

Myers Park United Methodist Church



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A Service of Christian Worship

February 24, 2019

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

Seventh 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

† **Call to Worship**

Psalm 95:1-2

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before God with thanksgiving,
and extol him with music and song.
Praise the Lord!
The Lord's name be praised!

† **Processional Hymn No. 545**

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

† **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

O God of peace, we have put up barriers
to protect ourselves from our enemies,
but those walls also shut us off from receiving your love.
Bridge those divisions and forgive us.
Help us to see that the way to your heart
is through the reconciliation of our own hearts
with our enemies.
Bless them and us,
that we may come to grow in love for each other and for 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.

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.**

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

Hymn of Preparation

Healer of Our Every Ill

Heal - er of our ev - ery ill, light of each to - mor - row,
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give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

The Old Testament Reading

Genesis 45:3-15

† Gospel Reading

Luke 6:27-28

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

A Covenant Prayer

Dan Forrest

I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt,
rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing,
put me to suffering.

Let me be employed for thee or laid aside for thee.
Let me be exalted for thee, or brought low for thee.

Let me be full, let me be empty,
let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
thou are mine, and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in Heaven. Amen.

† 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 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**

Allegro from “Concerto in F Major”

Johann Gottfried Walther

† Stand as you are able

WORSHIP LEADERS

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PREACHER

Rev. Nancy Watson, Executive Pastor (8:30, 9:45)

Rev. Uiyeon Kim, Pastor of Discipleship (11:00)

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LITURGISTS

Rev. Barbara Barden, Pastor of Lay Involvement

Rev. Bill Roth, Pastor of Congregational Care

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LAY READER

Dow Bauknight (8:30), Scott Willis (9:45), John Harmeling (11:00)

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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)

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CRUCIFERS

Blair Tilley (8:30), McLean Gaston (9:45), Andrew Wilks (11:00)

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ACOLYTES

Addison Tilley and Joanie Gaskins (8:30)

Myers Gaston and Caroline Boulware (9:45)

Darden Cone and Sarah Davis (11:00)

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BIBLE CARRIERS

Davis Johnson (8:30), Hannah Boulware (9:45), Meredith Cory (11:00)

Welcome to

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 Lobby Welcome Center 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 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 9:45 a.m. service are *Parker Joseph DiFilippantonio*, son of *Lauren and Andrew DiFilippantonio*; *Thomas Payton McIntosh*, son of *Jenny and Eric McIntosh*; and *Clyde Jacob Morris*, son of *Catherine Waggy and Michael Morris*. Receiving the sacrament of Baptism at the 11:00 a.m. service are *Elizabeth Grace Kendrick*, daughter of *Meredith and Robert Kendrick*; and *Rebecca Grace Martin*, daughter of *Lindsay and Russell Martin*.

The Flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *Peter "Ben" Kovolsky* by his mother, *Peach Freshcorn, and family*.

The Special Session of the General Conference, February 23-26, in St. Louis, Missouri: Our denomination's decision-making body, the General Conference, has gathered to act upon the Commission on a Way Forward's recommendations. Let us pray together for the church, for all of the delegates present, and for our church family, Myers Park United Methodist Church.

Youth Group, tonight, 5:45 p.m.-7:45 p.m.: Join us for Youth Group and Confirmation tonight in Jubilee Hall. All are invited. Dinner is pizza, salad, 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: meatloaf, party potatoes, green peas, salad, 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.

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.

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.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, *March 5, Jubilee Hall, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.*: Come enjoy hot pancakes with a topping bar, King Cake, mask-making and fun music! \$7/adult, \$5/child, \$28/family. Register by noon on Monday, March 4 online at www.myersparkumc.org/events.

Color and Character, *March 11, 7:00 p.m., Jubilee Hall*: Join author Pamela Grundy and a panel of West Charlotte High graduates as they explore how their time at the school shaped the leaders they are today. This is a free event with no tickets or RSVP required. To reserve childcare, please email Lisa Ross-Smit at LRsmit@mpumc.org by March 4th.

Hornets Game/Good Soles, *March 21*: Come support Good Soles for "Non-Profit of the Night." Everyone who purchases a ticket will be invited to an exclusive Behind the Scenes Fan Experience to sit on the sidelines and watch the players pre-game warm-ups. Ticket sales benefit Good Soles! Bring the entire family. More info: www.mpumcyouth.org.

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 or \$225 after March 31. Financial assistance available. Register online in Realm. For more information, email 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, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Email Heidi Giffin at heidi@mpumc.org to learn more and apply.

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.

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.

College Mexico Mission, May 26-June 1: Are you college-age and have a heart for missions? Sign up now to join our team of college students headed to Reynosa, Mexico. The team will work alongside Faith Ministries to build friendships while constructing a house and more. Cost is \$750 including airfare. Deadline to register is March 13. Register at www.myersparkumc.org/college-mexico.

Jubilee Plus! Giving Fund, throughout the year: Funds help support partners such as Urban Ministry Center and The Men's Shelter of Charlotte, who are planning to join forces into one organization this May! 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.



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.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- 8:30 a.m. – Sanctuary Worship
- 8:45 a.m. – Church in the Round – Jubilee Hall
- 9:30 a.m. – Communion – Sanctuary Chapel
- 9:45 a.m. – Sanctuary Worship
- 9:45 a.m. – Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. – Sanctuary Worship

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

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