

† **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

Holy God, we confess we are imperfect people.
Our intentions may be good but our ways are flawed.
Our desires to be generous are restrained by fear.
Our forgiving is overwhelmed by judgment of others.
Our determination to follow you is sidetracked by weakness.
Forgive us, we pray.
Transform us, enable us to lay aside all that hinders us,
and lead us to win strength out of weakness. 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.

Kindergarten Stepping Stones (11:00)

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

Hymn of Preparation No. 473

Lead Me, Lord LEAD ME, LORD
Lead me, Lord, Lead me in they righteousness:
Make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, Thou, Lord only,
That makest me dwell in safety.

The Epistle Reading

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

Silent Meditation

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

† Hymn No. 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

Processional William Mathias

† 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. Jessica Dayson, Pastor for Young Adults and Lay Involvement

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LAY READERS

Barry Guy (8:30), Ellen Underwood (9:45), Kevan Smith (11:00)

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MUSICIANS

James R. Jones, Director of Music and Organist
Evan Wesley Currie, Music Associate and Organist
Matthew Buie, organ
Small Ensemble (8:30)
Chancel Choir (9:45, 11:00)

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AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS

Felicia Reed (9:45), Leah Andrews (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.

Our Summer Theme is Worship Matters. We hope to see you in worship often and encourage you to find a place to worship when you travel because Worship Matters.

The Flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *Bob Hice* by *Frances Hice*.

Summer Ushers: We are grateful for all who participate in the ministry of ushering on Sunday morning, helping welcome all to worship. Thank you to the Stephen Ministers and volunteers from the Goodness Gracious! gift shop who filled in for vacationing ushers this summer. Want to learn more about the ministry of ushering and greeting on Sunday morning? Reach Rev. Uiyeon Kim at 704-295-4840 or ukim@mpumc.org.

Transition Sunday: This morning in Church In The Round rising sixth-graders transition to Youth Ministries. We celebrate rising kindergartners in the 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary service.

Pastors' Wednesday Bible Study, 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., room 108: 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.

Young Adult Activities Resuming: Moms' Groups, bible studies, service projects, and social events are available for those in their 20's-30's. Learn more and sign up at myersparkumc.org/grow-learn/young-adults or contact Jessica at jdayson@mpumc.org.

Join Our Chancel Choir, Wednesdays at 7:15 PM in the Choir Room 141: Chancel Choir has returned to rehearsals and services, so now is a good time to join this great ensemble. Questions: Nancy Hamff, nancy@mpumc.org.

Meet Young Adults Uptown, August 20, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Wells Fargo Atrium: Drop by with your lunch and see who else works uptown! Contact Jessica at jdayson@mpumc.org for more information.

Youth Back-To-School Bashes, High School is August 24, 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., Foxcroft East Pool. Middle School is August 25, 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., Church parking lot.

Back-to-School Kick-off Benefitting Marie G. Davis, August 24, 1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., Lenny Boy Brewing Co.: Join us for refreshments and live music at this family-friendly event benefiting our newest school partner. Please bring pencils, new socks, new underwear, navy sweatshirts, and school uniform items to stock the school's closet.

Marriage Matters Workshop, August 24, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., room 108: If you want to learn the latest research on what makes marriage work or need to meet the premarital counseling requirements for persons getting married at MPUMC, this seminar is for you. Register on Realm.

Kick-Off Sunday and Blessing of the Backpacks, August 25, 9:45 a.m.: Children's Sunday School resumes after a summer break. Elementary children should bring their backpacks to Sunday School for the Blessing of the Backpacks service. Email Amy Harriman with questions at aharriman@mpumc.org.

Organ Concerto Concert, August 25, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary: Jimmy Jones and Evan Currie will perform the organ concertos of Howard Hanson and Josef Rheinberger with chamber orchestra conducted by Robert Moody. Free event. No tickets required.

Back-to-School Worship Service, August 25, 5:30 p.m., Francis Chapel: You're invited to help celebrate the beginning of another school year with students, teachers, and members of our school community.

Caregivers Support Group, August 27, 11:30 a.m., room 106: Share the challenges and rewards of the experience. Contact Parish Nurse Lauren Smith at lsmith@mpumc.org.

In God's Image, August 27, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., room 105: Our church is offering a gathering space for those who have been hurt by the General Conference's adoption of the Traditionalist plan regarding same gender marriage and ordination. This group offers a safe and sacred space to share feelings, seek discernment, and receive support. Contact Bill Roth at broth@mpumc.org.

