

# University Presbyterian Church

Chapel Hill, North Carolina

**January 1, 2017**  
**First Sunday after Christmas Day**  
**8:30 and 11:00 a.m.**

## THE GATHERING

*The congregation is asked to use the time of the Voluntary  
as a period of silent prayer and preparation.*

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Johann Pachelbel  
1653-1706

Two settings of *Vom Himmel hoch, da komm' ich her*  
(*From Heaven Above, to Earth I Come*)

## SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God,  
we pray for Your blessing  
on the church in this place.  
Here may the faithful find salvation,  
and the careless be awakened.  
Here may the doubting find faith,  
and the anxious be encouraged.  
Here may the tempted find help,  
and the sorrowful find comfort.  
Here may the weary find rest,  
and the strong be renewed.  
Here may the aged find consolation  
and the young be inspired;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please sign the Worship Register and pass it on to your neighbor.)

## CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

### \*OPENING SENTENCES

One: I bring you good news of great joy for all people:

**All: To us is born in the city of David a Savior, Christ the Lord.**

\*HYMN 143 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" *Regent Square*

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Light of the world,  
You who bear the dawn to us;  
We recall today how terrible is the darkness  
You were born to overcome.**

**We confess to You  
our fear of death and destruction,  
the violence we allow,  
and the suffering we inflict upon others.**

**We confess to You our ingrained prejudices,  
our failures to be merciful,  
and tragedies too often of our own making.**

**We confess to You how desperately we need You.**

**By Your presence, Lord, save us.**

**By Your steadfast love, light our way. Amen.**

\*Silent Confession

\*Kyrie Eleison

Arr. David N. Johnson

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have  
mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

\*Declaration of Pardon

\*The Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

(The congregation is invited to exchange the peace of Christ with one another, greeting each other with the words,

“The peace of Christ be with you,” or simply, “Peace.”

The response is, “And also with you.”)

\*Response of Praise

(*Hymnal*, 143)

**All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,  
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:**

**Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn king!**

**THE WORD**

**TIME WITH CHILDREN**

(Children, three-years old through third-graders, are invited to join the minister on the steps for Time With Children.)

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Isaiah 63:7-9

p. 693

(Children’s Bible, p. 857-858)

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 2:13-23

p. 2

(Children’s Bible, p. 1111-1112)

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

“Nativity Disquieted”

Elizabeth Michael

(Time is provided following the sermon for a few moments of personal reflection and prayer.)

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH      The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,  
dead and buried; he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*HYMN      "In the Cold of Bethlehem"      *Tempus adest floridum*

In the cold of Bethlehem Joseph heard the warning,  
"Herod seeks to slay the child; you must leave by morning;  
Take the babe and flee with him to a place of hiding,  
Then await my word to you, safely there abiding."

So to Egypt they did go, as the angel bid them,  
Took the child from Herod's wrath, far away and hid him.  
Herod's rage was furious, as he called for killing;  
Children died and mothers grieved, prophets' words fulfilling.

All too soon the scene was changed from the peaceful manger,  
Calm replaced by violence, gladsome joy by danger.  
Still today the children die in such quests for power,  
Sacrifice of innocents darkens every hour.

But the child was not destroyed by the king's obsession;  
Still He lives to save His own, even in oppression.  
Christ shall have the final word in His coming kingdom,  
Songs of faith will conquer fear as we learn to sing them.

Herod's days are numbered now; death no longer holds us.  
Comes the Day of Christ the Lord, as the angels told us.  
Hail the Lord of all the earth! With your lives adore Him;  
Give your hearts to Him alone; lay your hopes before Him.

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## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

Offertory Sentence

At the Offering,

Gesù Bambino  
*(The Infant Jesus)*

Pietro A. Yon  
1886-1943

Beth Auman Visser, *soprano*

When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows  
Upon a winter night  
Was born the Child, The Christmas Rose,  
The King of Love and Light.

The angels sang, the shepherds sang,  
The grateful earth rejoiced.  
And at His blessed birth the stars  
Their exultation voiced.

O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Again the heart with rapture glows  
To greet the holy night  
That gave the world its Christmas Rose,  
Its King of Love and Light.

Let every voice acclaim His name,  
The grateful chorus swell,  
From paradise to earth He came  
That we with Him might dwell.

