

# UNIVERSITY



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
CHAPEL HILL, NORTH CAROLINA

**November 18, 2018**  
**Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**8:30 and 11:00 a.m.**

## THE GATHERING

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“To believe something is to let its affirmation become the inhalation and exhalation of your life’s breath. Belief does not exclude doubt or incredulity or intellectual curiosity, but belief is not exhausted by doubt or incredulity or curiosity. To believe something is to let it transform your life.”

-Wendy M. Wright

### THE VOLUNTARY

Johannes Brahms  
1883-1897

Intermezzo in A Major, Op. 118, No. 2

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

\*OPENING SENTENCES

Hebrews 12:5-6

One: God has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you."  
So we can say with confidence:

**All: The Lord is my helper;  
I will not be afraid.  
What can anyone do to me?"**

\*HYMN 687

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

*St. Anne*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Abundant God,  
Forgive us for clinging so tightly to the gifts we know:  
the people we love,  
the work we do,  
the health we take for granted.**

**Help us to live with open hands and open hearts,  
offering gladly  
what we hold most dear,  
for the sake of your life in the world.**

\*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*, 687)

**Our God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guard while life shall last,  
and our eternal home.**

## THE WORD

An Anthem (8:30) Michael Bedford  
The Children's Choir (b. 1949)  
Medha and Ashwin Chera, *bar chimes*

It is good to give thanks to the Lord.  
Sing God's praise, sing God's praise.

Tell the world of God's love all day long  
Sing God's praise, sing God's praise.

Play on the psaltery, play on the lyre,  
Play a joyful tune on the harp.  
It is good to give thanks to the Lord.

## 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

FIRST READING I Samuel 1:4-20 pp. 244  
(Children's Bible, p. 315)

SECOND READING Mark 12:38-13:2 pp. 49  
(Children's Bible, p. 1172)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Asking God" Margaret LaMotte Torrence

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

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Psalm 16:5-11

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;  
**you hold my lot.**

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
**I have a goodly heritage.**

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;  
**in the night also my heart instructs me.**

I keep the Lord always before me;  
**because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;  
**my body also rests secure.**

For you do not give me up to Sheol,  
**or let your faithful one see the Pit.**

You show me the path of life.

**In your presence there is fullness of joy;  
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

## THE THANKSGIVING

\*Offertory Sentence

At the Offering,

An Anthem (8:30) Southern Harmony, 1835  
Lindsay Guamán, *flute* arr. Mack Wilberg  
The Youth Choir b. 1955

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name;  
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.  
He brings my wandering spirit back, when I forsake his ways,  
and leads me for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay;  
One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.  
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;  
My cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;  
O may thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise!  
There would I find a settled rest while others go and come,  
no more a stranger, nor a guest; but like a child at home.

Isaac Watts (1647-1740)

A Spiritual (11:00) Traditional African-American  
Charlie Hyland, *baritone* arr. William L. Dawson  
1889-1990

*Ev'ry time I feel the spirit,  
Moving in my heart, I will pray;  
Yes, Ev'ry time I feel the spirit,  
Moving in my heart, I will pray.*

Upon the mountain my Lord spoke,  
Out of his mouth came fire and smoke;  
Looked all around me,  
It looked so fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine.  
*Ev'ry time I feel the spirit...*

Jordan river is chilly and cold,  
It chills the body, but not the soul;  
There ain't but one train upon this track,  
It runs to heaven and right back.  
*Ev'ry time I feel the spirit...*

\*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.**



## 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:* Hillary Bergman Cheek, Interim Associate Pastor; Kim McNeill, Staff Associate for Youth Ministries; John Rogers, Associate Pastor for Campus Ministry. *Choir Director and Organist:* Thomas Brown, Minister of Music. *Youth Choir Director:* Beth Auman Visser. *Youth Choir Accompanist:* Betsy Carmichael.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY: **At 8:30:** *Greeters:* Alan and Kathy Swendiman. *Ushers:* Gus and Libby Conley (captains), Jay and Mary Ann Klompmaker. **At 11:00:** *Greeters:* Bob, Marcia, and Sophia Vaughn. *Ushers:* Lawrence Sizemore (captain), Bruce and Ann Henschel, Bob Johnson, Edith Lino, Daniel Mosteller. *Godly Play Leaders:* Ellen Parker, Lynne Franke. *Handicapped Parking Assistant:* Aaron Shah.

