

UNIVERSITY



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHAPEL HILL, NORTH CAROLINA

December 10, 2017
Second Sunday of Advent
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 Sebastian Bach
1685-1750

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland BWV 661(organo pleno)
Come, Savior of the Nations

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

The Greek word for repentance is hard to translate.
Literally the closest thing would be “change your mind,”
but that doesn’t really get it.
Repentance is more like “rethink everything.”

~Gail O’Day/Charles Hackett

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Brian Vandersea

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Norm and Portia Christensen (8:30)

Chrissy Boals, Sara Zetterberg (PCM Students) (11:00)

Isa. 11:6

One: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.
As the Lord has promised, in days to come.
The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,

**All: the calf and the lion and the fatling will lie down together,
and a little child shall lead them.**

One: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

All: Amen.

*HYMN 106 “Prepare the Way, O Zion” *Bereden väg för Herran*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One,

**We imagine that we are in familiar territory,
that we know what to expect of this hour,
that we will leave much the way that we came.**

Do not abandon us to our complacency.

**In judgment, illumine our darkness;
In mercy, call us home—
until your unlikely call sets our course,
your improbable word issues from mouths,
and we offer our lives for the sake of your coming.**

*Silent Confession

*Kyrrie 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.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*The Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

*Response of Praise

(Hymnal, 106)

**Prepare the way, O Zion,
your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley
a level way appear.
Greet One who comes in glory,
foretold in sacred story.
O blest is Christ who came
in God's most holy name.**

A Motet (11:00)

Paul Manz
1919-2009

Peace be to you and grace from Him
Who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all and shed His blood
That we might saved be.

Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord,
The Lord, Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come;
Sing Holy, Holy Lord!

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
For Christ is coming, is coming soon,
For Christ is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come,
And night shall be no more;
They need no light nor lamp nor sun,
For Christ shall be their All!

~ Words from Revelation 22, adapted by Ruth Manz

*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 744 “Arise, Your Light Is Come!” *Festal Son*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL AMEN (11:00) William Smith
1603-1645

*ORGAN POSTLUDE

**You are invited to stand, as able.*

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:* Margaret LaMotte Torrence, Interim Pastor. *Liturgists:* John Rogers, Associate Pastor for Campus Ministry; Kate Fiedler, Associate Pastor for Adult Ministries; Elizabeth Michael, Interim Associate Pastor; Nancy Myer, Staff Associate for Children's Ministries. *Choir Director and Organist:* Thomas Brown, Minister of Music.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY: **At 8:30:** *Deacon in the Narthex:* Laura Kirk. *Greeters:* Tom and Judy Warburton. *Ushers:* David and Kathy Clemmons (captains), Vicki Lotz, Harvey Hamrick. **At 11:00:** *Greeter:* Linda Straughn. *Ushers:* Tom (captain) and Betty Bouldin, Bob Johnson, Lew Lampiris. *Godly Play Leader:* Ellen Parker. *Handicapped Parking Assistant:* Rob Reda.

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.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY today are given by the Bevin family in memory of and thankfulness for the life of Priscilla Bevin.

ELDERS, SESSION FOLDERS ARE AVAILABLE in the church mailboxes. The Session will meet on Thursday, December 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Center.

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

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 VOLUNTARY: The formal composition of organ chorale preludes grew from the custom of improvising preludes and interludes to the Lutheran chorales (hymns) sung in Sunday services in the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries. Many organists of the period contributed to the form, which reached its zenith in the works of J.S. Bach. The mood and texture of chorale preludes of this period were inspired variously by the words of a particular verse of a chorale, or by the chorale melody itself. As these hymns of the church were well-known to North German congregations from childhood, the chorale prelude had great significance and meaning in projecting the spirit and ethos of the text. This morning's Voluntary is taken from Bach's "Great Eighteen Chorales," a collection in which he sought to demonstrate every way of composing a chorale prelude. In this intense setting, the sturdy Advent melody appears unadorned in the bass (pedals) with a fugue-like accompaniment derived from the first phrase of the chorale melody.

CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION...The work of proclamation belongs not just to preachers but to the Christian community as a whole. To that end, if thoughts or questions are stimulated by a sermon that you hear, your worship leaders would be grateful to receive your reflections. While we always are open to face-to-face conversation, sometimes it's easier to drop a note by email. We can't promise to respond to each email individually, but we would love to have your thoughts and questions inform our preparation for worship in the weeks to come. Any responses you'd like to share may be sent to sermons@upcch.org.

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

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Isa. 61:1-4, 8-11; Ps. 126; Luke 1:46b-55; 1 Thess. 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28.

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.



University Presbyterian Church Program Staff

Margaret LaMotte Torrence,
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of Music*

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Beth Auman Visser, *Director
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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
December 10, 2017

2018 Stewardship Campaign

The Session meets next week to discuss UPC's 2018 budget, which it must finalize a full month earlier than in prior years to provide financial information to the PC(USA) Board of Pensions. UPC's budget is based on pledges for the coming year and directly impacts our ministries. Through five weeks of the 2018 stewardship campaign, the number of pledges trailed each of the previous three years at the same point. Total pledges are down \$80,148 versus last year. **If you haven't yet pledged, please fill out a pledge card** located in the narthex and place it in the offering plate today or mail it to UPC 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. The latest stewardship campaign updates are on the chart in the narthex and on the website.

Alternative Gift Market: Purchase a Gift

If you missed the Alternative Gift Market in November, you may purchase green and sustainable Christmas gifts at a table in the narthex TODAY. **This is the last Sunday to shop!** Checks only please. View the 2017 shopping list online at upcch.org/resources.

Kitchen Clean-Out: Claim Your Dish

A kitchen clean-out is in the works! If you have left a beloved dish, plate, or pot in the Fellowship Hall or Youth Center kitchen after a scrumptious potluck at UPC, please be sure to pick it up by Christmas. After December 25, unclaimed dishes that are not useful in the kitchens will be donated. New, more functional kitchenware for the large meals we prepare is on the way, and we are working to make space for the pots and pans that are needed. Thanks for helping us get the plates back to the rightful owners.

Longest Night Service

Joy and merriment are prevalent in the Christmas season, and it can be hard to find space to sit with loss, grief, loneliness, and other strong feelings that weigh heavily during the holidays. Consider joining us for a special service of worship, "The Longest Night," **next Sunday, December 17, at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary**. This service will be a quiet, meditative observance of Advent, meant to offer space for all the parts of our life we bring to the manger. If this holiday season finds you mourning the loss of a loved one, coping with periods of darkness, seeking quiet contemplative space, or longing to be of support for those in need of healing, there is a place for you here. We will gather for quiet prayer, reading of scripture, music, lighting of candles, and intentional silence. Contact Elizabeth Michael, at elizabeth@upcch.org or (919) 929-2102 with

Beauty and Bounty: Due Monday

Gifts of Beauty and Bounty order forms are due by noon on Monday, December 11, 2017. Join us this year as we honor and remember the special people in our lives in one of two ways. You may give a poinsettia which will be used to decorate the chancel during Christmas, or you may make a contribution to the Inter-Faith Council for Social Services which will be used to provide support to those in our community who are in need. You may choose to do both! The names of those we honor or remember will appear in the Sunday Worship Bulletin, December 17, 2017. Order forms are available in the narthex, or visit upcch.org/resources to print the form yourself. You may bring it to the church office or mail it to UPC, Gifts of Beauty and Bounty, P.O. Box 509, Chapel Hill NC 27514-0509.

Ushers Needed

Ushers are needed for the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service. Please email Betty Bouldin if you are available to serve at bettybouldin@gmail.com.

Special Notice: Stock Gifts

To help ensure that your gift of stock is received and recorded correctly in the current year, we suggest that you **initiate the transfer by December 15, 2017**. Please notify Katharine Yager, Controller, of the stock gifted, the number of shares, and how the gift is to be applied. Please contact her at (919) 929-2102 or finance@upcch.org.

