

Myers Park United Methodist Church



Jesus Preaching, Rembrandt, etching, ca. 1657

A Service of Christian Worship

February 17, 2019

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

Epiphany Sunday

WE GATHER

Welcome

Please pass the hospitality pads at this time.

Passing of the Peace

Chiming of the Holy Trinity

Choral Introit

God Is Our Refuge

Allen Pote

God is our refuge and strength; a present help in time of trouble
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear.

Come and behold the work of the Lord,
the awesome acts of God.

He is in the midst of his people,
he is our God in all the earth.

He is the word, we are his hands, he will lead us.
He is the air, we are his song,
we will celebrate his presence all the day long.

He is the rain, we are the stones, he will cleanse us.
He is the air, we are his song,
we will celebrate his presence all the day long.

† Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

We sing the glory of God's name!

Bless our God, O peoples!

The sound of praise will be heard!

Come and hear, all you who fear God.

We will tell of what God has done.

† Processional Hymn No. 560

Help Us Accept Each Other

Alt. ELLACOMBE

† 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 grace,

**for the sin of silence, for the sin of indifference,
forgive us.**

**For the closing of doors, for the closing of hearts and minds,
forgive us.**

**For all that's been done, for all that is left undone,
forgive us.**

Let there be remembrance, regret, and resolve, O Lord:

**that we would know our sins, be sorry for them,
and have the courage to live freely
in the light of your 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.**

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism (9:45, 11:00)

Congregational Response (9:45, 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.**

Reception of New Members

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

† Gospel Reading

Luke 6:17-26

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

One Faith, One Hope, One Lord

Craig Courtney

† 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



All	1. Blest	are they,	the poor	in spir - it;	theirs is the
Men	2. Blest	are they,	the low - ly	ones;	they shall in -
Women	3. Blest	are they	who show	mer - cy;	mer - cy
Solo	4. Blest	are they	who seek	peace;	they are the
All	5. Blest	are you	who suf - fer	hate,	all be -



king - dom	of	God.	_____	Blest	are	they,
her - it	the	earth.	_____	Blest	are	they
shall	be	theirs.	_____	Blest	are	they,
chil - dren	of	God.	_____	Blest	are	they
cause	of	me.	_____	Re - joice	and	be
				glad,		



full	of	sor - row;	they	shall	be	con - soled.	_____
hun - ger	and	thirst;	they	shall	have	their	fill.
pure	of	heart;	they	shall	see	God!	_____
suf - fer	in	faith;	the	glo - ry	of	God	is
yours	is	the	king - dom.	Shine	for	all	to
				see.	_____		

Refrain



All Re - joice _____ and be glad! _____ Bless - ed are



you, ho - ly are you. Re - joice _____ and be glad! _____



— Yours is the king - dom of God! _____

† **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**

Trumpet Voluntary

John Stanley

† Stand as you are able

WORSHIP LEADERS



PREACHER

Dr. James C. Howell, Senior Pastor



LITURGISTS

Rev. Uiyeon Kim, Pastor of Discipleship

Rev. Nancy Watson, Executive Pastor



LAY READER

Carol Green (8:30), Cameron Caudle (9:45), Julie Nannini (11:00)



MUSICIANS

James R. Jones, Director of Music and Organist

Evan Wesley Currie, Music Associate and Organist

Brian Winegardner, trumpet

Ben Watson and Elizabeth Watson, soloists

Small Ensemble (8:30)

Chancel Choir (9:45, 11:00)



CRUCIFERS

Matthew Buie (8:30), Gracie Deel (9:45), James Gourlay (11:00)



ACOLYTES

David Buie and Lawson Surles (8:30)

Mack Sommerkamp and Sadie Scott (9:45)

Ella Smith and Hattie Smith (11:00)



BIBLE CARRIERS

Harrison Burge (8:30), Sallie Scott (9:45), Leighton Paone (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 Sanctuary narthex or drop by the Welcome Center in the lobby 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. There is a shuttle that runs continually between the church and Myers Park Traditional at 2132 Radcliffe Avenue off Selwyn Avenue.

