

UNIVERSITY



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHAPEL HILL, NORTH CAROLINA

October 22, 2017

Dedication Sunday/Children's Sabbath

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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 VOLUNTARY

For the Beauty of the Earth

arr. Rachel Mohlman
b. 1978

Liam Drake, *piano*

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

And you shalt love the Lord your
God, with all your heart, and with all your
soul, and with all your might.

And these words which I command
you this day, teach them to your children,
and talk about them when you are at home,
when you are walking by the way,
when you lie down, and when you rise up.

Bind them as a sign upon your hand,
and let them be a symbol between your eyes.

Inscribe them on the door posts of your home and on your gates.

Deuteronomy 6:5-9, as quoted by Marian Wright Edelman

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 122, 1, 8-9

One: I was glad when they said to me:
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Jasper Kavanaugh

**All: For the sake of my relatives and friends
I will say, "Peace be within you."**

One: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek your good.

*HYMN 35

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" *Lobe den Herren*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Ruby O'Connor

Trusting that we are held by a love that will never let us go,
let us pray:

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God,
We spend so much time trying to get ahead:
at school, at work, in the games we play.**

**We forget
to listen for your voice,
to care for our neighbor,
to trust in your love.**

**Come to us now and remind us
that our gladness in giving
brings joy to your heart.**

*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 Forgiveness

Julia DeVries

For God so loved the world, that God came as a child.
Because Jesus came, we know that
we are loved;
we are forgiven;
we are needed in the world.

Because the Spirit dwells with us, we are able to say to each other:
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

(The congregation is invited to exchange the peace of Christ.)

*Response of Praise

(Hymnal, 35)

**Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly for aye we adore him.**

THE WORD

An Anthem (8:30)

Christopher Hogan

The Children's Choir

b. 1982

Sarah Martin Duncan, *treble*

God is in my voice when I am singing,
God is in my voice, right here in my song.

God is here with me, Alleluia!

God is in my mind when I am praying,
God is in my mind, right here in my prayer.
God is in my heart when I am sleeping,
God is in my heart, right here in my sleep.

An Anthem (11:00) John Henry Hopkins Jr.
The Junior Choir 1861-1945
Lindsay Guamán, *flute* Arr. Wayne L. Wold
b. 1954

I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true,
who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and one was a shepherdess on the green;
they were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God help me to be one too.

They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and God's love made them strong;
and they followed the right, for Jesus' sake, the whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a fierce wild beast;
and there's not any reason, no, not the least, why I shouldn't be one, too.

They lived not only in ages past, there are hundreds of thousands still;
the world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains,
or in shops or at tea, for the saints of God are just folk like me, and I mean to be one, too.

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

Caroline Vandersea

Holy God,
Though we cannot see you,
help us to hear what you would say to us.
We need to feel your Spirit.
We want to follow Jesus.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 18:1-6

p. 19

(Children's Bible, p. 1133)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"God's Child"

Margaret LaMotte Torrence

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

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adrienne Cook

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

THE THANKSGIVING

Moment for Stewardship

Hank Waters

*HYMN 712 “As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought” *Forest Green*

**As those of old their firstfruits brought
of vineyard, flock, and field
to God, the giver of all good,
the source of bounteous yield,
so we today our firstfruits bring,
the wealth of this good land:
of farm and market, shop and home,
of mind and heart and hand.**

**A world in need now summons us
to labor, love, and give,
to make our life an offering
that all may truly live.
The church of Christ is calling us
to make the dream come true:
a world redeemed by Christ-like love,
all life in Christ made new.**

Offering of Substance and Life

Elias O’Connor

Every moment of every day we have a chance to offer our lives to God.
The pledges we now bring, and the coins from our pockets,
are symbols of that larger offering.
Let us come forward in joy and thanksgiving.

In response to God’s grace and provision, we give ourselves to God and to Christ’s Church. Today we present our tithes and offerings along with our financial commitments to the church for 2018, by bringing them forward and placing them in baskets held by our children. All are invited to come forward, as a sign of commitment of the stewardship of our lives. For those unable to come forward, there will be a basket in the narthex following the service.

*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.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Abigail Bozymski

Loving God,
To make our home with you
means that we can wake each day in gladness
and sleep each night in trust,
wherever life takes us.

Thank you for the church that shows us your love
and asks us to serve
with all that we are, and all that we have,
in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

*Sung Response

(*Hymnal*, 712)

**In gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best today,
to serve your cause and share your love
with all along life’s way.
O God who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ your Son,
help us to give ourselves each day
until life’s work is done.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sara Ross Burns, Carter Lange, Abigail Bozymski

The psalms of ancient Israel remind us that all of life has a place in worship. The petitions and expressions of faith included in today's Prayers of the People were contributed by the children of this church (kindergarten through 5th grade).

