



**University
Presbyterian
Church**
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

March 12, 2017
Second Sunday in Lent
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

Johannes Brahms

O Gott, du frommer Gott
(O God, Thou Faithful God)

1833-1897

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION Howard Thurman, adapted

O God,
grant that I may pass through
this Lenten season with a faithful heart.
There will be much to test me
and make weak my strength before it ends.
In seeking the light,
I shall again and again find myself
walking in the darkness.
Though my days be marked with failures, stumblings, fallings,
let my spirit be free
so that You may take it and redeem my moments
in all the ways my needs reveal.
Give me the quiet assurance of Your love and presence. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 121:1-2, 7-8

One: I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?
All: **My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**
One: The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
All: **The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.**

*HYMN 12 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

St. Denio

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, You know who we are.
You know everything we have done.
We come before You in need of forgiveness and grace.
You call us to trust in You completely,
but we do not.
We are timid and fearful as we follow Your lead.
We justify our actions and words,
though we know they are not what You require.
We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers,
preferring old habits to risky change.
Forgive us, we pray.
Help us to be born again into the life of Christ,
trusting that You have included us by grace
in the family of faith.
In Christ’s name we pray. 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, 12)

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

THE WORD

An Anthem (11:00)
The Children's Choir
Will Burns, *treble*

Mark Burrows
b. 1971

Little drops of water, little grains of sand,
make the mighty ocean and the beauteous land.

*Little deeds of kindness, little words of love,
make our earth an Eden, like the heaven above.*

All the little moments, humble though they be,
make the mighty ages of eternity.

And even in the winter chill or in the darkest night,
a single little candle can fill a room with light.

~Julia A. Carney (1823-1908)

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

GOSPEL READING

John 3:1-17

pp. 93-94

(Children's Bible, pp. 1228-1229)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Depth in the Darkness"

Kate Fiedler

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

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *The Confession of 1967*

God's sovereign love is a mystery

beyond the reach of the human mind.

**Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power,
wisdom, and goodness.**

**But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power
in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross,
and goodness in receiving sinful men and women.**

**The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world
discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator
who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.**

God has created the world of space and time

to be the sphere of God's dealings with humankind.

**In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness,
order and disorder, the world reflects**

to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator.

God has created human beings

for a personal relation with himself

that they may respond to the love of the Creator.

Life is a gift to be received with gratitude

and a task to be pursued with courage.

People are free to seek life within the purpose of God:

**to develop and protect the resources of nature
for the common welfare,**

to work for justice and peace in society,

**and in other ways to use their creative powers
for the fulfillment of human life. Amen.**

*HYMN 435 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” *In Babilone*

THE THANKSGIVING

OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

Offertory Sentence

At the Offering,

Herzliebster Jesu (8:30)

Brahms

(O Dearest Jesus)

An Anthem (11:00)

Van Denman Thompson

1891-1969

O God, who hast prepared for those who love Thee such good things as passeth understanding; Pour into our hearts such love toward Thee, that we, loving Thee above all things, may obtain Thy promises which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

~Words, Thomas Cranmer, 1489-1556

*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.**

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(closing with the Lord’s Prayer, Traditional, *Hymnal*, p. 35)

**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 SENDING

*HYMN 757 “Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples” *Kingsfold*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL AMEN (11:00)

Henry Balfour Gardiner

1877-1950

*ORGAN POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand.

Welcome to the Fellowship of University Presbyterian Church

IN GRATEFUL RESPONSE to the grace of God, this community of Christ's Church gathers regularly for worship, study and discernment, and then disperses to carry the love of Jesus Christ into the community and the world beyond these walls. We invite you to lend your own gifts and abilities to our journey of faith together at University Presbyterian Church.