Welcome, New Members This morning we welcome new members to the life of Myers Park United Methodist Church: *Kepe and Deb Disney, Jim Dunlevy, Eric & Norah Jones, Ned Rockecharlie, David Zenns & Victoria Miccoli, Stephen and Laura Patton, Michael & Megan Boucher, Dave and Pat Christopherson, Bert & Martha Griffin, Jamie & Ellen Kearns, T & Lynne Moorman, Michael Morris & Catherine Waggy, Michael & Sara Pacifici, John and Catherine Byrd, Michael Chandler, Grant Credle, Kara Marker, Jim Martin, Carolyn Anne Mayer, Chris Miller, Aubrey & Lee Anne Stone, Harrison Stone, Kelly Sullivan.* Please take a moment at the end of each service to offer a personal word of “Welcome!”

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

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism: Receiving the sacrament of Baptism at the 9:45 a.m. service are *Michael Jay Morris; Michael Mukunda Pacific; and Sophie Elizabeth Pacifici, daughter of Mukunda and Sara Pacifici.* Receiving the sacrament of Baptism at the 11:00 a.m. service are *Abigail Marie Ball, daughter of Meredith and John Ball; Catherine Wyatt Cox, daughter of Ashley and Dalton Cox; Rose Eliza Pate, daughter of Christina and Tyler Pate; and Louisa Whitfield Tarwater, daughter of Julia and Michael Tarwater.*

The Flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God, in honor of *Louisa Whitfield Tarwater* on her Baptism day.

The Flowers in the Chapel Narthex are given to the glory of God, in memory of *Margaret Ball*, and in honor of *Abigail Ball* on her Baptism day by her Grandparents.

Youth Group and Confirmation, *tonight, 5:45 p.m.-7:45 p.m.*: Join us for a special night of worship celebrating our winter retreats; all are welcome and encouraged to attend. Confirmation will be a part of this night (attendance not taken). Dinner will be chicken chili, chips, and dessert.

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 p.m.-6:30 p.m., Jubilee Hall*: This week's menu, taco night: chicken, seasoned beef, taco shells, lettuce, cheese, sour cream, salsa, Spanish rice, black beans, desserts, ice cream. Make reservations at HotWednesday@mpumc.org or call 704-376-5520 (option 6) by noon each Tuesday. Cost is \$7/adult, \$5/child and \$25/family. The Goodness Gracious! Gift shop is open.

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.

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.

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

Performing Arts Camp, *early registration now thru March 31*: Join us for a week of fun for rising 2nd to 8th graders to present a production of *100% Chance of Rain*. Camp dates July 29-August 2. Cost: \$200. \$225 after March 31. Financial assistance available. Register online in Realm. For more information, contact Nancy Hamff at nancy@mpumc.org.

Vacation Bible School Volunteers: Serve as a classroom leader, teach a special, provide snacks for the hospitality room, decorate the hallways, or join the clean-up crew! No matter your availability, there is an opportunity for you! If you are interested in volunteering, email VBS Planning Team Leader Jennifer Ross at kanejenn@aol.com.

Now Hiring Camp Counselors: Do you love children? Do you like to have fun? If so, you might love to work at Summer Fun Days! Children's Ministries is hiring counselors for a two-week position at elementary Summer Fun Days. Camp is July 8-12 and July 15-19, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Email Heidi Giffin at heidi@mpumc.org to learn more and apply.

Care Teams: Several new teams are being formed to offer practical support to those in our congregation with health issues. Please consider serving in this ministry and being on a care team. The time commitment is two to four hours every five weeks. Contact Susan Mobley at smobley@mpumc.org for more details.

Hiring Summer Interns: We are hiring a Youth Ministries Intern and a Children's Ministries Intern. The role of summer internships is to provide a space for vocational discernment while allowing identification and cultivation of gifts with growth in professional development in a church setting. Help spread the word! Apply today at www.myersparkumc.org.

Jubilee Plus! Giving Fund, throughout the year: Funds collected support partners like our School Partnership Ministries, which build a love of learning in children in our surrounding neighborhoods. Give to Jubilee Plus! year-round online or write a check to the church with Jubilee Plus! in the memo line.

Donate using Realm We offer two ways to give electronically. Give using the Realm app, Connect-Our Church Community, or online at www.myersparkumc.org/give. If you need help getting set up, contact Barbara Barden at bbarden@mpumc.org.



*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.