How Has God Wired You to Serve?, September 12, 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. or September 30, 9:30 a.m.-noon: Register for a Wired 4 Ministry class to learn how to make a difference through your unique, God-given design. Registration and pre-class exercises are required. Contact Carol Tate at ctate@mpumc.org.

Register for Children's and Youth Music Ensembles, now-August 25: Sign up your rising kindergarten through 12th graders for choral and handbell ensembles on Realm. Rehearsals will begin in September. Questions: Trinity Martin, tmartin@mpumc.org.

August Collection: Food for Marie G. Davis Families, now-August 31, Lobby: This year we're providing 400 bags of food to be distributed weekly at our partner school. Bring mac & cheese, cheese crackers, fruit cups, Nutrigrain bars, and oatmeal packets throughout August. *Please no nuts.* Questions? Reach Carol Burgess at cburgess4444@carolina.rr.com.

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

Fall Small Groups, register now-September 9: Go to myersparkumc.org for details and the opportunity to sign up for small groups beginning the week of September 9.

Register for Forward, now-October 6: Forward, a ministry designed to help fourth-and fifth-graders grow spiritually as they journey toward middle school, meets the first Sunday of each month October-April, from 4:00-5:30 p.m. in room 240. Details: Amy Harriman at aharriman@mpumc.org.

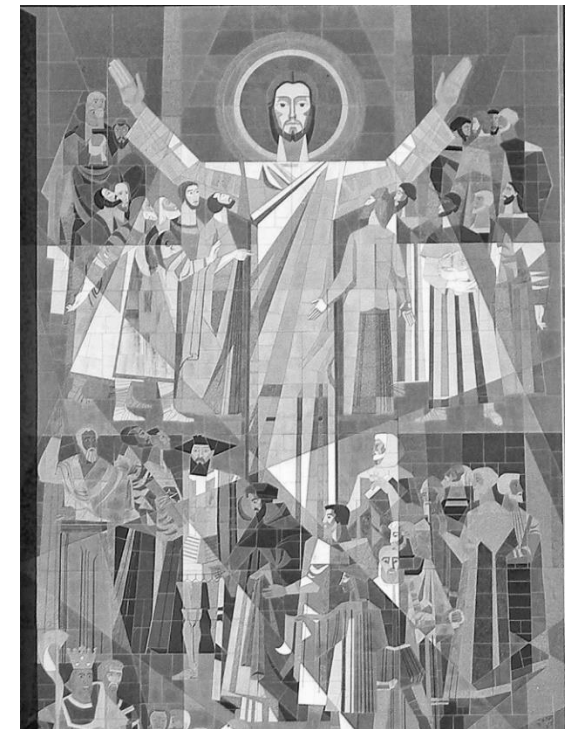
Register for Faith Girls and God's Guys, now-September 22: Fifth-grade girls and boys are invited to the fall sessions of Faith Girls and God's Guys, weekly Bible studies meeting Sundays from 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. September 22-November 24 (except when Forward meets). Register online. Details: Email Amy Harriman at aharriman@mpumc.org.

Puerto Rico Mission, register now: Join our team traveling to Bayamon, PR October 5-12. We will focus on strengthening relationships, participating in construction work, and a feeding ministry. Register at www.myersparkumc.org/Puerto-Rico.

Youth Server Training, September 7, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and September 15, 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., Sanctuary: 5th-12th graders are invited to train to serve as Bible carriers, acolytes and crucifers during Sanctuary worship. Children and youth should attend one of the training sessions with a parent. Adults are also welcome to train to serve as a Sunday morning coach. Details: Bruce Lawrence at bruce3@carolina.rr.com or Katharine Willis at katharinecwillis@gmail.com.

Jubilee Plus! Giving Fund, throughout the year: Funds help support partners such as Crisis Assistance Ministry. Give to Jubilee Plus! year-round online or write a check to the church with Jubilee Plus! in the memo line.

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Word of Life mural, Millard Sheets
Notre Dame University

To stay up-to-date on everything happening in the life of our church, visit our website to subscribe to our various weekly e-newsletters.



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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A Service of Christian Worship
August 18, 2019 **8:30, 9:45 and 11:00 a.m.**

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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**

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation!

The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

We have come with shouts of joy,

to sing and to make music to the Lord.

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth!

† **Processional Hymn No. 64**

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

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