

Myers Park United Methodist Church



Baptism of Jesus by John, Sanctuary, Myers Park United Methodist Church

A Service of Christian Worship

January 13, 2019

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

Baptism of the Lord

WE GATHER

Welcome

Please pass the hospitality pads at this time.

Passing of the Peace

Chiming of the Holy Trinity

Opening Voluntary

Prelude on THAXTED

Charles Callahan

† Call to Worship

We are marked as God's beloved ones.

What have we done to deserve God's love.

God's love is God's free gift to us, always and forever.

Even when we are difficult and turn away from God,

God's love never vanishes from us.

Thanks be to God who is ever faithful to us.

† Processional Hymn

Let Streams of Living Justice

THAXTED



Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;
3 give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.
7 The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,
11 the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.
15 Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way - the path un - tried;
19 a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance; pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
your truth - the heart of strang - er; your life - the Cru - ci - fied.

† **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 our baptism,
We come to you, the living water;
you stand with us as we wait to be washed.
But we confess that we often wish to do so
without going through the messiness of repentance.
We want your grace, but live as though
it has not been given to us.
Help us to realize and live out our baptism,
by the power of your Holy Spirit. 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

Hymn of Preparation No. 605 (stanza 1)

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

BEACH SPRING

† **Gospel Reading**

Luke 3:15-22

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Baptism Renewal

A Living Prayer

Alison Krauss

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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing arr. Mack Wilberg

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Prone to wander Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above

† 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 No. 605 (stanzas 2-3)

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

BEACH SPRING

† 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**

“Toccata” from *Dix Pieces pour Orgue*

Eugène Gigout

† Stand as you are able

WORSHIP LEADERS



PREACHER

Dr. James C. Howell, Senior Pastor



LITURGISTS

Rev. Nathan Arledge, Pastor of Missions and Community Engagement

Rev. Nancy Watson, Executive Pastor



LAY READER

Laurie Guy (8:30), Glenn Cole (9:45), Jim Rogers (11:00)



MUSICIANS

James R. Jones, Director of Music and Organist

Evan Wesley Currie, Music Associate and Organist

Amanda Williams, soprano

Xela Pinkerton, soprano

Chancel Choir (9:45, 11:00)



CRUCIFERS

David Starling (8:30), Thomas Eubanks (9:45), Kent Carroll (11:00)



ACOLYTES

Ibby Wilson and Jack Cole (8:30)
Porter Eubanks and Ellie Harrison (9:45)
Gavin Porter and Courtney Weintraub (11:00)



BIBLE CARRIERS

Claire Cole (8:30), Molly Brown (9:45), Oates Howe (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. 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), then we will walk to Room 110 at 10:45 a.m. 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.

FAITH GIRLS, GOD'S GUYS *Faith Girls* and *God's Guys* – weekly Bible studies for fifth-grade girls and boys meets Sundays starting today from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. through March. *Faith Girls* meets in Room 240 in the Snyder Building, offering “tween girls” an opportunity to study, learn and make new friends. Reach Director of Children’s Ministries Amy Harriman at 704-295-4814 or aharriman@mpumc.org for more. *God's Guys* meets in Room 239 in the Snyder Building. Church member Kenan Gay will help “tween boys” understand why God is important in everything they do. Reach Kenan at gay.kenan@gmail.cm.

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 Moe’s Southwest Grill taco bar (\$7). After dinner, youth break off for Sixth Grade Quest, Seventh Grade Thrive, Eighth Grade Confirmation and High School.

DONATE FROM YOUR SMARTPHONE Myers Park United Methodist Church offers a mobile version of our online giving page at www.myersparkumc.org, making it easy for you to give anytime from your smartphone. Scan the image you see here each week in the Sunday bulletin using your phone's Quick Response (QR) code reader.

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.

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.

WHY GIVE TO JUBILEE PLUS!? Funds collected through our second-mile outreach fund help support partners like **Urban Ministry Center**, which works to end chronic homelessness by providing support services to neighbors experiencing homelessness, as well as transitional and permanent supportive housing. 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...

RETURN YOUR ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARD Please return as soon as you are able your Estimate of Giving card to support the 2019 operating budget and *Jubilee Plus!* outreach fund. You can also make an estimate of giving, or gift, at www.myersparkumc.org.

SUPPORT THE LABYRINTH Once Francis Chapel reopens, you'll be able to walk the permanent labyrinth installed in the floor of Francis Chapel. You are invited to donate \$150 for a tile for the labyrinth. Order forms are outside Francis Chapel in the Parish Life lobby. Complete the form and return it with your check to Myers Park United Methodist Church (attention Saribeth Dozier) at 1501 Queens Road, Charlotte NC 28207. Checks should be made out to the church with *Labyrinth* in the memo line.

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, a dozen or so men typically attend. Email jlencarcic@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: Barbecue with sauces, buns, cole slaw, vegetarian baked beans, desserts and 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.

COFFEE TALK FOR PARENTS Youth Ministries invites parents to share coffee and conversation about what our youth face today from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. Sunday, January 20, in Jubilee Hall. Details: Director of Youth Ministries Lauren Stines at 704-295-4832 or lauren@mpumc.org.

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 walking the same road. 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 and Sunday, January 20 and 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 defibrillator (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...

AUSTIN CHANNING BROWN: 'I'M STILL HERE'

At 7:00 p.m. Monday, January 14, in Jubilee Hall, Austin Channing Brown will explore how to be the church, and how we learn about ourselves and grow as we learn about and care for our community. She is the author of *I'm Still Here*. For more about her, visit www.austinchanning.com.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY Dr. Howell's weekly Bible study on *Familiar Bible Passages: A Closer Look* will explore *Moments In The Life Of Jesus, In The Gospel Of Luke* 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 resume rehearsals on Wednesday, January 16, at their regular times – Tinker Bells 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.

CLASS ON BAPTISM The *Preparing For Baptism* class at 9:45 a.m. Sunday, January 20, 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). For child care, email lrsmit@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.

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.

‘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.



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