

# UNIVERSITY



## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHAPEL HILL, NORTH CAROLINA

**December 24, 2017**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**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

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland BWV 599

1685-1750

*Come, Savior of the Nations*

#### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Madeleine L'Engle

1918-2007

Then hear now the silence  
He comes in the silence  
in silence he enters  
the womb of the bearer...  
So come now, Lord Jesus  
Come in your silence  
breaking our noising  
laughter of panic  
breaking this earth's time  
breaking us breaking us  
quickly Lord Jesus  
make no long tarrying...

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

\*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE/OPENING SENTENCES

John, Ashley, Wade, and Eleanor Wilson

Isa. 7:14

One: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.  
As the Lord has promised, in days to come.  
The Lord will give you a sign.  
Look, the young woman is with child.

**All: She shall bear a son,  
and name him Emmanuel: "God is with us."**

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

**All: Amen.**

\*HYMN 83 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

*Stuttgart*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God,  
You invite us to bear your life into the world,  
but we are often too busy to attend to your presence,  
or too uncertain about where you are leading,  
or too fearful of what your good news might do.  
We long for the joy and confidence that are your gifts to those  
who truly know your Spirit and see your coming kingdom.  
Cast out our sin, and enter once more into our hearts;  
be born in us anew.  
Lord, hear our prayer.**

\*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.

\*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, 83)

**Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.**

## 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

#### GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 1:26-38

pp. 56-57

(Children's Bible, p. 1182)

**One:** The Word of the Lord.

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON "Annunciations of One Sort or Another" Elizabeth Michael

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

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

\*HYMN 99 “My Soul Gives Glory to My God” *Morning Song*

### THE THANKSGIVING

Offertory Sentence

At the Offering,

A Chorus from *MESSIAH* George Frideric Handel  
1685-1759

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together, for the  
mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

~ *Words, Isaiah 40:5*

\*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 88 (vss. 1-4) “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” *Veni Emmanuel*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL AMEN

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.

SUNDAY MORNING CHILDCARE WILL RETURN on Sunday, December 31. 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](mailto:nancy@upcch.org) or (919) 929-2102 if there is anything we can do to enhance the Sunday morning experience for your family.

GODLY PLAY WILL RETURN on Sunday, January 7. 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.

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

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News and Opportunities  
December 24, 2017

## Christmas Eve Services

Please plan to celebrate Christmas Eve with your church family at one of our special worship services today.

**4:00 p.m. – Children’s Service:** UPC invites children, youth, parents, grandparents and all others to a special Christmas Eve worship service that will lift our spirit in the lively ringing of bells. This is a special worship experience intended especially for children and their families, giving us the opportunity to watch the nativity story unfold before our very eyes. The Junior and Children’s Choirs will lead the music in this worship service.

**7:00 p.m. – Candlelight Service:** The pews will be full for this traditional and festive service. The Youth Choir leads music; the sacred story is proclaimed, and candlelight floods the Sanctuary as the congregation sings carols together.

**11:00 p.m. – Candlelight and Communion:** This service is more intimate and contemplative. The Chancel Choir offers music; the sacred story is once again proclaimed, and the congregation gathers for communion by intinction before dismissing around midnight into the first few minutes of Christmas Day.



## Christmas Eve Offering

The Christmas Eve Offering will be received during each service. The monies received from this special offering will be divided between the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Fund.

## 2018 Stewardship Campaign

Through early December, total dollars pledged for 2018 are \$243,000 below the final amounts pledged for the previous two years. The Session must finalize UPC’s 2018 budget, which is based on pledges, a full month earlier than in prior years to provide financial information to the PC(USA) Board of Pensions. **If you have not yet pledged, please do so soon as possible.** Pledge cards are located in the narthex and may be placed in the offering plate today or mailed to UPC at P.O. Box 509, Chapel Hill, NC 27514. You may also email your pledge to [finance@upcch.org](mailto:finance@upcch.org) or pledge securely online at [www.upcch.org/stewardship](http://www.upcch.org/stewardship). The latest stewardship campaign updates are on the chart in the narthex and on the website. Thank you!

## 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](mailto:finance@upcch.org).

## **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.

## **Presbyterian Youth Connection**

Sunday, January 14, is the deadline to register for the **High School Beach Retreat** (April 13-15, \$220) and the **Masanetta Middle School Conference** (July 11-14, \$375). To register, go to [www.upcch.org/pyc/#trips](http://www.upcch.org/pyc/#trips). Scholarships are available and confidential. For more information about trips or scholarships, please contact Kim McNeill, Staff Associate for Youth Ministries, at [kim@upcch.org](mailto:kim@upcch.org).

## **UPPS Registration**

University Presbyterian Preschool (UPPS) registration for next fall is here! For the past 46 years, UPPS has been offering a nurturing, play-based preschool option for church members and the surrounding community. Children who turn two years old before September 1st are eligible for our Twos class. We also offer a Threes class, a Fours class and a "Transitional Fives" class for kindergarten-aged children who could benefit from an extra year in a nurturing preschool setting. Church members can submit applications for our Twos class during our priority registration period, from January 1 to January 22. Applications for the Threes, Fours and Fives are accepted on a rolling basis. Applications and more information about the preschool can be found on the preschool website at [www.upps-ch.com](http://www.upps-ch.com). For more information or to schedule a tour, please contact Director Ellen Parker or Assistant to the Director Caroline Jones at (919) 929-8658 or [preschool@upcch.org](mailto:preschool@upcch.org).