O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,  
Ah! O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

~ Words, Pietro A. Yon  
Trans, Frederick H. Martens

\*Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Gracious God,

You move across and within creation,  
drawing life out of a formless void  
and bestowing belovedness on creatures of Your own making.

You are sovereign over every wave of chaos  
and every shadow of darkness;

You companion us when we pass through the waters  
and walk through the fire.

From the very beginning You have showed us Your power  
and Your graciousness,

subduing chaos into a creation of order and beauty,

parting waters for Israelite slaves to walk through,

shepherding Your people through the wilderness,

feeding manna to the hungry

and nourishing them with Your Word

when bread alone proved insufficient for life.

And to a people walking in darkness.

to those languishing in prisons of systemic sinfulness,

to those wearing chains of their own choices,

You came closer still.

**Thanks and praise be to You, O God,**

**for we, too, are those You have saved,**

**those You have companioned,**

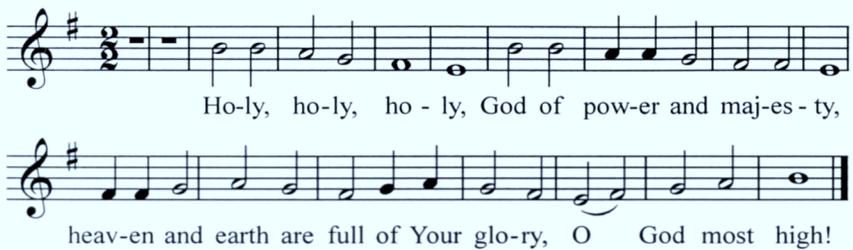
**those You have shepherded,**

**those You have fed and touched and healed.**

**Therefore we praise You,**

**and with choruses of angels**

**sing forever to the glory of Your name.**



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, God of pow-er and maj-es-ty,  
heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry, O God most high!

You are holy, God, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

He came swaddled in human flesh, laid as a babe in a manger,  
and grew into a teacher, healer, and friend of sinners.

As a man, he hung on a cross,  
his body a victim of violence and fear.

But in resurrection splendor,  
you revealed him to be Christ over creation,  
clothed with majesty and glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Come, Holy Spirit.

Settle upon this bread, this cup,

and upon us, Your people.

Do here as Jesus once did in an upper room.

Break and bless and bind us together.

We long to feast on Your goodness.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,

we pray using the prayer he taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Today we will receive the sacrament by means of intinction (dipping the bread in the cup). At 11 a.m., there will be two serving stations on each side; please proceed to the next available station. As the servers say, “The bread of heaven,” and “The cup of salvation,” the response is “Amen.”

Prayer of Response

### THE SENDING

\*HYMN (see back) “All Hail to God’s Anointed”

*Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL AMEN

\*ORGAN POSTLUDE

\*Those who are able, please stand.

### Worship Notes

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP TODAY: *Preacher*: Elizabeth Michael, Interim Associate Pastor. *Liturgists*: John Rogers, Associate Pastor for Campus Ministry; Bob Dunham Pastor. *Choir Director and Organist*: Thomas Brown, Minister of Music.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY: **At 8:30:** *Greeters*: James and Pamela Smith. *Ushers*: Gus and Libby Conley (captains) David and Linda Lane. *Communion Servers*: Diane McGrath, Betsy Edwards. **At 11:00:** *Deacon in the Narthex*: Betty Hutton. *Greeter*: Philip Hughes. *Ushers*: Ann Merklein (captain), Brian Curran, Tom and Betty Bouldin. *Communion Servers*: Bob Johnson, George Grosser, Nancy Jones, Day McLaughlin, Lee Scott, Nancy Robinson.

THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY MORNING childcare for infants, toddlers or preschool-aged children during worship today, so our nursery workers may enjoy this holiday with their families. As always, children are welcome to remain in worship with their parents. Regular Sunday morning childcare will resume on January 8.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION this morning is taken from *The Worship Sourcebook*.

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION this morning is by Carla Pratt Keyes in *Call to Worship* Vol. 41.1.

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THE WORSHIP BULLETIN, the weekly calendar, the announcements and UPC’s newsletter are posted on the church Website at [www.upcch.org](http://www.upcch.org).

