

UNIVERSITY



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHAPEL HILL, NORTH CAROLINA

January 7, 2018
Epiphany of the Lord
Ordination and Installation of Officers
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 Pachelbel

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern
How Brightly Shines the Morningstar

1653-1706

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Thomas Aquinas

Godhead here in hiding, whom I do adore,
Masked by these bare shadows, shape and nothing more,
See, Lord, at thy service low lies here a heart
Lost, all lost in wonder at the God thou art.

1225-1274

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*OPENING SENTENCES

Isaiah 9:2, 6

One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

All: **For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.**

*HYMN 151

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

Kings of Orient

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God,

We move through our days, half-awake:

we do not watch for your coming,

we avoid troubling questions,

we have forgotten how to live at the edge of our hope.

In this hour, pierce our routine with holy love,

that in turning toward your brightness,

we might find a new way home.

***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.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in a simple, accessible style with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The second staff continues the melody, ending with a double bar line.

***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, 151)

**Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
sounds through the earth and skies.
O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!**

THE WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Children, three-years old through third-graders, are invited to come to the front of the Sanctuary for Time with Children. Children under three are invited to come forward with a parent.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 2:1-12

p. 2

(Children's Bible, p. 1111)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Light to Guide You”

Margaret LaMotte Torrence

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

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Statement of Purpose

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Do you believe in God, the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Constitutional Questions

Laying on of Hands

Prayer

Charge

THE THANKSGIVING

Offertory Sentence

At the Offering,

Noël: Bon Joseph écoutez moi (8:30) Jean-François Dandrieu
Good Joseph, listen to me 1682-1738

Three Excerpts from *Christus, Op. 97* (11:00) Felix Mendelssohn
Kathleen Jasinskas, *soprano* 1809-1847

Philip Hughes, *tenor*, Jim Baxley and Charlie Hyland, *baritones*

When Jesus, our Lord, was born in Bethlehem, in the land of Judaea;
Behold, from the east to the city of Jerusalem there came wise men and said:

Say, where is He born, the king of Judaea? For we have seen his
Star, and are come to adore Him.

~ Matthew 2:1-2

There shall a star come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel;
With might destroying princes and cities!

As bright the star of morning gleams,
So Jesus sheddeth glorious beams
Of light and consolation.
Thy Word, O Lord,
Radiance darting, Truth imparting, Gives salvation;
Thine be praise and adoration!

~ Numbers 24:17

and Christian Karl Josiah von Bunsen
1791-1860

*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

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right—and our greatest joy—to give you praise.
When all was chaos, you brought light from the darkness.
You called it good.

When we wandered in the wilderness
you stirred a pillar of fire to guide our way.

When still the shadows overwhelmed,
you came into our darkness as a child born of light.

Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with every grateful, hopeful generation
into whose darkness you have shined:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

At the birth of the Christ
you lit the sky for all to see.

Jesus grew and walked among us, the light of the world,
but we found it hard to follow. We turned away.

Still you did not abandon us.
From the darkest of graves, you brought radiant life.

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died.
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Holy Spirit, illumine our hearts.
Be known to us in the breaking of this bread,
spill again your life into this cup;
until your light dwells within us
and we shine with your love.

We pray for those all over the world
whose needs are vast, but far removed;
and we lift to you the names and faces we cherish,
whose suffering rends our hearts.

We come together as your children, to pray the family prayer:

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 Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Today we will receive the sacrament by means of intinction (dipping the bread in the cup). At 11 a.m., there will be two serving stations on each side; please proceed to the next available station. As the servers say, "the bread of life," and "the cup of salvation," you are invited to respond with "Amen" or "thanks be to God." (All of the elements are gluten-free; all cups contain grape juice.)

After you have received the sacrament, please also receive an Epiphany star from one of the ushers.

Prayer of Response

Holy God,
You have pierced our darkness
and brightened our path.
Keep watch with us now as we seek to follow where you lead.

Give us curious, persistent, risk-taking hearts
until we discover the Christ in the poorest of places—
then bend, with joy, to offer our gifts.

We pray in the name of Jesus,
whose love lights our way. **Amen.**

THE SENDING

*HYMN 744 "Arise, Your Light is Come!"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL AMEN (11:00)

Henry Balfour Gardiner
1877-1950

*ORGAN POSTLUDE

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

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

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY: **At 8:30:** *Greeters:* Ron and Shelley Adams. *Ushers:* Gus and Libby Conley (captains), Cliff and Linda Butler. *Communion Servers:* Annette Munson, Woody Burns. **At 11:00:** *Greeters:* Lee White and Julie Hogue. *Ushers:* Tom (captain) and Betty Bouldin, Lyn and Ed Billings, Martin and Barbara Hedgepeth. *Communion Servers:* Bob Johnson, May Bryan, Portia Christensen, Chip Sudderth, Jamie Bryan, Gwen Waddell-Schultz, Chelsey McElwee, Sam Leaman, Robin Thomas. *Godly Play Leader:* Ann Henschel. *Handicapped Parking Assistant:* Jesse Basnight, Jr.