OUR WORSHIPPING FAMILY OF FAITH INCLUDES CHILDREN of all ages. Through our excellent childcare program, Sunday morning childcare is available during both worship services for infants, toddlers and preschool children, who will be welcomed by our trained nursery staff and parent volunteers. We strive to provide skilled caregivers to accommodate any special needs. Infants are welcome to remain in the Sanctuary with parents; however, the parlor (located alongside the narthex) is a wonderful place for parents to calm an anxious baby. A special part of our morning service is the Time with Children, when they are invited to join the pastor on the chancel steps for a message that connects the worship of the day with their unique understanding. If children are new to this experience of coming forward, parents can join them. After the Time with Children, parents of those four years and younger are invited to take their children downstairs to the nurseries (through the door nearest the baptismal font). Please contact the Staff Associate for Children's Ministries, Nancy Myer, at nancy@upcch.org or (919) 929-2102 if there is anything we can do to enhance the Sunday morning experience for your family.

DURING THE 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE, UPC offers Godly Play for kindergarteners and children who are age four (as of September 1). Godly Play is designed for worship education and faith formation and is a time of storytelling and creative play. Following the Time with Children, kindergarteners and four-year-olds go with the Godly Play Assistant through the door to the left of the pulpit to the Godly Play room on the first floor. Younger children exit through the door near the parking lot and baptismal font.

Worship Notes

AS A COURTESY TO OTHERS, please turn off or silence all cellular phones, pagers, and other electronic devices for the duration of worship.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP TODAY: *Preacher:* Kate Fiedler, Associate Pastor for Adult Ministries. *Liturgist:* Elizabeth Michael, Interim Associate Pastor. *Choir Director and Organist:* Thomas Brown, Minister of Music. *Youth Choir Director:* Beth Auman Visser. *Youth Choir Accompanist:* Betsy Carmichael.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY: **At 8:30:** *Elder in the Narthex:* Kelli Smith. *Greeters:* Ron and Shelley Adams. *Ushers:* Eric and Annette Munson (captains), Len and Susan Strobel. **At 11:00:** *Deacon in the Narthex:* CC Owen. *Greeters:* Bill and Giny Wood. *Ushers:* Bob Johnson and Mark Bozyski (captains), Mary, Sarah, and Abigail Bozyski, Bill and Mary Ann Newell. *Handicapped Parking Assistant:* Jesse Basnight, Jr.

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BOB DUNHAM AND JOHN ROGERS are accompanying twelve Presbyterian Campus Ministry students and two other adult leaders on a trip to Greece today. They will return March 19.

UPC MEMBERS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED to a Vision Awareness Gathering to hear details about The Legacy Campaign, share good food and drink, and celebrate our faith. (These gatherings are for the purpose of information and inspiration. You will not be asked to make any financial commitments at these meetings.) Gatherings will be held today from 12:00-1:15 p.m. (during regular Second Sunday Lunch; no RSVP needed) and next Sunday, March 19, from 12:00-1:15 p.m. If you plan to attend the March 19 gathering, please RSVP to RSVP@upcch.org. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall. Childcare will be provided. We encourage you to join us.

THE WORSHIP BULLETIN, the weekly calendar, the announcements and UPC's newsletter are posted on the church Website at www.upcch.org.

Worship Notes

THIS MORNING'S ORGAN MUSIC is from the pen of German composer Johannes Brahms (1833-1897). Brahms enjoyed the reputation as one of the greatest composers even in his own lifetime. His musical style combined the Romantic ethos with the classical forms and discipline of Mozart, Haydn and Beethoven; thus, Brahms referred to his compositions as "pure music," a term which separated his work from the more flamboyant and programmatic works of his "radical" contemporaries, especially Wagner and Liszt. He began his musical studies at the age of seven; five years later he was earning his living by playing the piano in theatres and taverns that doubled as brothels along Hamburg's waterfront. At twenty, his compositional career was launched through the efforts of Robert Schumann, and his musical influence would be felt for generations. Brahms' mature public persona was often brusque and abrupt. In 1877 he famously refused an honorary doctorate from Cambridge University and, upon departing an especially fashionable party in Vienna, he announced to his host and the others present "...that if, during the course of this evening, I have not managed to insult everyone here, I apologize!" Brhams wrote only a handful of works for organ, which include his last effort, Eleven Chorale Preludes, Op. 122. Most of the works in this collection are based on chorales (hymns) which speak of death and end times, perhaps from Brahms' knowledge that he was dying of cancer. They were composed in the final year of his life and were issued posthumously.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42.

HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES are set aside on Sunday directly in front of the church on Franklin Street. Please 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.



University Presbyterian Church Program Staff

Robert E. Dunham, *Pastor*

Thomas Brown, *Minister of Music*

Elizabeth Michael, *Interim Associate Pastor*

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Kate Fiedler, *Associate Pastor for Adult Ministries*

Beth Auman Visser, *Director of Children's and Youth Choirs*

Missionaries

The Rev. Dr. Karla Koll, *Costa Rica*

The Rev. Jo Ella Holman, *The Caribbean*

Two mission co-workers, *The Middle East*

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Welcome to University Presbyterian Church

News and Opportunities

March 12, 2017

Congregational Retreat

REGISTER NOW FOR UPC's second annual Congregational Retreat (September 8-10 in Montreat). All are invited to join the UPC Family as we explore the theme *Good Soil* and take time to worship, play, and pray together. Register and learn more at upcch.org/retreat.

Transition Team

THE TRANSITION TEAM is continuing its work to support and lead the church through the upcoming transition from the ministry of Bob Dunham. While such a transition simultaneously evokes happiness for Bob and Marla, grief at the loss of their presence, and anxiety about the changes, we believe that the Word of God is present and active in our midst, making all things new in and through Jesus Christ. In that spirit, the team is planning a party (see below) to celebrate with Bob and Marla and is organizing a special opportunity to honor and thank them. The team is also working with Presbytery, Session, and the staff to develop a process to select an interim pastor. Members of the team are available by phone, email, or in person in the narthex before and after worship and at Coffee on the Landing. For more information about the transition process, celebration, and interim pastor search, see the March edition of *The Chimes* and <http://upcch.org/transition>.

SAVE THE DATE: To celebrate Bob and Marla Dunham's Ministry to UPC, we are planning a party for Saturday, May 20, from 2:00-5:00 p.m. in the Great Hall of the Carolina Union on the UNC campus. Parking will be free and accessible. More information is on the way via a formal invitation to be sent to all UPC members and friends of the church in early April. Save the date for this joyous occasion!

We Choose Welcome Initiative

AS PART OF THE WE CHOOSE WELCOME initiative, the Adult Education Committee will offer three discussions on Sundays in March about how UPC will join the PC (USA) movement. In February, the Session engaged in a thoughtful discussion about how we can reach out with hospitality to the refugees in our community. One part of this initiative invites the congregation to join the ongoing discussion, each a stand-alone session, as we discern as a church family how to respond. **Today: Language Matters:** The PC (USA) 2015 resolution language, context, and history, and the UPC resolution. Facilitator: Kate Fiedler. Location: Stephen Ministry Room. To learn more, visit upcch.org/choose-welcome-discussion.

Second Sunday Lunch

THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED to Second Sunday Lunch today in the Fellowship Hall, following the 11:00 a.m. service. Young Adults, Membership Committee, and The Legacy Campaign will co-host and provide the main course and drinks. All are welcome!

PYPs Moms' Night Out/Dads' Night Out

JOIN OTHER UPC PARENTS of children and youth for a night out in March! "Moms' Night Out" will be March 14 at 7 p.m. at Crossroads at The Carolina Inn (211 Pittsboro St.). RSVP to Ashley Wallace (ashleyswallace@gmail.com). "Dads' Night Out" will be March 16 at 7 p.m. to watch March Madness at the Carolina Ale House (419 W. Franklin St.). RSVP to John Wallace (jcurriewallace@gmail.com). Contact Nancy Myer at nancy@upcch.org with questions.

Women's Retreat

REGISTRATION IS OPEN! Go to <https://goo.gl/nlDjW1>. Join us from Friday, April 21-Sunday, April 23. The Rev. Carrie Tuttle will lead us in *The Fine Art of Forgiveness* while we enjoy the rolling hills and beauty of the Catholic Conference Center near Hickory. All women of the church are welcome! Email Kate Fiedler at kate@upcch.org with any questions.