## **Adult Education**

Merry Christmas! New classes begin on Sunday, January 7. Join the discussion about current events in the Connections class, about parenting and technology, or about faith and money. Contact Kate Fiedler at [kate@upcch.org](mailto:kate@upcch.org). All are welcome to join Adult Education classes at any time.

## **The First Christmas Without A Loved One**

Christmas without a dearly departed loved one hurts. The family is smaller now as you gather round the table. You keep thinking of the way it was. You miss your loved one. At this difficult time, a Stephen Minister is willing to walk this journey with you. Your Stephen Minister will listen while you work through your sorrow or pain. To discuss giving yourself the gift of a Stephen Minister, please contact Elizabeth Michael, Interim Associate Pastor, at (919) 929-2102 or [elizabeth@upcch.org](mailto:elizabeth@upcch.org) to discuss being matched, or visit [upcch.org/stephen-ministry](http://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. Men are matched with male Stephen Ministers, and women are matched with female Stephen Ministers. It's free. It's confidential. And it will make a difference in your life!

## Youth, Junior, and Children's Choirs

The Youth Choir (grades 6-12) will begin rehearsals for their musical, *Miss Persia*, on Monday, January 1, from 3:00-6:00 p.m. in the Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite, and the Technical Team will be painting in the Fellowship Hall. Happy New Year! Contact Beth Visser at [visser@upcch.org](mailto:visser@upcch.org) for more information.

The Junior (grades 2-6) and Children's Choirs (grades K-2) will resume Sunday afternoon rehearsals on January 7. Now is a great time to join these choirs! Contact Beth Visser at [visser@upcch.org](mailto:visser@upcch.org) for more information.

Tickets for *Miss Persia*, the Youth Choir's 2018 musical about Esther by Eyal Bitton, will be on sale on Sundays, January 21 and 28 in the church office following the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services. Performance dates are February 1, 2, and 3. Tickets are \$5; dessert and beverages will be served. The February 1 performance is free and no food will be serviced. For ticket information, contact Kate Fiedler at [kate@upcch.org](mailto:kate@upcch.org).

## Register for Montreat

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](http://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!

## Screen Time and Stress

Please join us for "Screen Time and Stress" on January 7, 6:00-7:30 p.m., in Dunham Hall. Dr. Christian Mauro with the Duke Child and Family Study Center will present on this topic, with plenty of time for discussion. Think "screen time" means television and video games? It does—but it also refers to computers, cell phones, and other technologies that are so prevalent in our daily lives. Come learn about the effects the constant influx of technology and access to unlimited information can have on the mental health of our children and youth and discuss what we can do to help them navigate this tricky new world! This event will be hosted by the Mental Health Task Force and the CYM Youth Sub-Committee. A light supper will be provided in the Youth Center. If needed, childcare will be provided. **Please go to <https://goo.gl/eGDgT2> to RSVP to give us a head count for dinner.**

## Presbyterian Women

All women of UPC are invited to attend PW Circles:  
**Circle 1:** Wed., Jan. 10, 7 p.m. Hostess: Megan Crunkleton, 118 Steeplechase Rd. (919-960-8874)

**Circle 2:** Mon., Jan. 8, 10 a.m. Hostess: Diane McGrath, 2200 Copeland Way (919-929-9657)

**Circle 3:** Tues., Jan. 9, 10 a.m. Hostess: Marian Johnson, 217 Mill Race Drive (919-942-4752)

**Circle 4:** Tues., Jan. 3, 10 a.m. Hostess: TBD (Farrington Village)

**Circle 5:** Wed., Jan. 3, 7 p.m. Hostess: Myrah Scott, 105 Sheffield Circle (919-933-9463)

## 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](https://conta.cc/2hDbL2b). If you have questions, please contact Kate Fiedler at [kate@upcch.org](mailto:kate@upcch.org).

# **This Week and Next at University Presbyterian Church**

## **Sunday, December 24**

- 11:00           Worship Service (no 8:30 service)  
                    (no nursery care during services today)
- 4:00           Family and Children's  
                    Christmas Eve Service: Sanctuary
- 7:00           Traditional Candlelight  
                    Christmas Eve Service: Sanctuary
- 11:00          Candlelight and Communion  
                    Christmas Eve Service: Sanctuary

## **Monday, December 25**

Church office closed: Christmas Day

## **Tuesday, December 26**

Church office closed

## **Wednesday, December 27**

Church office closed

## **Sunday, December 31**

- 8:30 & 11:00    Worship Services (Nursery: Room 130/134)

## **Monday, January 1**

- Church office closed: New Year's Day
- 3:00-6:00       Musical rehearsal: Fellowship Hall,  
                    Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite
- 6:00-7:00       Global Outreach: Vance Barron Hall

## **Tuesday, January 2**

- 10:00           Bulletin announcement deadline

## **Thursday, January 4**

- 7:00-9:00       Musical rehearsal: Fellowship Hall,  
                    Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite

## **Friday, January 5**

- 11:00           Materials for Session Packets due

## **Saturday, January 6**

- 9:00-4:00       Confirmation Day Retreat:  
                    Vance Barron Hall, Dunham Hall
- 3:00-6:00       Musical rehearsal: Fellowship Hall,  
                    Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite

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