THIS MORNING'S 11:00 CHORAL MUSIC offers the three surviving excerpts from Felix Mendelsson's (1809-1847) unfinished oratorio *Christus*. Begun in the last year of his life (and on the heels of his hugely popular oratorio *Elijah* written the year before), *Christus*, *Op. 97*, was to have been Mendelssohn's third oratorio, and planned along the lines of Handel's *Messiah*. A Recitative and a Trio for three male voices (the Wise Men) precede one of Mendelssohn's most beloved choruses which concludes with a quote from the Epiphany hymn *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern* (How brightly shines the Morningstar).

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

ELDERS, SESSION FOLDERS ARE AVAILABLE in the church mailboxes. The Session will meet on Thursday, January 11, at 7 p.m. in the Youth Center.

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.

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: 1 Sam. 3:1-10 (11-20); Ps. 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Cor. 6:12-20; John 1:43-51.





Welcome to University Presbyterian Church

News and Opportunities

January 7, 2018

2018 Stewardship Campaign

Thanks to all who have responded thus far to the 2018 stewardship campaign, **More than we can imagine.** As of January 2, we have received 386 pledges totaling \$1,618,709. While we made good progress over the holidays, we are still \$129,000 short of the final amounts pledged for each of the previous two years. The Session meets on January 11 to start work on UPC's 2018 budget, which will be determined primarily by stewardship pledges received to date. **If you have not yet pledged for 2018, please do so now. If you have already pledged, please consider increasing your pledge if you are able.** Pledge cards are in the narthex and may be placed in the offering plate or mailed 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, where you will also find the latest stewardship campaign updates. Thank you!

Screen Time and Stress: Today

Join the discussion this evening from 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. 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 is hosted by the Mental Health Task Force and the CYM Youth Sub-Committee.

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. 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.

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

Connections: *Town and Steeple*: Join the discussion about current events and movies. This week, the class will talk about the movie *Miracle on 34th Street*. Facilitators: Brad Geerdes and Vince Tollers. Location: Dunham Hall.

Living Out Our Faith: *Kids and Technology—Teaching Our Children How To Be Good Christian Digital Citizens*: This class will discuss navigating social media, which apps are fine for kids, modeling screen time, and other concerns with technology. Join fellow UPC parents as we discern how we can best shepherd our children in the digital realm. Facilitators: Lauren Garber and Leslie May. Location: Terrace Room.

Bible Study: *Faith and Money*: Come join others seeking to bring their relationship with God and their relationship with money into greater alignment. Facilitator: Elizabeth Michael. Location: Vance Barron Hall.

PYPs Thank-You-Note-Writing Party: Today

Now that the Christmas season is behind us and the new year has arrived, we are given a wonderful opportunity to practice gratitude. Join us for a thank-you-note-writing party today from 3:30-4:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Children AND parents should attend. Please bring with you a list of the gifts received and from whom you received each gift. If you have special stationery that you would like to use, please feel free to bring it. We will provide plain paper, stickers, crayons, and markers, as well as age-appropriate instruction as to why and how to write thank you notes. Join us before or after choir. We hope to see you!

PYPs Child-Friendly Meals Potluck: Today

All PYPs families are invited to a Child-Friendly Meals Potluck today. Bring your favorite, easy, go-to, weeknight dish to the Fellowship Hall at 5:00 p.m., along with the printed recipe. Our families will enjoy fellowship and dinner and each will leave with a recipe book of new ideas for easy dinners. Plus, you'll have seen which are your family's favorites! Please bring enough for 12 people.

Presbyterian Youth Connection

All 6th-12th graders are encouraged to start the year off with PYC. Tonight is our first Theme Night of the new year! Join in as we start to explore how our faith and sexuality intersect. Bring \$5 for dinner and enter for the Fellowship Hall at 110 Henderson Street between 5:45 and 6:00 p.m. Pick-up is at 7:30 in the parking lot. Contact Kim McNeill at kim@upcch.org for more information about PYC.

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. Scholarships are available and confidential. For more information about trips or scholarships, contact Kim McNeill at kim@upcch.org.

Young Adults

The Young Adults Bible study will return tomorrow (Monday, January 8). We will gather at 7:30 p.m. in the UPC Parlor to discuss the next two weeks of reading (Judges 3:7-1 - Samuel 24, or pages 274-337 in the study Bible). Contact Kate Fiedler at kate@upcch.org if you would like to join or have questions.

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)

Cook with Presbyterian Campus Ministry

PCM is ready to plan for the spring calendar and need some volunteers to cook alongside our PCM students. You help choose the menu; we shop, and you show up on a Thursday afternoon around 4:00 p.m. to help cook and have dinner with our students at 6:00. We clean up! This program has proven to be a wonderful way to connect our students to friends at UPC and was a lot of fun this past fall. The dates for the spring semester are Thursdays, January 25, February 22, March 22, and April 19. Please email John Rogers at jrogers@upcch.org if you would like to help. The spots will go quick, so sign up soon!

A New Year—Or Is It?

What should I do with my life? What does God want me to do? Confused? Undecided? A Stephen Minister can serve as a listening ear while you explore these questions. Contact Elizabeth Michael, Interim Associate Pastor, at (919) 929-2102 or elizabeth@upcch.org to discuss being matched, or visit upcch.org/stephen-ministry to learn more.