# All Hail to God's Anointed

Es flog ein kleins Waldvoegelein 76. 76. D

German Folk Tune

James Montgomery, 1821

adapt. *A Student's Hymnal*, 1923

after Henry Walford Davies, 1869-1941

1. All hail to God's a - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
2. You come with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,  
3. You shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;  
4. All ru - lers bow be - fore you, and gold and in - cense bring.

All hail, in time ap - point - ed, your reign on earth be - gun!  
to help the poor and need - y and bid the weak be strong;  
love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring in your path to birth.  
All na - tions shall a - dore you; your praise all peo - ple sing.

You come to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free,  
to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,  
Be - fore you on\_ the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald go,  
To you shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as - cend.

to take a - way trans - gres - sion and rule in eq - ui - ty.  
whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, are pre - cious in your sight.  
and righ - teous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.  
Your rule is still in - creas ing; your rule is with - out end.

HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES are set aside on Sunday directly in front of the church on Franklin St. Reserve these spaces for those with handicap parking permits.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNALS and portable hearing devices are available every Sunday in the narthex.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29: Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:15-17.



# Welcome to University Presbyterian Church

News and Opportunities

January 1, 2017

## 2017 Stewardship Campaign

AS WE GREET THE NEW YEAR 2017, if you have not yet made your 2017 pledge to support the ministries of UPC, please do so as soon as possible. As of December 29, we have received 370 pledges, totaling \$1,602,408. You may complete a pledge card located in the pews and worship registers. You may mail your pledge card to the church office (UPC, P.O. Box 509, Chapel Hill, NC 27514), or you may pledge online via our secure website at [upcch.org/stewardship](http://upcch.org/stewardship).

## Sunday Morning Childcare: Holiday

THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY MORNING childcare for infants, toddlers or preschool-aged children today, January 1, so our nursery workers may enjoy this holiday with their families. As always, children are welcome to remain in worship with their parents. Regular Sunday morning childcare will resume on January 8.

## How Can I Rejoice When I Hurt?

LIFE CRISES DON'T TAKE A VACATION, and it's never easy to be alone this time of year. Maybe your family couldn't make it home for the holidays, or maybe you didn't have many visitors as folks are so busy. A Stephen Minister would like to visit, listen, share your pain and help you find new ways to cope. Please contact Elizabeth Michael, Interim Associate Pastor, at [elizabeth@upcch.org](mailto:elizabeth@upcch.org) or (919) 929-2102 to discuss being matched with a Stephen Minister, or visit [upcch.org/stephen-ministry](http://upcch.org/stephen-ministry) to learn more.

## Adult Education Classes

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES will resume next Sunday, January 8, with new topics. Join the discussion about the Historical Perspectives of the New Testament in Vance Barron Hall; about Transitions, Stress and Trauma in the Terrace Room; and Testimony: Sharing Our Faith Stories in the Stephen Ministry Room. Contact Kate Fiedler at [kate@upcch.org](mailto:kate@upcch.org) or 919-929-2102 with questions.

## PYPs Thank You Note Writing/Board Games

NOW THAT THE CHRISTMAS SEASON is behind us and the new year has arrived, we are given a wonderful opportunity to practice gratitude. Join us for a thank-you-note-writing party on Sunday, January 8, from 3:30-4:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will have board games out on tables, as well. Children AND parents should attend. Please bring with you a list of the gifts received and from whom you received each gift. If you have special stationery that you would like to use, please feel free to bring it. We will provide plain paper, stickers, crayons and markers, as well as age-appropriate instruction as to why and how to write thank you notes. Join us before or after choir. We hope to see you there! Contact Nancy Myer at [nancy@upcch.org](mailto:nancy@upcch.org) or (919) 929-2102.

## Young Adult Gathering

THE YOUNG ADULT GATHERING will return this Wednesday, January 4, at 7:30 p.m. at Kate's place. Join us for a theological discussion about current events. Please contact Kate Fiedler at [kate@upcch.org](mailto:kate@upcch.org) for directions and parking information or if you have questions.

## From the Finance Office

THE CHURCH RECEIVED a check from Wells Fargo Advisors with no donor name. If this donation came from you, please contact Katharine Yager, Controller, at (919) 929-2102 or [finance@upcch.org](mailto:finance@upcch.org).

