bring us to a steady trust in you,
through Jesus Christ, 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

I Believe

Mark A. Miller

I believe in the sun, even when it's not shining.

I believe in love, even when I don't feel it.

I believe in God, even when God is silent.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism (11:00)

Congregational Response (11:00)

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

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

† Gospel Reading

Luke 5:1-11

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

O Love

Elaine Hagenberg

O love, that will not let me go,
O love, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thy ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

O joy, that seeks me through the pain,
O I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.

† **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**

The Summons

KELVINGROVE

**Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown?
Will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?**

**Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?**

**Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?**

**Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you
and you in me?**

**Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

† **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**

Praeludium in E minor

Nicolaus Bruhns

† Stand as you are able

WORSHIP LEADERS



PREACHER

Dr. James C. Howell, Senior Pastor



LITURGISTS

Rev. Nathan Arledge, Pastor of Missions & Community Engagement

Rev. Nancy Watson, Executive Pastor



LAY READER

Doug Caldwell (8:30), Matt Daniels (9:45), Dennis Soter (11:00)



MUSICIANS

James R. Jones, Director of Music and Organist

Evan Wesley Currie, Music Associate and Organist

Small Ensemble (8:30)

Chancel Choir (9:45, 11:00)



CRUCIFERS

Hayden Plyler (8:30), Alexandra Eliasek (9:45), Andrew Cowan (11:00)



ACOLYTES

Jack Herring and Kate Herring (8:30)

Shelby Eliasek and AnneGray Oxrider (9:45)

Sarah Bennett Farlow and Ivey Mattscheck (11:00)



BIBLE CARRIERS

Zach Plyler (8:30), Will Ricketts (9:45), Madie Mattscheck (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.

Ride the Sunday Shuttle, Sundays, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.: The shuttle runs continually between the church and Myers Park Traditional School at 2132 Radcliffe Avenue off Selwyn Avenue.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism: Receiving the sacrament of Baptism at the 11:00 a.m. service is *Gemma Olivia Swartz*, daughter of *Holly and Brian Swartz*.

The Flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *William Lovette* by his family *Bill, Carolyn, and Jennifer Lovette*.

The Flowers in the Chapel Narthex are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the wedding of *Molly Dedmon and Adam Goodson* yesterday at the church.

Women's Retreat, Sunday, February 8-10, Caraway Conference Center: More than 100 women from the church are on retreat this weekend. Your prayers for safe travels are appreciated.

Youth Group, tonight, 5:45 p.m.-7:45 p.m.: We look forward to seeing all youth back at Youth Group and Confirmation tonight. Dinner will be Hubee D's food truck and is \$7.

“You Pick” 6th/7th grade Youth Group, tonight, February 10, 5:45 p.m.-7:45 p.m.: New year means new and improved Middle School Youth Group. Join us for this 4 week series: Faith & Fitness or Movies & Ministry. Just show up; no sign-ups needed. Email Sarah Yoss at sarahyoss@mpumc.org with questions.

SERVING OTHERS...

Register Now for Lenten Small Groups: Registration is open for short-term small groups that will begin at various days and times on the week of March 3. Visit www.myersparkumc.org/small-groups to learn more and register online.

Sign Up for Vacation Bible School: Registration opens online tomorrow (February 11) and runs through April 30. *To Mars and Beyond* is set for June 17-20. Children age four through fifth grade are welcome. For details, email Amy Harriman at aharriman@mpumc.org or visit www.myersparkumc.org/children.

Register for Summer Fun Days: Summer Fun Days registration opens tomorrow (February 11). The two-week camp runs July 8-12 and 15-19. Information packets and registration forms are available outside the Children’s Ministries Office and at www.myersparkumc.org/children. Space is limited and classes fill quickly.

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*. Each week is an independent entity. Come when you can and bring a friend. To make child care reservations, email Lisa Ross-Smit at lrsmit@mpumc.org.

H.O.T. Wednesday, weekly, 5:30–6:30 p.m., Jubilee Hall: This week’s menu: roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, salad, dessert, ice cream. Make reservations at HotWednesday@mpumc.org or call 704-376-5520 (option six) by noon each Tuesday. Cost is \$7/adult, \$5/child and \$25/family.

Make Sandwiches for Urban Ministry, monthly, third Monday, 9:00 a.m., Jubilee Hall: Call Martha Abbey at 704-264-6892 for details.

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. Pre-class exercises are required. To register, email Carol Tate at ctate@mpumc.org.

Middle School Mayhem, *February 22, 6:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m.*: Calling all Middle School youth, join us for a night at the Charlotte Checkers game. Cost is \$25. Registration is now open at www.mpumcyouth.org. For more information, contact Sarah Yoss at sarahyoss@mpumc.org.

Caregivers Support Group, *February 26, 11:30 a.m., Room 105*: All who face the challenge of caring for a loved one are invited to this monthly gathering. Come and share your experiences with others. Contact Parish Nurse Susan Mobley at smobley@mpumc.org with questions.

WE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST...

The Color of Law: Continuing the Dialogue, *February 28, 7:00 p.m., Jubilee Hall*: What is the Housing Charlotte Framework? How will we spend the \$50M Trust Fund to support the growth of affordable housing? Learn what you need to know to better advocate for change. Learn more at www.coloroflawclt.com.

Jubilee Plus! Giving Fund, *throughout the year*: Funds collected help support partners like South Tryon Community UMC, our sibling church which is celebrating this month's launch of the Brookhill Community Center. Give to Jubilee Plus! online 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.

February Collection, *now through February 28, Lobby*: We are collecting navy blue sweatshirts (sized to fit elementary and middle school children) for our school partners whose students are chilly this time of year! Email Julie Wentz at jwentz@mpumc.org if you have questions.



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