

UNIVERSITY



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHAPEL HILL, NORTH CAROLINA

October 29, 2017
Reformation Sunday
Twenty-first 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 ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prelude in G Major BWV 541

Johann Sebastian Bach

1685-1750

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Martin Luther

Behold Lord,
an empty vessel that needs to be filled.
My Lord, fill it.
I am weak in faith;
strengthen me.
I am cold in love;
warm me and make me fervent,
that my love may go out to my neighbor.
I do not have a strong and firm faith;
at times I doubt and am unable to trust you.
O Lord, help me.
Strengthen my faith,
and my trust in you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*OPENING SENTENCES

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: The Lord is our eternal dwelling place;

All: from age to age, the Lord is our God.

*HYMN 275

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Ein' feste Burg

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,

In love you created us,
in love you came to us,
in love you abide with us.

You ask for all the love we have—
heart, soul, mind, and strength.

But we feel stretched thin,
and we do not always know how to love.

You tell us to love our neighbors,
but our neighbors are too difficult
or too many
or too needy.

We even find it difficult to love ourselves.

So we are once again reliant on your mercy.

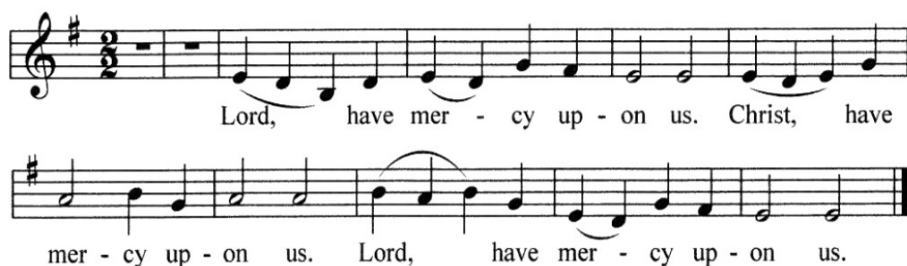
Source of infinite love, fill us
with the knowledge of our undeniable belovedness,
that we might know others just the same.

We ask in the name of Christ, 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*, 275)

**Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.**

Dost ask who that may be?

Christ Jesus, it is he.

**Lord Sabaoth his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.**

OFFERING OF PENNIES FOR HUNGER

(As the ushers come forward, please pass the pennies to the center aisle, if you are seated downstairs, or to the right in the balcony. As they are being passed, please join in singing verses 1 and 5 of Hymn 320, "The Church of Christ in Every Age.")

THE WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

(Children, three-years old through third-graders, are invited to join the minister on the chancel for Time With Children. Children under three are invited to come forward with a parent.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 p. 106
(Children's Bible, p. 138)

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 22:34-40 p. 25
(Children's Bible, p. 1140)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "The Greatest of These" Elizabeth Michael

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

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From *A Declaration of Faith*

**The church's story with God did not end
with the latest events recorded in Scripture.
Across the centuries the company of believers
has continued its pilgrimage with the Lord of history.
It is a record of faith and faithlessness, glory and shame.
The church has been persecuted by hostile societies,
but it has also known times of privilege and power
when it joined forces with dominant cultures.
It has sought holiness
through separation from society,
as well as through involvement in the world's affairs.
It has experienced life-giving reformations.
It has known missionary expansion throughout the world,
but also periods of dwindling resources and influence.
It has divided into rival orders, sects and denominations,
but it has also labored for cooperation and union.
We confess we are heirs of this whole story.
We are charged to remember our past,
to be warned and encouraged by it,
but not to live it again.
Now is the time of our testing
as God's story with the church moves forward through us.
We are called to live now as God's servants
in the service of people everywhere.**

*HYMN 693 "Though I May Speak" *Gift of Love*

THE THANKSGIVING

Offertory Sentence

At the Offering,

Andante Tranquillo (8:30) Felix Mendelssohn
from Sonata III in A Major, Op. 65, No. 3 1809-1847

An Anthem (11:00)

Melody from Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, 1813*

Arranged by Mack Wilberg, b. 1955

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wonder, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

~The Rev'd. Robert Robinson, 1735-1790

*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

**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 366 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Hyfrydol

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00)

John Rutter
b. 1945

God be in my head and in my understanding.
God be in mine eyes and in my looking.
God be in my mouth and in my speaking.
God be in mine heart and in my thinking.
God be at my end and in my departing.