God, you know everything about us and still you want us to talk to you, and so we offer you now what comes from our hearts:

We thank you that you made each and every one of us, and that you love us just like we are.

We want to be proud of what you made.

We thank you for all the things that make us happy:

for seeing our friends
and pretending that we can catch robbers;
for coming to church, and raising our hands,
and learning from all the activities;
for days with no homework,
and birthday parties;
when our parents say 'yes,'
or we hear someone sing.

It's hard for us
when church is too long,
we must wait for our sister,
when we can't go outside,
or a dog bites our toe.

We want to pray
for hurricane victims,
and people shot in Las Vegas;
people trapped by the earthquake,
and war in the Middle East;
and also great-grandparents
and people who hurt,
and those who are homeless or can't get enough food.

We feel sad when
our pets won't drink water,
we see someone crying,
we have too much homework,
or plans don't work out.

We are sorry
that Colin's grandmother died,
and that things break,
and friends get mad,
and someone scrapes their leg.

We feel close to you
when we pray
or walk in nature,
when we are with our families,
or get a hug.

We know you are near
when we feel graceful,
or when someone is born
or someone dies.

You love us even if we make mistakes.
You ask us to be faithful to each other.
We just want to say that we are thankful for you.

And all God's grateful children said: **Amen.**

THE SENDING

*HYMN 643 “Now Thank We All Our God” *Nun danket alle Gott*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*ORGAN POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand.

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:* Margaret LaMotte Torrence, Interim Pastor. *Liturgist:* Nancy Myer, Staff Associate for Children’s Ministries. *Choir Director and Organist:* Thomas Brown, Minister of Music. *Junior Choir Director:* Beth Auman Visser. *Junior Choir Accompanist:* Betsy Carmichael.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY: **At 8:30:** *Deacon in the Narthex:* June Kendall. *Greeters:* James and Pamela Smith. *Ushers:* David and Linda Lane (captains), Cliff and Linda Butler, Gavin Crawford, Miles Crawford, Monty Crunkleton, Carter Dell, Will DeVries, Sydnie Lindquist. **At 11:00:** *Greeter:* Marilyn Koenig. *Ushers:* Tom (captain) and Betty Bouldin, Bob Johnson, Lee Sizemore, Katie Grace Duncan, Hannan Kifner, Carter Lovelady, Borden Pons, Fletcher Yost. *Godly Play Leaders:* Ann Henschel, Mary Perkins. *Handicapped Parking Assistant:* John Anderson.

THE BENEDICTION frequently offered by Margaret is adapted from an anointing liturgy by Jim Cotter.

THIS MORNING’S VOLUNTARY: We welcome Liam Drake to the piano this morning. Liam attends Woods Charter School and is in the 5th grade. Of the Voluntary, Liam writes: This morning’s Voluntary is an arrangement of the hymn “For the Beauty of the Earth.” The tune was written by Conrad Kocher (1786-1872). Born in Ditzingen, Germany, he later traveled to St. Petersburg, Russia for musical studies including piano and composition. Kocher composed the tune used in the hymn “For the Beauty of the Earth” in 1838. This tune is referred to as “Dix” because composer William Chatterton Dix used it in his Christmas carol “As With Gladness Men of Old” in 1859. The lyrics of “For the Beauty of the Earth” were written by Folliott Sandford Pierpoint in 1864, and originally included eight verses and the refrain “Christ, our God to thee we raise, this our sacrifice of praise.” Pierpoint originally wrote the hymn to be sung at Holy Communion, but it is now used as a hymn of thanksgiving.

UPC JOINS THE MANY EAGER TO OFFER PRAYERS and resources to those affected by the recent hurricanes. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (pda.pcusa.org) is our denomination’s outstanding emergency response organization, committed to long-term recovery. PDA has been in touch with partners in the midst of the storms to organize relief. Monetary donations are most needed at this time. If you would like to contribute to relief efforts for those impacted, please make checks out to the church with “Hurricane relief” in the memo line. Thank you.

FOR THE DURATION OF THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD at UPC, the infant nursery will be located in the Franklin Street end of Vance Barron Hall. During the Sunday School hour, please use the front porch door closest to Franklin Street to enter the nursery. Check-in for children who are walkers through age four will continue to be in Room 134 on the lower level. If you have questions, please contact Nancy Myer at nancy@upcch.org.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON ROBERTSON LANE. It is fine to park in the designated pull-in parking spaces, but the road itself is a fire lane and must be kept clear. Thank you for your understanding.

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: Duet. 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; 1 Thess. 2:1-8; Matt. 22:34-46.