Special Notice: Tax Statement

If you are mailing a gift to the church and would like for it to appear on your year-end tax statement, please make sure it is **postmarked by December 30, 2017**. If you have questions, please contact Katharine Yager, Controller, at (919) 929-2102 or finance@upcch.org.

Presbyterian Women

All women of UPC are invited to attend PW Circles: **Circle 1:** Wed., Dec. 13, 7 p.m. Hostess: Leslie May, 419 Westwood Dr (919-225-3430)

Presbyterian Youth Connection

It's small groups night at PYC! Youth and parents should have received an email about when and where their small group is meeting for December. Youth are invited into *relationship* in small groups this evening with the group they signed up for earlier this year. There is no regular PYC tonight. Contact Kim McNeill at kim@upcch.org with questions.

Children's, Junior, and Youth Choirs

The Youth Choir (grades 6-12) rehearses today from 5:00-6:00 in preparation for the Services of Lessons and Carols next Sunday, December 17. We are also preparing for Christmas caroling on the evening of December 17 with PYC and for singing on Christmas Eve for the 7:00 p.m. worship service. The first rehearsal for *Miss Persia*, the 2018 Youth Choir musical, will be January 1 from 3-6. Contact Beth if you have questions at visser@upcch.org.

The Junior Choir (grades 2-6) rehearses today from 4:15-4:55 in preparation for the Services of Lessons and Carols next Sunday, December 17. Immediately following rehearsal today, December 10, the Junior Choir is invited to Carter and Campbell Lange's home for Christmas caroling. Parents should provide their child's transportation to the Lange's home. Bring \$5 for dinner and a flashlight and wear festive clothes. There is no afternoon rehearsal on December 17. On Christmas Eve, the Junior Choir should plan to arrive at 3:30 for the 4:00 p.m. service. Contact Beth if you have questions at visser@upcch.org.

The Children's Choir (grades K-2) rehearse today from 3:45-4:10 in preparation for the Services of Lessons and Carols on December 17. Also on December 17, the Children's Choir will go Christmas caroling at Carol Woods Retirement Community meeting at 3:00 near the Carol Woods auditorium, followed by a caroling party at Kenan Oakes' home. On Christmas Eve, the Children's Choir should plan to arrive at 3:40 for the 4:00 p.m. service. Contact Beth if you have questions at visser@upcch.org.

Registration is open for the Montreat Worship and Music Conference (June 17-23, 2018). All active choir members, rising fourth graders to graduating seniors, are eligible to attend. Go to upcch.org/music/youth-choir to register. Our own Margaret LaMotte Torrence will be the Liturgist for the conference and Jeremy Nabors, CHHS Choral Director, will be the High School Choral Director. Don't miss the fun!

Kirk Club

Kirk Club, for 4th and 5th graders, will meet next on Wednesday, December 20, 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the Youth Center. Please contact Kim McNeill at kim@upcch.org or Nancy Myer at nancy@upcch.org with questions.

Advent Christmas Brunch

UPC's annual Advent Christmas Brunch will be held **next Sunday, December 17, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall**. The Congregational Life Committee and Deacons will host this potluck fellowship brunch. Beverages will be provided, and we ask that each member of the congregation bring a breakfast dish to share (quiche, muffins, fruit, etc.). Please remember to label your dishes and serving spoons with your name if you'd like to have them back. Be sure to pick up anything you brought with you following the brunch. Please note the brunch will take the place of our Second Sunday Lunch in December and is held on the same morning as our Service of Lessons and Carols.

Favorite Organ Music

Copies of *Favorite Organ Music*, a CD by University Church's Minister of Music Tom Brown, are available for purchase! Celebrating 12 highlights of the Liturgical Year, from Advent to Christ the King Sunday, Tom explores the colors and textures of our Sanctuary organ through 24 favorite organ works with music by Bach, Pachelbel, Brahms, Langlais, Alain, Widor, Vierne, Dupré, and others. The CD is available in the church office during the week or from Tom on Sundays. Cost is \$15. Please make checks payable to "UPC" and write "Tom Brown's CD" in the memo line. It makes a great holiday gift!