Children's, Junior and Youth Choirs

THE YOUTH CHOIR (grades 6-12) will rehearse this afternoon from 5-6 p.m. and Saturday, March 18, from 9-10 a.m. in preparation for next Sunday's Youth Sunday worship service, where they will lead the music at both services, and to prepare for leading the music in worship on April 23 and May 7 and the Youth Choir Benefit Concert on May 7 at United Church of Chapel Hill. Lots of music to learn. Hope to see you at rehearsal! Contact Beth Auman Visser at visser@upcch.org or (919) 929-2102.

THE JUNIOR CHOIR (grades 2-6) will rehearse this afternoon from 4:15-4:55 p.m. and on Saturday, March 18, from 4:30-6 p.m. and will have an extended rehearsal on Sunday, March 19, from 4:15-5:30 p.m. in Vance Barron Hall. This choir is preparing to sing on Palm Sunday, April 9, at both worship services and is working on their spring musical, *The Tale of Three Trees* by Allen Pote and Tom Long, which will be performed on Friday, April 28, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 30, at 8:30 a.m. worship. The Student Directing Team will meet from 5:15-6 p.m. on Monday, March 13. See you at rehearsal! Contact Beth Auman Visser at visser@upcch.org or (919) 929-2102.

THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR (grades K-2) will rehearse this afternoon from 3:45 - 4:10pm in Vance Barron Hall. This choir is preparing to sing on Palm Sunday, April 9, at both worship services and is working on their spring musical, *The Tale of Three Trees* by Allen Pote and Tom Long which will be performed on Friday, April 28 at 7pm and Sunday, April 30 at 8:30am worship. See you at rehearsal! Contact Beth Auman Visser at visser@upcch.org or (919) 929-2102.

Gifts of Beauty and Bounty

JOIN US THIS YEAR as we honor and memorialize the special people in our lives with Gifts of Beauty and Bounty. You may give an Easter Lily to decorate the chancel for Easter, make a contribution to the Inter-Faith Council or both. The names of those we honor or remember will appear in the Easter Sunday Worship Bulletin on April 16. Visit upcch.org/beauty-bounty to print an order form. Forms must be received by noon on Monday, April 10.

Young Adult Gathering

THE YOUNG ADULT Gathering will take place at Kate Fiedler's home on Wednesday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m. Contact Kate for further details (kate@upcch.org).

Adult Education Classes: Today, 9:45-10:45

Connections: *Historical Perspectives of the New Testament:* Through the lecture series offered by *The Great Courses*, Professor Bart D. Ehrman develops a carefully reasoned understanding of the New Testament—and the individuals and communities who created its texts. Facilitators: Joseph Jenkins and Diane McGrath Location: Vance Barron Hall. Today: The Historical Jesus—Solutions and Methods.

Living Out Our Faith: *Raising an Adult:* In *How to Raise an Adult*, Julie Lythcott-Haims draws on research, conversations with admissions officers, educators, and employers, and her own insights as a mother and as a student dean to highlight the ways in which over-parenting harms children, their stressed-out parents, and society. (Purchase the book during class or from Kate Fiedler for \$10.) Facilitators: Panel of UPC Parents. Location: Terrace Room.

UPC Celebration

TODAY MARKS THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY of the Stephen Ministry (SM) program at UPC. During this time, over 100 UPC volunteers have been trained and served as Stephen Ministers. Thanks be to God for each of these persons. The program continues to be active and ready to receive those that need a caring listener or those that might be interested in becoming a Stephen Minister. Please let us know if you were trained as a SM in another church. Contact Elizabeth Michael, Interim Associate Pastor, at 919-929-2102 or elizabeth@upcch.org, or visit upcch.org/stephen-ministry.

Lenten Bible Study

THERE WILL BE A LENTEN BIBLE STUDY at Carol Woods in the Audubon Room each Thursday in Lent from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Our pastors will lead a study of the Gospel of Mark. All are welcome! Please contact Elizabeth Michael at elizabeth@upcch.org or (919) 929-2102.

