

Myers Park
United Methodist Church



Sacred Space

A Service of Christian Worship

November 22, 2020

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

Christ the King

WE GATHER

Gathering Music

“Sunset Shanty” from *Sea Sketches* for Brass Quintet

Ian MacDonald

Welcome

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

**Joyful, joyful, we adore You, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You, op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!**

Call to Worship

† Hymn No. 715

Rejoice, the Lord is King
Rejoice, the Lord is King:
Your Lord and King adore!
Mortals, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

DARWALL'S 148TH

Jesus, the Savior, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When He has purged our stains,
He took his seat above;
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus giv'n:
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord and judge shall come
And take His servants up
To their eternal home:
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

† The Creed No. 881

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.

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

The Epistle Reading

Ephesians 6:10-24

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Anthem

O Clap Your Hands

John Rutter

O clap your hands together all ye people:
O sing unto God with the voice of melody.
For the Lord is high and to be feared:
he is the great King upon all the earth.

He shall subdue the people under us
and the nations under our feet.
He shall choose out an heritage for us:
even the worship of Jacob whom he loved.
God is gone up with a merry noise:
and the Lord with the sound of the trump.

O sing praises unto our God:
O sing praises unto our King.
For God is the King of all the earth:
Sing ye praises with understanding.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer No. 895

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

Mission Moment

Closing Hymn

King of Kings Brooke Ligertwood, Scott Ligertwood, and Jason Ingram

In the darkness, we were waiting, without hope, without light
'Til from Heaven You came running, there was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory, to a cradle in the dirt

**Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings**

**To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation Jesus for our sake You died**

**Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings**

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† 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

Nun Dankett Alle Gott

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

† Stand as you are able

WORSHIP LEADERS



PREACHER

Dr. James C. Howell, Senior Pastor



LITURGISTS

Rev. Taylor Pryde Barefoot, Pastor for Emerging Ministries

Rev. Nancy Watson, Executive Pastor

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

Rev. Nathan Arledge, Pastor of Missions and Community Engagement



WORSHIP LEADERS

Preston Beard

Laura Wong

Dow Bauknight

Betsy Baker



LAY READERS

Somer Hammack



MUSICIANS

Evan Wesley Currie, Music Associate and Organist

Dr. Jennifer Hough, Church in the Round Music Director

Zachary Tarlton, Church in the Round Music Associate

Church in the Round Worship Leaders

Chancel Choir

da Capo Brass



AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER

Access Interpreting Services (9:45)

Welcome to Myers Park United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are thankful you are here worshiping with us. We invite you to register your attendance with us today:

<https://form.jotform.com/201695904497164>

The Flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *Martha Jean and Tommy Miller* by their family.

The Flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *Mary Ann MacDonald* by her family.

Thank you for your ongoing offerings to our church Operating Fund during this season of shifting connections. Your faithful commitment enables us to remain connected in new and creative ways during a time where we are physically apart. Make your offering today at www.myersparkumc.org/give or by mail to 1501 Queens Road, Charlotte, NC 28207. Questions about giving opportunities? Contact Jamie Yearwood, Director of Development, at jyearwood@mpumc.org or 704-295-4808.

Children's Worship Bingo: We're excited to introduce Children's Worship Bingo! Look for a link to the [bingo card](#) along with the worship bulletin and download and print the card or open it on a mobile device. Your children can then listen for words throughout the worship service and check them off on their bingo card.

In-Person Confirmation, November 22, 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.: We will meet in the parking lot next to the church for our lesson on prayer. Bring a mask, a chair, your Confirmation workbook, and your Bible. Fill out the [COVID Covenant Form online](#).

Grief Support Group: The Mystery of God's Presence With Us, November 23, 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.: Rev. Bill Roth and Parish Nurse Lauren Smith lead a virtual workshop designed to assist and support those grieving a loss. This will be a time of sharing our individual journeys and coming to a deeper understanding of the grief process. Register in Realm or email crivera@mpumc.org.

Church Closed for Holiday: Our church is closed, November 25-27 for the Thanksgiving. Those needing help that day can call 704-376-8584 and follow the prompts to the pastor on call.

Practicing Gratitude, *November 25, Live at 11:00 a.m. or 8:00 p.m. and viewable later*: What's the difference between being thankful and living a life of gratitude? We are called to develop a character of gratitude. Join James Howell and Nancy Watson for a conversation about what that means. Watch on [Facebook Live](#) or via [livestream](#).

Winter Coat and Hoodie Collection, *now-November 24*: As cold weather approaches, we are collecting winter coats and hoodies for our neighbors in the tent encampments and at Dove's Nest. Due to COVID-19 concerns, our partners are asking for NEW items only. We need varying adult sizes for men and women. Please drop off items under the portico of the Parish Life Building Monday-Thursday before noon ONLY so we can bring them inside each day.