Adult Education

Bible Study: Join Randy Kabrick and Ed Preston as they lead the discussion through the gospel of Luke. **This week:** Celebration and Betrayal; The Crucifixion; The Resurrection. (Luke 22-24) (Stephen Ministry Room).

Connections: This class offers discussions on current events in our community and on popular movies. All are invited to join in the conversation. **This week:** Join the discussion on the classic movie *Miracle on 34th Street*. Facilitators: Brad Geerdes and Vince Tollers. (Dunham Hall).

Faith and the Arts: *The Art of Advent and Christmas:* In this class, UPC staff and members lead us in exploring the music, literature, and visual arts inspired by this season. **This week:** Join the hymn sing as Tom Warburton plays favorite Advent and Christmas hymns. Add your voice and make a joyful noise as we prepare for and celebrate the birth of Jesus. Facilitator: Mellicent Blythe. (Vance Barron Hall).

Living Out Our Faith: *Transitions:* Whether it is chosen or thrust upon you, change brings both opportunities and turmoil. As our UPC congregation navigates our own transitions in leadership, join the conversation and add your perspective and prayers as this class discerns what lies ahead together. Facilitator: Jim Schultz. (Terrace Room). (\

***After this week,** Adult Education classes will take a break. New topics will begin to meet on Sunday, January 7.

Need Someone to Talk To?

Ever felt this way? Caring communications with others is a basic human need. Stephen Ministers can help meet that need. For a listening ear, please contact Elizabeth Michael at elizabeth@upcch.org or (919) 929-2102. Or learn more at upcch.org/stephen-ministry. 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 you are facing.

Announcement from the Larger Community

The Racial Equity Institute will present another Groundwater Training on Sunday, January 7, 2018, at Kehillah Synagogue in Chapel Hill. Registration for the January 7 training is open, and registration for Racial Equity Institute trainings tend to fill quickly. The registration link is conta.cc/2hDbL2b. If you have questions, please contact Kate Fiedler at kate@upcch.org.

This Week and Next at University Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 10

- 8:30 & 11:00 Worship Services (Nursery: Room 130/134)
9:45-10:45 Sunday School for all ages
3:30-5:00 PYC Small Groups: Youth Center
3:45-4:10 Children's Choir:
 Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite
4:00-5:00 UPC worship service: Carolina Meadows
4:15-4:55 Junior Choir:
 Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite
5:00-6:00 Youth Choir:
 Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite
5:00-7:00 Junior Choir Christmas Caroling

Monday, December 11

- 10:00 Bulletin content deadline for Dec. 24
5:00-6:00 Local Outreach: Vance Barron Hall
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6:00-7:00 Administration Committee: Youth Center
7:00-8:00 Stewardship Committee:
 Dunham Hall Room 145

Wednesday, December 13

- 10:00 Bulletin content deadline: Dec. 31
7:15-9:15 Chancel Choir:
 Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite

Thursday, December 14

- 5:30-6:30 Congregational Life Committee:
 Youth Center
6:30-8:30 Session meeting: Youth Center

Friday, December 15

- 12:00 *The Chimes* content deadline

Sunday, December 17: Lessons and Carols

- 8:30 & 11:00 Worship Services (Nursery: Room 130/134)
9:45-10:45 Advent Christmas Brunch
10:15-10:30 Godly Play: Vance Barron Hall
3:00-4:00 Children's Choir Christmas Caroling
3:00-4:00 UPC worship service: Carol Woods
5:00-6:00 Longest Night Service: Sanctuary
5:00-8:15 PYC and Youth Choir Christmas Caroling

Monday, December 18

- 7:00-8:00 Men's Breakfast: Terrace Room
7:30-9:00 Young Adults: Parlor

Wednesday, December 20

- 3:30-4:30 Kirk Club: Youth Center

Friday, December 22

- 12:00 Church office closed

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