## Children's, Junior and Youth Choirs

THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR (grades K-2) and Junior Choir (grades 2-6) will resume rehearsals on Sunday, January 8. Now is a great time to join these choirs! Contact Beth Visser at [visser@upcch.org](mailto:visser@upcch.org) or (919) 929-2102.

THE CAST AND TECHNICAL CREW of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* will have their first rehearsal tomorrow, January 2, from 3-6 p.m.. Check your emails for a more specific rehearsal schedule. Contact Beth Visser at [visser@upcch.org](mailto:visser@upcch.org) or (919) 929-2102.

## Youth Choir Musical Tickets

TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE Sundays, January 15, 22 and 29 from 9:30-9:45 a.m. (before Sunday School) and following 11:00 a.m. worship in the church office. At that time you may reserve your seats and pick up your tickets. This year we will be serving desserts and beverages (no meals) at the Friday and Saturday night performances (February 3 and 4). The Thursday night performance on February 2 will be FREE; no dessert will be served, and no ticket is needed. Please contact Kate Fiedler at [kate@upcch.org](mailto:kate@upcch.org) with any questions.

## Register for Montreat

MONTREAT WORSHIP AND MUSIC CONFERENCE: June 18-24, 2017: Please visit <https://goo.gl/nzUFxc> to register now for classes and pay online! Enjoy savings on your conference fee by registering before Monday, January 2. Scholarships are available. Please contact Beth Visser at [visser@upcch.org](mailto:visser@upcch.org) or (919) 929-2102.

## Montreat Information Meeting

ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, youth, children and parents are invited to a brief information meeting in Vance Barron Hall from 4:30-5:00 p.m. Parents, singers, past Montreat leaders and Beth Visser will lead the meeting and answer any questions you may have about the conference. We will share stories and enjoy last year's slideshow together. Please contact Beth Visser at [visser@upcch.org](mailto:visser@upcch.org) or (919) 929-2102.

## Mental Health First Aid: January 21

THE MENTAL HEALTH TASK FORCE is sponsoring a day-long program for Mental Health First Aid on January 21 in Vance Barron Hall. The program will last from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., with a break for lunch. The cost is \$10. Space is limited. Visit <https://goo.gl/IXiuBb> to register today! **The deadline to register is January 18.** Contact Kate Fiedler at [kate@upcch.org](mailto:kate@upcch.org) or 919-929-2102.

## Presbyterian Women

ALL WOMEN OF UPC are invited to attend PW Circles:

**Circle 1:** Wed., Jan. 11, at 6:45 p.m. Hostess: Tracy Woody, 217 Lancaster Drive, (828-713-6251)

**Circle 2:** Mon., Jan. 9, at 9:45 a.m. Hostess: Ann Merklein and Margaret Rook, Cedars Clubhouse

**Circle 3:** Tues., Jan. 10, at 10 a.m. Hostess: Marian Johnson, 217 Mill Race Drive, (919-942-4752)

**Circle 4:** Tues., Jan. 3, at 10 a.m. Hostess: Barbara Tremblay, 259 Clover Thatch, 27312 (Farrington Village), 919-542-3213

**Circle 5:** Wed., Jan., 4 at 7 p.m. Hostess: Myrah Scott, 105 Sheffield Circle (919-933-9463)

## Clean Water Project in Haiti Presentation

A TEAM FROM ENGINEERS WITHOUT BORDERS will give a presentation Tuesday, January 3, on the clean water project that they built and maintain in Leogane, Haiti. The presentation will be at 6:30 p.m. in Vance Barron Hall. Our church funded this project, which is located on Family Health Ministries' guest house property. Residents of Leogane and nearby communities can access clean water at the facility. The team will discuss how Engineers Without Borders operates, as well as the construction and operation of the facility. The Global Outreach Committee is hosting the presentation.

## Honoring Loved Ones

THE UPC FLOWER COMMITTEE invites and encourages members to honor the memory of loved ones with floral arrangements in our Sanctuary on Sundays. To schedule an arrangement, please call Donna Frick at 919-623-5355 or email her at [delliottfrick@gmail.com](mailto:delliottfrick@gmail.com).