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



Welcome to University Presbyterian Church

News and Opportunities

October 22, 2017

2018 Stewardship Campaign

Our stewardship season culminates today as we dedicate our pledges for the work of our church. Over the past several weeks, we have been in thought, prayer and conversation about this year's campaign theme, "More than we can imagine." Our stewardship is focused on the good we can make happen, made possible because of the abundance God has entrusted to us. We ask, as you are able, to bring your pledge forward and place it in the basket at the front of the Sanctuary. Thank you for the generosity God has inspired in you. You can find additional stewardship packets in the narthex. Pledge cards can be found in the worship registers under the pew in front of you.

Presbyterian Youth Connection

Tonight is PYC's first Small Group Night of the year. Youth who have registered for Small Groups should have received an email from their small group leaders telling them when and where to meet today. Small Groups take the place of our usual PYC meeting tonight. Please contact Kim McNeill, Staff Associate for Youth Ministries, at kim@upcch.org for more information about PYC or our November round of small group meetings.

We Choose Welcome Prayer Service

All are invited to attend a service of prayer and welcome Sunday, October 29, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Add your hopes and concerns for the welfare of our refugee neighbors, and stay afterward for punch, snacks, and fellowship.

Please contact Reid Chisholm at (919) 260-0992 with any questions or interest in sharing your talent and time and being a part of UPC's We Choose Welcome initiative. Learn more at www.upcch.org/welcome.

Adult Education: Today, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Bible Study: Join Randy Kabrick and Ed Preston as they lead the discussion through the gospel of Luke. This week: The Nature of Discipleship/Breaking Boundaries and Bringing Peace, Luke 9, part 2, and Luke 10 (Stephen Ministry Room).

Faith and the Arts: Nancy Benjamin and others will facilitate the conversation about different faith stories each week. This week: "At the Seminary" by Joyce Carol Oates (Vance Barron Hall).

Connections: This class discusses the book *Waking Up White* by Debby Irving and our own experience of race and privilege. This Week: Guest speaker Harold Lee; facilitated by Winnie Morgan (Terrace Room).

Woman to Woman

Woman to Woman will continue to meet throughout October and November. Join the discussion led by the Rev. Carrie Tuttle from 12:30-2:00 p.m. every Thursday, gathering in a meeting room at the Chapel Hill Library. This is a wonderful, low-key community of women of faith, who enjoy discussing life, the world around us, and how our faith affects—and is affected by—all we encounter in life. All women of the church are welcome; feel free to invite others to join us. Please email Kate Fiedler (kate@upcch.org) to be added to the email list for more details.

Youth, Junior, and Children's Choirs

The Children's Choir (grades K-2) is invited to wear their Halloween costumes to choir rehearsal at 3:45 p.m. this afternoon and stay an extra 15 minutes for snacks and a craft until 4:25. We will rehearse our anthems and play some musical games together. Contact Beth if you have questions at visser@upcch.org.

The Junior Choir (grades 2-6) is invited to wear their Halloween costumes to choir rehearsal this afternoon at 4:15 p.m. and stay for a pizza meal at UPC. After eating, the choir is invited to Mardi Gras Bowling Center for some Halloween Bowling! Parents should arrange their child's transportation from UPC to Mardi Gras. Pick-up is at 6:45. The cost is \$15, and checks should be made payable to "UPC" with "Mardi Gras Bowling" in the memo. Contact Beth if you have questions at visser@upcch.org.

The Youth Choir (grades 6-12) will rehearse today from 5:00-6:00 p.m. and sing next in worship on Sunday, November 5. Also on November 5, all 6th-12th graders are invited to audition for *Miss Persia*, by Eyal Bitton, the 2018 Youth Choir musical about Esther. Auditions are from 1:45-3:30 p.m. Contact Beth if you have questions at visser@upcch.org.

The Children's Reformation Service will be at Holy Trinity Lutheran on Sunday, October 29, at 4:00 p.m. The UPC Junior Choir will be joining children's choirs from Holy Trinity Lutheran, Binkley Baptist, and St. Thomas More Catholic Churches singing two anthems to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the reformation. This service is designed specifically for children. After the short service, everyone is invited to the Holy Trinity Fellowship Hall for an Oktoberfest Celebration. For more information contact Beth at visser@upcch.org.

When Your World Turns Upside Down....

....a Stephen Minister can be there with you. To discuss being matched with a Stephen Minister, please contact Elizabeth Michael, Interim Associate Pastor, at elizabeth@upcch.org or (919) 929-2102 or visit upcch.org/stephen-ministry to learn more. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for, and encourage you; pray with and for you; and provide one-to-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is that you are facing. It's free. It's confidential. And it will make a difference in

Continuing Education: Come and Learn

The Stephen Ministry Program is opening their upcoming continuing education to the congregation. Please plan to join us on the following dates:

- 1.) Monday, November 6: *Mindful Writing*, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall: Studies have shown that writing about oneself and personal experiences can improve mood disorders and immunity, lower pulse and blood pressure, help reduce symptoms, boost memory and offer healing shifts in perspective. In this session, we will experience this for ourselves under the guidance of Heidi Gessner, an Ordained United Church of Christ Minister. No writing experience necessary!
- 2.) Monday, December 4: *Stress, Life's Challenges, and Mindful Awareness*, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall: More and more people are experiencing what has become so widespread in our day and age: stress! We are constantly being blindsided by events that catch us unaware and disrupt our lives. In this mindful mini-workshop, we will explore with Rev. Tim Auman, chaplain at Wake Forest University, how stress shapes our brains, get in touch with what really matters in our lives, and reclaim our wholeness.

