

# Myers Park United Methodist Church



## A Service of Christian Worship

January 10, 2021

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

## Baptism of the Lord

WE GATHER

### Gathering Music

At the River

Aaron Copland

### Chiming of the Holy Trinity

### 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!**

## Mission Moment

### † Hymn No. 545

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

**The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
she is his new creation by water and the Word:  
from heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.**

**Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.**

**Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.**

**'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;  
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.**

**Yet she on earth hath union with the God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.**

### † 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 Gospel Reading

Mark 1:1-11

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

### Sermon

## **The Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

### **Baptism Renewal**

Down to the River to Pray

Traditional

**As I went down in the river to pray  
Studying about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the starry crown  
Good Lord, show me the way**

**Oh sisters let's go down  
Let's go down, come on down  
Oh sisters let's go down  
Down in the river to pray**

**As I went down in the river to pray  
Studying about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the robe and crown  
Good Lord show me the way**

**Oh brothers let's go down  
Let's go down come on down  
Oh brothers let's go down  
Down in the river to pray**

**As I went down in the river to pray  
Studying about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the starry crown  
Good Lord, show me the way**

**Oh sinners let's go down  
Let's go down come on down  
Oh sinners let's go down  
Down in the river to pray**

With This Water

Fred Gramann

With this water begins the journey;  
With this water, forever claimed.  
With this water the Lord now leads you.  
With this water, forever changed.

With these vows your loved ones name you.  
With these vows your family grows.  
With these vows the congregation  
Now surrounds you, God's love to show.

With this water we celebrate now.  
With this water let us recall  
The baptism of our dear Savior.  
Who laid down His life for all.

## Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer No. 895

## WE GO OUT TO SERVE

### † 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* in B minor

Eugène Gigout

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† Stand as you are able

### WORSHIP LEADERS



#### PREACHER

Dr. James C. Howell, Senior Pastor



#### LITURGISTS

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

Rev. William E. Roth, Pastor of Congregational Care



#### WORSHIP LEADER

Lauren Smith, Parish Nurse



#### LAY READER

Mason Rankin



## 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  
Small ensemble  
Peg Broughton, soprano  
Mary Lauren Keeny, soprano



## 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>

**Sacrament of Holy Baptism:** Baptized on November 22, 2020 were *Hayes Christopher Alexander*, son of *Meghan and Chris Alexander*; *Emery Louise Cummings*, daughter of *Ellie and Chris Cummings*; *John Peter Simunek & Bennett Robert Simunek*, sons of *Grace and Tom Simunek*; *Mollie Collins Willingham*, daughter of *Bailey and Brandon Willingham*.

Baptized on December 20, 2020 were *Taylor Brookes*, daughter of *Rachel and Craig Brookes*; *Thomas William Goodson*, son of *Molly and Adam Goodson*; *Andrew Lehman Patterson Jr*, son of *Claire and Drew Patterson*; *Bodhi Finn Cole*, son of *Amy and Robert Cole*; *Hunter Victoria Davey*, daughter of *Britt and Mitch Davey*; *Thomas Andrew Gibson*, son of *Kelsey and Matt Gibson*; *Emeline Grace Vance*, daughter of *Sarah and Wells Vance*.

**Children's Worship Bingo:** As you prepare for worship on Sunday mornings, look for the link to the Children's Worship [bingo card](#) along with the worship bulletin. 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. For details, email Amy Jo Alspaugh at [amyjo@mpumc.org](mailto:amyjo@mpumc.org).

**Embracing Generosity:** Your ongoing generosity to our church Operating Fund and our Mission & Outreach Fund (formerly Jubilee Plus!) makes it possible for our church family to remain connected through virtual worship and for us to support our most vulnerable neighbors near and far. Make your offering today at [www.myersparkumc.org/give](http://www.myersparkumc.org/give) or by mail to 1501 Queens Road, Charlotte, NC 28207.

**Intentional Giving 2021:** There is still time to submit your pledge for 2021. We invite you to prayerfully consider your intentional commitment to our church Operating Fund and Mission & Outreach Fund for the upcoming year. Return your pledge cards via mail to 1501 Queens Road, Charlotte NC 28207 or online at [www.myersparkumc.org/give](http://www.myersparkumc.org/give).

Questions about giving opportunities? Contact Jamie Yearwood, Director of Development, at [jyearwood@mpumc.org](mailto:jyearwood@mpumc.org) or 704-295-4808.

**Faith Girls and God's Guys, today, 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.:** Eight-week Bible studies for 5th grade girls and boys, Faith Girls and God's Guys return today. All COVID-19 protocols set forth by the MPUMC health advisory team will be followed, including limiting the number of children that can gather safely, mask-wearing, and social distancing. If you have questions about Faith Girls and God's Guys, email Amy Jo Alspaugh at [amyjo@mpumc.org](mailto:amyjo@mpumc.org).