Presbyterian Youth Connection

OUR YOUTH WILL ENJOY grade group dinners tonight from 6-8 p.m. off site. 6th Graders will be at the Mark, Mary, and Sarah Bozyski's house. 7th and 8th Graders will be at Perry, Kara, and Evan Aycock's house. 9th-11th Graders will be at Keith, Colleen, and Maddie Minton's house. Senior Youth Sunday Preachers will meet at UPC with Kim. Please see your weekly PYC email or church directory for the specific addresses. For questions, email Kim McNeill at kim@upcch.org.

Sign up now for PYC Summer Trips at upcch.org/presbyterian-youth-connection. For questions and scholarship information, email Kim McNeill (kim@upcch.org).

Massanetta Middle School Conference, July 11-14: **Register now!** (total cost: \$375). This is a place where middle schoolers can experience faith in new ways through music, recreation, keynote and worship.

Montreat Youth Conference, June 11-17: **Register now!** (total cost: \$360). MYC is a life changing week in the mountains of NC for current 8th-12th graders. Worship, keynotes, recreation and small groups will all contribute to an unforgettable faith formative experience.

Register for VBS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL registration now open for UPC members and non-members. This year's theme for VBS (June 26-29) will be *Digging for Treasure: Parables Revealed*. You may register and pay online (www.upcch.org). Click the "Education" tab and then "Vacation Bible School." VBS is open to all children ages 3 years (by 9/1/17) - rising 5th grade and is held at New Hope Camp and Conference Center. Cost is \$45 per child (\$90 maximum per family). Scholarships are available. If you have questions, please contact Nancy Myer at nancy@upcch.org, Megan Crunkleton at meganwolf@mac.com or Stephanie Duncan at seduncan1@hotmail.com. If you would like to volunteer, register at <http://bit.ly/2logLUN>.

General Announcements

THIRD THURSDAY TABLE: March 16: UPC members assist in preparing and serving lunch and dinner at the IFC Community Kitchen (100 W. Rosemary Street) on the third Thursday of each month. Circle 4 of Presbyterian Women is responsible for sandwiches and helpers on March 16. If you can help with this local outreach opportunity, we would like to have a list of people willing to make sandwiches or help at the shelter. To help at lunch sometime on a third Thursday, please call Maureen Braun at (919) 490-1704; to help with an evening meal, please call Jane Darter at (919) 929-9820.

This Week and Next at University Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 12

- 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
- 9:45-10:45 We Choose Welcome Discussion:
Stephen Ministry Room
- 12:00-1:15 Second Sunday Lunch/Vision Awareness
Gathering: 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
- 5:00-6:00 Youth Choir: Vance Barron Hall
- 6:00-8:00 PYC: Fellowship Hall, Youth Center

Monday, March 13

- 5:00-6:00 Local Outreach: Vance Barron Hall
- 5:15-6:00 Junior Choir student Directing Team:
Sanctuary
- 6:00-7:00 Outreach: Vance Barron Hall
- 7:00-8:00 Deacons meeting: Vance Barron Hall

Tuesday, March 14

- 10:00 Bulletin content deadline
- 7:00-8:00 PYPs Moms' Night Out: Crossroads

Wednesday, March 15

- 12:00 *The Chimes* content deadline
- 7:00-8:00 Nominating Committee:
Stephen Ministry Room
- 7:15-9:15 Chancel Choir: Vance Barron Hall
- 7:30-9:00 Young Adult Gathering: Kate's home

Thursday, March 16

- 12:30-2:00 Woman to Woman: Vance Barron Hall
(childcare in Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00-8:00 PYPs Dads' Night Out: Carolina Ale House
- 7:00-8:00 Adult Education Committee:
Vance Barron Hall

Saturday, March 18

- 9:00-12:00 Youth Sunday Rehearsal: Sanctuary
- 4:30-6:00 Junior Choir: Sanctuary

Sunday, March 19: Youth Sunday

- 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
- 9:45-10:45 We Choose Welcome Discussion:
Stephen Ministry Room
- 12:00-1:15 Vision Awareness Gathering:
Fellowship Hall
- 12:00-4:00 Legacy Campaign Team:
Stephen Ministry Room
- 3:45-4:10 Children's Choir: Vance Barron Hall
- 4:00-5:00 UPC worship service: Carol Woods
- 4:15-5:30 Junior Choir: Vance Barron Hall

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