Youth Christmas Tree Sale, *Pre-sale now-November 30*: We are now selling trees, wreaths and garland, and we need your help getting the word out! Tree lot dates are December 3-5. Order online [here](#) or mail your order form and check to the church

Medicare D Open Enrollment, *runs until December 7*: Due to current pandemic precautions we are unable to hold in-person counseling sessions this year. Instead we have recorded a helpful information session with two Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program counselors. Please view this important Medicare D information at this link: <https://youtu.be/MV1mctykCA8>. Questions? Contact Parish Nurse Lauren Smith at lsmith@mpumc.org or 704-295-4836.

Poinsettias, *now-December 11*: Purchase a poinsettia to decorate the church in honor or memory of a loved one. Poinsettias are \$15 each. Order [online](#) or mail a check and the name of the person(s) you are honoring/remembering to the church. Dedications will be shared in the Christmas Eve worship bulletin.

Wreaths, *now-December 11*: Purchase a wreath to decorate the church in honor or memory of a loved one. Wreaths are \$30 each. Order [online](#) or mail a check and the name of the person(s) you are honoring/remembering to the church. Dedications will be shared in the Christmas Eve worship bulletin.

Sign Up for a Family Love Feast Kit: We hope you'll join us via Livestream for Youth Ministries' annual Love Feast on *December 20 at 6:15 p.m.* We're excited to offer Love Feast kits for your family to use during the service. Each kit includes fresh Moravian buns, spice tea mix, napkins and love feast candles. Order only one kit for your family now while supplies last. Kits will be available for pickup on *Friday, December 18 or Saturday, December 19.* [Sign up here.](#)

Advent Small Groups Coming, beginning November 23, various days and times on Zoom: Plan now to join the clergy as they lead groups through a study on “Light of the World: A Beginner’s Guide to Advent.” Author Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the story of the birth of Jesus. Schedule and details at www.myersparkumc.org/small-groups.

Family Bedtime Stories, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:00 p.m., Facebook: Families, put on your PJs, go to our [Facebook page](#), and snuggle up for Bedtime Stories read to you by fellow MPUMC families! What a fun way to end the day: seeing your church friends share a story from their home to yours. Email Amy Jo Alspaugh at amyjo@mpumc.org.

Middle School Virtual Game Night, Wednesdays, 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.: Please have a computer and your phone to play. Zoom links are at www.mpumcyouth.org.

Yoga + Prayer on Zoom, Mondays and Thursdays, 12:00 p.m. and Thursdays, 8:00 p.m. Please email Meredith Starling at starlinm@bellsouth.net to be added to the email list for the link to the meeting.

Embracing Generosity Through Intentional Giving 2021: Be on the lookout for information about our church’s 2021 stewardship campaign in your mailbox. We invite you to prayerfully consider your intentional commitment to our church operating fund and mission and outreach fund (formerly Jubilee Plus!) for the upcoming year. Pledge cards can be returned via mail to 1501 Queens Road, Charlotte NC 28207 or online at www.mypersparkumc.org/give.

Service of Hope and Consolation, December 7, 6:30 p.m., join us on [Livestream](#): This service is for all who seek solace and hope from our many losses this past year.

Advent Prayer Service, Wednesdays in December, 5:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m., Sanctuary: Join us live and in-person for brief services of scripture, music and prayer during this holy season. All COVID-19 precautions will be observed at all times, including proper distancing and mask wearing. Child care will not be available for these services.

Mindful Mondays on Zoom, December 21, 10:30 a.m.: Offered by Rev. Bill Roth and Parish Nurse Lauren Smith. Learn to embody the present moment with compassionate awareness and discover the emotional, physical and spiritual meditative practices. Open to first-timers or those who wish to renew their mindful practice. Register in Realm or with Carmen Rivera at crivera@mpumc.org.

Check Out Our Podcast: *Beyond Baptism: Wisdom, Encouragement and Hope for Parents*, created by Children's Ministries and Youth Ministries, is intended for parents and adults invested in the young people of our church. New episodes include Youth Ministries' "Jesus and Justice" and Children's Ministries' "A Sacred Conversation with Rev. Dr. Leanne Hadley." Access all episodes are [here](#). Subscribe, rate, and review today!

New! Advent and Christmas Devotional Booklet: The 2020 Advent and Christmas Devotional booklet will be available next week. A digital edition will be on our website late next week, just in time for the first Sunday in Advent on November 29. Be on the lookout for details. If you are interested in a printed copy, please contact Katharine Willis at kwillis@mpumc.org.

Alternative Gift Market Coming Soon, December 1-25: The Alternative Gift Market will be back this year with a different format but the same intent: honoring friends and families with gifts that support our community partners and neighbors around the world. Stay tuned for more details.



Stephen Ministry congregations equip and empower lay caregivers to provide confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting. To learn more about this powerful ministry, contact Rev. Bill Roth at 704-295-4835 or broth@mpumc.org.

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TALK WITH A PASTOR

A pastor on staff stands ready to respond to your question or concern.

Those needing immediate pastoral help should call

704-376-8584 and follow the prompts to the pastor on call.

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



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