~ from *The Sarum Psalter, 1514*

*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 WORSHIPING 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. 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:* Elizabeth Michael, Interim Associate Pastor. *Liturgists:* Kate Fiedler, Associate Pastor for Adult Ministries; Margaret LaMotte Torrence, Interim Pastor. *Choir Director and Organist:* Thomas Brown, Minister of Music.

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

Worship Notes

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY: **At 8:30:** *Deacon in the Narthex:* Will Aldridge. *Greeters:* Dan and Judy Redwine. *Ushers:* Jay and Mary Ann Klompmaker (captains), Bob and Dana Greenwood. **At 11:00:** *Greeters:* Brian and Moyra Kileff. *Ushers:* Tom (captain) and Betty Bouldin, Bob Johnson, Barbara and Martin Hedgepeth. *Godly Play Leaders:* Ellen Parker, Amanda Oakes. *Handicapped Parking Assistant:* Ken Krzyzewski.

NEXT SUNDAY WE WILL CELEBRATE the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Please take some prayerful time this week to prepare for this sacrament.

THE ROSES ON THE RETABLE last Sunday announced the birth of Walker Marion Dodds (child of Jessie Van Der Puy Dodds; born on October 11, 2017) and Natalie Marie Weldon (child of Lindsay and Chris Weldon; born on October 7, 2017).

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 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.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Josh. 3:7-17; Ps. 107:1-7, 33-37; 1 Thess. 2:9-13; Matt. 23:1-12.



University Presbyterian Church Program Staff

Margaret LaMotte Torrence,
Interim Pastor

Thomas Brown, *Minister
of Music*

Elizabeth Michael, *Interim
Associate Pastor*

Kim McNeill, *Staff Associate
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John Rogers, *Associate Pastor
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Nancy Myer, *Staff Associate
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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*

University Presbyterian Church is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
and is a Stephen Ministry Congregation.



Welcome to University Presbyterian Church

News and Opportunities

October 29, 2017

The parking lot off Robertson Lane, adjacent to Dunham Hall, is now available on Sunday mornings. Please reserve these spaces for those whose mobility necessitates parking close to the church. Thank you.

2018 Stewardship Campaign

Thank you for your faithful and generous response at last week's Dedication Sunday to the 2018 Stewardship campaign, "**More than we can imagine.**" We celebrate your pledges of support for the mission and ministry of UPC in the coming year. As of October 23, we have received 245 pledges for 2018 totaling \$1,158,597, exceeding the total pledged at this point in last year's campaign. One hundred eleven pledges thus far are either increased or new since last year, helping get this year's campaign off to a strong start. If you haven't yet pledged, you may fill out a pledge card located in the narthex and pews and place it in the offering plate today or mail it to the church office at P.O. Box 509, Chapel Hill, NC 27514. You may also email your pledge to finance@upcch.org or pledge securely online at www.upcch.org/stewardship.

Daylight Saving Time

Next weekend concludes Daylight Saving Time. Set your clocks back one hour between Saturday, November 4, and Sunday, November 5.

We Choose Welcome Prayer Service

All are invited to attend a service of prayer and welcome tonight 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.

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: Warnings and Woes/Jesus' Call to Watchfulness, Luke 11 and 12 (Stephen Ministry Room).

Faith and the Arts: Nancy Benjamin and others will facilitate the conversation about different faith stories each week. This week: "Sister Imelda" by Edna O'Brien (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: Where do we go from here? Facilitated by Ashley Wilson (Terrace Room).