## Church Directory App

CONSIDER EMPLOYING YOUR SMARTPHONE as a tool in our congregation's ongoing effort to get to know one another. The ACS Church Life app includes our pictorial directory, convenient for double-checking names and faces or for finding contact information for our membership. Simply download the app by searching "ACS Church Life" in the App Store and sign on using your ACS login. If you have questions about your login, please contact Jeanette Schmidt at [jeanette@upcch.org](mailto:jeanette@upcch.org).

## Presbyterian Youth Connection

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION will meet again on Sunday, January 8. Be sure to read the *Weekly E-news* for the latest happenings for our 6th-12th graders! Please contact Kim McNeill, Staff Associate for Youth Ministries, at [kim@upcch.org](mailto:kim@upcch.org) with questions.

## Second Sunday Lunch

THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED to Second Sunday Lunch on January 8 in the Fellowship Hall, following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The Children's and Youth Ministries Committee and the Personnel Committee will co-host the event and provide the main course and drinks. Those who attend are asked to bring a vegetable dish, a salad or a dessert for approximately 12 people. Please be generous! All new members, visitors and students are welcome without contribution. If possible, please add a label to your dish specifying allergens to help UPC show hospitality to those with food allergies. Labels such as "gluten free," "contains peanuts/tree nuts" or "vegetarian" are helpful for those with allergies and other dietary needs wishing to enjoy food and fellowship at church. We encourage you to come and enjoy the warm fellowship and delicious food with your church family. All are welcome!

## UPPS Registration

UPPS REGISTRATION has begun! Children who turn two years old before August 31 are eligible for our Twos class. We offer a Threes class, a Fours class and a "Transitional Fives" class for kindergarten-aged children who could benefit from an extra year. Church members can submit applications for our Twos class during our "**priority registration period,**" **January 1-17.** Applications for other classes are accepted on a rolling basis. For an application, visit [www.upps-ch.com](http://www.upps-ch.com). To schedule a tour, contact Director Ellen Parker or Assistant to the Director Caroline Jones at (919) 929-8658 or [preschool@upcch.org](mailto:preschool@upcch.org).

# This Week and Next at University Presbyterian Church

## Sunday, January 1

8:30 & 11:00 Worship Services  
(no nursery care this morning)  
9:30 & 12:00 Coffee on the Landing

## Monday, January 2

Church office closed  
3:00-6:00 Youth Choir Musical Cast and Technical  
Crew Rehearsal: Fellowship Hall  
7:00-8:30 Stephen Ministry:  
Stephen Ministry Room

## Tuesday, January 3

10:00 Bulletin content deadline  
6:30 Clean Water Project in Haiti Presentation:  
Vance Barron Hall

## Wednesday, January 4

7:30-9:00 Young Adult Gathering: Kate's home

## Thursday, January 5

7:00-8:30 Transition Team: Vance Barron Hall

## Friday, January 6

11:00 Materials for Session Packets due

## Sunday, January 8

8:30 & 11:00 Worship Services  
(nursery care provided in Room 134)  
9:30 & 12:00 Coffee on the Landing  
9:45-10:45 Sunday School for all ages  
12:00-1:00 Second Sunday Lunch: Fellowship Hall  
3:30-4:45 PYPs Thank You Note Writing  
and Board Games: Fellowship Hall  
3:45-4:10 Children's Choir: Vance Barron Hall  
4:00-5:00 UPC worship service: Carolina Meadows  
4:15-4:55 Junior Choir: Vance Barron Hall  
4:30-5:30 Montreat Information meeting:  
Vance Barron Hall  
5:00-6:00 Youth Choir: Vance Barron Hall  
6:00-8:00 PYC: Fellowship Hall, Youth Center

## Monday, January 9

4:30-6:00 Local Outreach: Vance Barron Hall  
6:00-7:00 Outreach: Vance Barron Hall  
6:00-7:00 Administration Committee: Youth Center  
7:00-8:00 Deacons meeting: Vance Barron Hall

## Tuesday, January 10

10:00 Bulletin content deadline

## Wednesday, January 11

7:15-9:15 Chancel Choir: Vance Barron Hall

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**Remember, there is FREE parking at the  
Rosemary Street parking deck on Sundays.**