**Ben & Jerry's Hot Chocolate Bar and Baptism Renewal, Sunday, 1:00 pm – 3:15 pm, Parking Lot** Join us Sunday to start the New Year off right with a customizable Ben and Jerry's Hot Chocolate (you pick the toppings) and a moment to reflect on your baptism and what that means in your faith journey. Middle School 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 pm, High School 2:15 pm - 3:15 pm. Please wear a mask and bring a chair. Sign up [here](#).

**Confirmation Resumes, today, 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.:** We will meet in two separate pre-assigned groups in Jubilee Hall. Please wear a mask and practice social distancing

**A Sure and Certain Hope, Online Groups, various days and times on Zoom, beginning this week:** Join us as the clergy begin a new study of *Christianity's Surprise* by C. Kavin Rowe. Groups will meet online at various times throughout the week. As you are able, please read Chapter One before the first meeting. No sign-up is necessary, and all details, including the Zoom links, are [on our website](#).

**Pastors' Bible Study, Wednesday, December 9, Live at 11:00 a.m. or 8:00 p.m. and viewable later:** Join us as Dr. Howell walks us through the book of Mark, featuring an amazing guest each week. Watch live on [Facebook live](#) or [Livestream](#).

**Grief Support**, *Second Mondays beginning January 11, 6:30 p.m.*: Offered by Rev. Bill Roth and Parish Nurse Lauren Smith, this is a safe place for people looking to share, learn, and connect with others who are coping with loss. To register, email Carmen Rivera at [crivera@mpumc.org](mailto:crivera@mpumc.org).

**Mindful Mondays on Zoom**, *January 18, 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 benefits of 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](mailto:crivera@mpumc.org).

**Embracing Mystery: Building Spiritual Resilience**, *January 24-26, Zoom*: You are invited to this virtual retreat facilitated by Doug Warner and sponsored by the Labyrinth Ministry. The cost of \$40 benefits UMAR and the South Tryon Prayer Garden. [Find details and register online](#) or email Christine Mull at [cmull@mpumc.org](mailto:cmull@mpumc.org) for registration assistance.

**Yoga + Prayer on Zoom**, *Mondays and Thursdays, 12:00 p.m. and Thursdays, 8:00 p.m.*: We may find ourselves more sedentary as a natural side effect of this season, but that should not be matched with guilt or fear of physical decline. One way you can join others in finding healthy movement opportunities is through “Yoga + Prayer.” Meredith Starling leads gentle yoga sessions on Mondays and Thursdays at 12:00 p.m. and a deep stretch yoga session on Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. Email Rev. Taylor Pryde Barefoot at [tbarefoot@mpumc.org](mailto:tbarefoot@mpumc.org) if you have any questions.

**Coffee, Conversation, and Connection**, *Fourth Tuesdays beginning January 26, 1:00 p.m., Zoom*: Join Rev. Bill Roth and Parish Nurse Lauren Smith for emotional support and care. We will share, connect, and explore how we can increase our well-being and resiliency. To register, email Carmen Rivera at [crivera@mpumc.org](mailto:crivera@mpumc.org).

**Missions’ Collection for Novant Health Presbyterian Hospital**, *now through January 31*: We are collecting the following *new* items for Novant Health Presbyterian Hospital, specifically the patients of the Behavioral Health Unit, many of whom have nothing: men’s and women’s coats, men’s and women’s sneakers, cultural hair care products, composition books, fine point magic markers, and paperback books (we can also accept these in used condition). We are also collecting thank you notes for frontline workers. Please drop off items Monday-Thursday before noon under the portico.

**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. Access all episodes [here](#). Subscribe, rate, and review today!

**“We Speak: For Such a Time as This” with Kate Bowler, Saturday, February 13, 10:00 a.m.-11:15 a.m., online:** The Women's Retreat planning committee is excited to invite both men and women to this special event that will inspire us to reflect on how God is moving in our midst. This event will launch a season of small groups with a specially created curriculum open to the whole church. Registration opens January 17 at [www.myersparkumc.org](http://www.myersparkumc.org).

**“We Speak: For Such a Time as This” Small Groups, February 15-March 22:** We will offer both women's and co-ed small groups with a special curriculum designed to help us respond in faith to everything that is happening in us and around us right now. Featuring a guest speaker each week, this small group study is an opportunity to speak with our words, our bodies, and our actions to declare that our lives are God's and God is leading us in hope. Groups will meet online at various times throughout the week. Depending on conditions at the start, some groups may meet in person, distanced and masked. Registration opens January 17 at [www.myersparkumc.org](http://www.myersparkumc.org).



*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](mailto: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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