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 this 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.

Woman to Woman

Woman to Woman will continue to meet throughout 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. Email Kate Fiedler (kate@upcch.org) to be added to the email list.

New Building Dedication

On Sunday, November 19, in both worship services, we will formally dedicate our new building and for the ongoing ministry of the congregation. After 11:00 worship, there will be a chance to gather in the new space for fellowship.

PYPs Pancake Breakfast

Join us Saturday, November 11, for a PYPs Pancake Breakfast! Roll the whole family out of bed and head over to church for a delicious breakfast, wonderful fellowship, and some gratitude-related activities. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 8:30 a.m. **Please RSVP to nancy@upcch.org no later than Wednesday, November 8.**

Youth, Junior, and Children's Choirs

The Youth Choir (grades 6-12) rehearses from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite for the first time today! The Youth Choir leads the music in worship next Sunday, November 5, at 11:00. Today we rehearse with the cellist for our anthem on Sunday. See you at rehearsal! Contact Beth if you have questions at visser@upcch.org.

The Junior Choir (grades 2-6) will meet today at 3:20 p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (300 E. Rosemary St.). Parents can drop off their child for rehearsal at the Holy Trinity sanctuary and should plan to return for the 4:00 service. The 4:00 short, child-friendly service celebrates the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. We'll rehearse with the choirs from St. Thomas More Catholic, Binkley Baptist, and Holy Trinity Lutheran Churches. Parents will be responsible for their children afterward. Immediately following, families are invited to an Oktoberfest celebration in the Holy Trinity Fellowship Hall. Contact Beth if you have questions at visser@upcch.org.

The Children's Choir (grades K-2) will not rehearse at UPC this afternoon. They are invited to attend the short child-friendly service at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (300 E. Rosemary Street) at 4:00, followed by an Oktoberfest celebration in the Holy Trinity Fellowship Hall. The Children's Choir sings next Sunday, November 5, at 8:30 worship. Contact Beth if you have questions at visser@upcch.org.

The Children's Reformation Service will be at Holy Trinity Lutheran today 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.

Auditions for the 2018 Youth Choir Musical *Miss Persia*, by Eyal Bitton, will be Sunday, November 5, from 1:45-3:30 p.m. All 6th-12th graders are encouraged to join us! Callbacks will be Monday, November 6, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. We need you onstage and back stage. Contact Beth at visser@upcch.org if you'd like to help out!

Young Adults

Young Adults will begin the first discussion of this year's Bible study on Monday, November 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the UPC Parlor. Join us to discuss the first 14 days of reading (Genesis 1-45). Contact Kate Fiedler (kate@upcch.org)

You Saw Her Again Today

"She is going through such a hard time," you thought. "Too bad no one is there for her." UPC can be there for her. A Stephen Minister can visit, listen, and support your friend. Contact Elizabeth Michael at elizabeth@upcch.org or (919) 929-2102 to discuss the situation and what you might do.

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
- 2.) Monday, December 4: *Stress, Life's Challenges, and Mindful Awareness*, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Visit upcch.org/connect-stephen-minister to learn more.

Farm Church at UPC

Did you miss the keynotes from Farm Church at the Congregational Retreat or did you like what you heard and want to hear more? You're in luck! Reverends Ben Johnston-Krase and Allen Brimer will be coming to UPC to continue the conversation we started in Montreat. Join us on Tuesday, November 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for an evening of fellowship, reflection, and inspiration.

Register for the Program Year

Each child/youth needs 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.

Presbyterian Youth Connection

PYC will meet again on Sunday, November 5, but with a time change. We'll meet at noon in the Fellowship Hall until 1:45 p.m. to better accommodate Youth Choir Musical try-outs. Our theme for November is Hospitality. All 6th-12th graders are encouraged to attend and bring \$5 for lunch. Pick-up is in the UPC parking lot. Please contact Kim McNeill at kim@upcch.org for more information.