Montreat Family Information Meeting: Today

The Montreat Worship and Music Family Information Meeting is today at 4:30 p.m. in the Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite. Singers and their families interested in finding out more about the Montreat Worship and Music Conference (June 17-22, 2018) are invited to attend. We will look at the 2017 Montreat slide show together and answer questions about this wonderful conference—open to rising fourth graders to graduating seniors. Go to upcch.org/music/youth-choir to register and sign up for classes. Registration is open until February 15.

Second Sunday Lunch

The first Second Sunday Lunch of the new year will be next Sunday, January 14, in the Fellowship Hall after the 11:00 service. The Children's and Youth Ministry Committee and Personnel Committee will co-host and provide a main dish and beverages. Those who attend are asked to bring a vegetable dish, a salad, or a dessert for approximately 12 people. Please be generous! All new members, visitors, and students are welcome without contribution. If possible, we ask members to add a label to your dish specifying allergens to help show hospitality to those with food allergies and other dietary needs. Labels such as "gluten free," "contains peanuts/tree nuts" or "vegetarian" are helpful to ensure everyone can enjoy food and fellowship at church. We encourage everyone to come and enjoy the warm fellowship and delicious food. All are welcome!

Youth, Junior, and Children's Choirs

The Youth Choir (grades 6-12) is rehearsing for their musical, *Miss Persia*, by Eyal Bitton, this month. Performance dates are February 1, 2, and 3. Check your emails for the rehearsal schedule. Full cast rehearses from 5-6 p.m. today and Saturday, January 13, from 12-3 p.m. Contact Beth Visser at visser@upcch.org for more information.

The Junior Choir (grades 2-6) rehearses from 4:15-4:55 p.m., and the Children's Choir (grades K-2) rehearses from 3:45-4:10 p.m. Both choirs will resume their Sunday afternoon rehearsals today. Now is a great time to join these choirs!

Youth Choir Musical Tickets

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.

Over 65 Lunches

Over 65? (Or close to it?) Join us this year for Dutch treat lunches after 11:00 a.m. worship downtown! Plan now to gather in the Parlor on the fourth Sundays, January 28, February 25, and March 25, and walk to a nearby restaurant for some good food and fellowship. This lunch is sponsored by the Congregational Life Committee. Hosts are Gwen Waddell-Schultz and Jim Schultz. (Proof of age not required!) Please call Gwen at (919) 357-4225 with questions.

For the Final Season

UPC has published *For the Final Season: Resources to Discuss and Share*. This 18-page booklet is one central place to gather information about yourself, your resources, and your wishes for end-of-life care, which may prove helpful to your loved ones. It also includes resources for planning a memorial service and information for those wanting to be interred in the Anne McClamroch Memorial Garden; copies of these pages could be left on file in the church office for service planning when the time comes. Copies of the booklet are available in the Parlor on Sundays or from Elizabeth Michael (919-929-2102; elizabeth@upcch.org).

This Week and Next at University Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 7

- 8:30 & 11:00 Worship Services (Nursery: Room 130/134)
9:45-10:45 Sunday School for all ages
12:00-1:00 Membership Committee:
 Vance Barron Hall
3:30-4:45 PYPs Thank You Note Writing Party:
 Fellowship Hall
3:45-4:10 Children's Choir:
 Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite
4:15-4:55 Junior Choir:
 Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite
4:30 Montreat Worship and Music Meeting:
 Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite
5:00-6:00 PYPs Kid-friendly Meals Potluck:
 Fellowship Hall
5:00-6:00 Youth Choir:
 Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite
6:00-7:30 Screen Time and Stress: Dunham Hall
 (light dinner in Youth Center)
6:00-7:30 PYC Theme Night: Fellowship Hall

Monday, January 8

- 7:00-8:00 Men's Breakfast: Terrace Room
5:00-6:00 Local Outreach: Vance Barron Hall
6:00-7:00 Global Outreach: Vance Barron Hall
6:00-7:00 Administration Committee: Youth Center
6:00-8:00 Deacons: Lee and Myrah Scott's home
7:00-8:45 Musical rehearsal: Fellowship Hall,
 Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite
7:30-9:00 Young Adults: Parlor

Tuesday, January 9

- 10:00 Bulletin announcement deadline

Wednesday, January 10

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

Thursday, January 11

- 5:30-7:00 Congregational Life Committee:
 Youth Center
6:00-8:00 PCM Dinner and Program: Terrace Room
7:00-8:45 Musical rehearsal: Fellowship Hall,
 Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite
7:00-9:00 Session meeting: Youth Center

Saturday, January 13

- 12:00-3:00 Musical rehearsal: Full Cast & Tech Crew:
 Fellowship Hall, Choir Suite

Sunday, January 14

- 8:30 & 11:00 Worship Services (Nursery: Room 130/134)
9:45-10:45 Sunday School for all ages
12:00-1:00 Second Sunday Lunch: Fellowship Hall
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
6:00-7:30 PYC Theme Night: Fellowship Hall

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