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast will be held tomorrow (Monday, October 23) from 7:00-8:00 a.m. in the PCM Kitchen and Terrace Room. Men's Breakfast will meet every second and fourth Monday of the month through December. Breakfast and coffee will be served. The goal of the men's breakfast is to create fellowship opportunities for the male members of UPC. If you have questions, contact Cole Van De Water at colevdw@gmail.com.

Register for the Program Year

Parents can register children and youth for all of our programs using one registration form. Each child/youth will need to be registered separately using the same form. Go to <https://goo.gl/forms/1M7C4B7YCZbc3jH72> to register each child/youth for Sunday School, Nursery, Godly Play, Children's Choir, Junior Choir, Kirk Club, PYC, Youth Choir, and/or Confirmation.

Kirk Club

All 4th and 5th graders are welcome on the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the Youth Center. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, November 1. If you have questions, contact Kim McNeill at kim@upcch.org or Nancy Myer at nancy@upcch.org or call (919) 929-2102. To learn more, visit upcch.org/kirk-club.

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, Office Manager, at jeanette@upcch.org.

General Announcement

The town of Chapel Hill is hosting a food truck rodeo Sunday, November 5, that will disrupt usual traffic and parking patterns. Wallace Garage, on the corner of Henderson and Rosemary, will be open for parking, but worshipers will need to access Rosemary from Columbia St. in order to get to the garage. Those arriving for Sunday School and/or 11:00 worship should allow additional time to park that morning.

Announcements from the Larger Community

This fall, the Friday Center is hosting the Annenberg Space for Photography's Refugee Exhibit. The exhibit is free and open to the public Monday-Thursday from 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. through November 3. Through images created by five internationally acclaimed artists, *REFUGEE* is a multimedia art exhibit exploring the lives of refugees from a host of diverse populations dispersed and displaced throughout the world. Visit fridaycenter.unc.edu/refugee.

The Inter-Faith Council (IFC) is a nonprofit organization that helps our community by providing social services to help individuals and families in need. By donating to the IFC Food Pantry, you can help with this mission. You may bring donated items to church on Sundays and leave them in the IFC shopping cart in the narthex. Or you may take donations directly to the IFC Food Pantry at 110 W. Main Street in Carrboro. Visit www.ifcweb.org/needs#pantry to view a list of their current most-needed items.

This Week and Next at University Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 22

- 8:30 & 11:00 Worship Services
(Nursery: Room 128/134, Vance Barron Hall)
- 9:45-10:45 Sunday School for all ages
- 12:00-1:00 65 and Older Fall Luncheon:
Fellowship Hall
- 3:30-5:00 PYC Small Groups: Youth Center
- 3:45-4:25 Children's Choir: Vance Barron Hall
- 4:15-6:45 Junior Choir Pizza and Bowling:
Vance Barron Hall, Mardi Gras Bowling
- 5:00-6:00 Youth Choir: Vance Barron Hall
- 6:00-7:30 PYC Small Groups: Youth Center

Monday, October 23

- 7:00-8:00 Men's Breakfast: Terrace Room

Tuesday, October 24

- 10:00 Bulletin content deadline

Wednesday, October 25

- 7:15-9:15 Chancel Choir:
Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite

Thursday, October 26

- 7:30-8:30 UPPS Committee: Youth Center

Friday, October 27

- 6:00-10:30 PYC Middle School Mystery Night
- 7:00-9:00 PCM Alumni Dinner and Program:
Terrace Room

Saturday, October 28

- 10:30-3:00 PYC High School Mystery Day

Sunday, October 29

- 8:30 & 11:00 Worship Services
(Nursery: Room 128/134, Vance Barron Hall)
- 9:45-10:45 Sunday School for all ages
- 4:00-5:00 Children's Reformation Service:
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
- 5:00-6:00 Youth Choir:
Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite
- 7:00-8:00 We Choose Welcome Prayer Service:
Sanctuary

Tuesday, October 31

- 10:00 Bulletin content deadline
- 1:30-2:30 PW Coordinating Team:
Catherine DeMaere's home

Wednesday, November 1

- 3:30-4:30 Kirk Club: Youth Center
- 7:15-9:15 Chancel Choir:
Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite

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