Advent Craft Festival

The Advent Craft Festival will take place on Sunday, November 19. Please join us in Fellowship Hall from 9:45-10:45 a.m. to make fun family crafts in preparation for Advent. We suggest participants either "dress down" or bring an old t-shirt or smock that can get messy. This year, the Children's and Youth Ministry committee is again taking donations of non-perishable food items from children, youth and other members of the congregation. These food items will help support the Weekend Meal Backpack Program (<https://goo.gl/2kpeLR>), sponsored by TABLE. Children are invited and encouraged to bring in food contributions so that bags may be packed on November 19. To see a list of the items assigned to each Sunday School class, please go to upcch.org/festival-alternative-market or see the *Weekly E-News*. Members of the congregation who would like to contribute are encouraged to bring small plastic jars of peanut butter or entrées, such as single servings of macaroni and cheese (individual cups, not boxes), cans or boxes of soup, canned tuna, canned pasta or ravioli, Hormel *Compleats*, etc. Please get pop top lids if possible for canned goods. Collection tubs are located in the Parlor and inside the Henderson Street entrance. Please bring food contributions no later than Sunday, November 12.

Presbyterian Women

All women of UPC are invited to attend PW Circles:
Circle 1: Wed., Nov. 8, 7:00 p.m. Hostess: Kara Aycock
224 Vance Street, Chapel Hill, NC 27516

Circle 2: Mon., Nov. 6, 10 a.m. Hostess: Jean Carpenter,
226 Carolina Meadows Villa, (919) 240-4401

Circle 3: Tues., Nov. 7, 10:00 a.m. Hostess: Marian
Johnson, 217 Mill Race Dr., (919) 942-4752

Circle 4: Tues., Nov. 7, 10 a.m. Hostess: Edith Dengler,
10 East Madison, Fearington Village, (919) 542-3035

Circle 5: Wed., Nov. 1, at 7:00 p.m. Hostess: Myrah Scott,
105 Sheffield Circle 27517, (919) 933-9463

General Announcements

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.

The Fall Gathering of Church Women United, a Human Rights Celebration, will be this Friday, November 3, at 10:00 a.m. at the Church of the Holy Family. The worship theme is "Kindling New Fires of Hope" presented by the women of the University United Methodist Church. All are welcome.

This Week and Next at University Presbyterian Church

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
- 3:20 Junior Choir:
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
- 4:00-5:00 Children's Reformation Service:
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
(followed by Oktoberfest food/games)
- 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

Thursday, November 2

- 12:30-2:00 Woman to Woman:
Chapel Hill Public Library
- 6:00-8:00 PCM Dinner and Program: Terrace Room

Friday, November 3

- 11:00 Materials for Session Packets due

Saturday, November 4

- 9:00-12:00 Officer Training: Vance Barron Hall

Sunday, November 5

- 8:30 & 11:00 Worship Services
(Nursery: Room 128/134, Vance Barron Hall)
- 8:30-10:30 PYPs Pancake Breakfast: Fellowship Hall
- 9:45-10:45 Sunday School for all ages
- 12:00-1:45 PYC Theme Night: Fellowship Hall
- 1:45-3:30 Youth Choir Musical Auditions:
Priscilla D. Bevin Choir Suite
- 3:45-4:10 Children's Choir:
Priscilla D. Bevin Choir Suite
- 4:15-4:55 Junior Choir:
Priscilla D. Bevin Choir Suite

Monday, November 6

- 7:00-8:00 Men's Breakfast: Terrace Room
- 7:00-8:30 Youth Choir Musical Auditions:
Priscilla D. Bevin Choir Suite
- 7:00-8:30 Stephen Ministry Continuing Education:
Mindful Writing: Fellowship Hall
- 7:30-9:00 Young Adults: Parlor

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