THIS MORNING'S VOLUNTARY is taken from *Six Pieces for Piano, Op. 118*, and is one of the most beloved compositions that Johannes Brahms (1833-1897) wrote for solo piano. Like many great composers, Brahms was a child prodigy. Later, as a teenager, he would earn money playing the piano in the brothels that dotted Hamburg's docks while playing the occasional piano recital and trying his hand at composition. He would grow to become one of the greatest composers of all time, and it was Hans von Bülow (1830-1894), one of the most famous conductors of the 19th Century, who dubbed him one of *The Three Bs* (Bach, Beethoven and Brahms). Completed in 1893 and dedicated to his close friend Clara Schumann, *Six Pieces for Piano, Op. 118* was the penultimate composition published during his lifetime. Introspective in nature, it was also his penultimate work composed for piano.

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 are always 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](mailto:sermons@upcch.org).

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

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, and four spaces are available in the church parking lot off Robertson Lane. 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: 2 Sam. 23:1-7; Ps. 132:1-12 (13-18); Rev. 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37.





# Welcome to University Presbyterian Church

News and Opportunities

November 18, 2018

## 2019 Stewardship Campaign

Your Stewardship pledge is a statement of faith. With the support of the entire congregation and God's help, we can bear fruit that will last. Please pledge as soon as you are able, so we will know what we, as a church, will be able to do in the coming year. While we are grateful for those who contribute regularly to the collection plate, UPC's budget is determined by our pledges. So far this year, the amount pledged is significantly less than at this point last year. We made targeted budget cuts then, and still had to draw \$40,000 from reserve funds in 2018 in order to meet our annual budget. We do not want to do that again this coming year. If you have not yet made your pledge, please mail your pledge card to the church office or drop it in the offering plate, or pledge online via our secure website: [www.upcch.org](http://www.upcch.org). Updates on our progress will be on a poster in the narthex.

## Alternative Gift Market & Advent Craft Festival

The Alternative Gift Market, where you can purchase green and sustainable Christmas gifts, will take place **today** in the Fellowship Hall from 9:45-10:45 and from 12:00-12:30. Check or credit card, please. If you can't attend, there will be a table in the narthex on November 25, December 2, and December 9, where you may purchase a gift.

The Advent Craft Festival will also take place **today**. Please join us in Fellowship Hall from 9:45-10:45 to make fun family crafts in preparation for Advent.

## Life in Malawi Presentation

Everyone is welcome to join the gathering **today**, after the 11:00 worship service in Vance Barron Hall. Jack Benjamin will give a one-hour presentation of his recent trip to Malawi in southeastern Africa. He was asked to go on this trip as a photographer by the Medical Benevolence Foundation (MBF); Jack will show images of small rural healthcare centers, as well as images of healthcare workers, patients and their families. Lunch will be provided.

## Location of AED Devices at UPC

We give thanks for the support and medical attention of our caring congregation over the month of October. We want members to be aware that there is one AED in the main office by the door to the Henderson Street hallway and another AED by Tom Brown's office, just outside the front right door of the Sanctuary.

## Attention: Handicapped Parking Instructions

For those using the handicapped parking spaces on Sunday mornings, please pull all the way to the front of the row when pulling in. Do not park in the middle of the designated area. We would like to make it easier for those who require handicapped parking on Sundays and help them avoid parallel parking. In addition, we now have access to a wheelchair at the handicapped parking spaces. Thank you!

## Sunday Part-time Employment

UPC is looking for a part-time custodial/security position on Sundays, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., for \$15/hour. In the morning, the person will assist staff with setting up tables, chairs, and computer/video; help with copying; and be available to assist ushers and greeters as needed. In the afternoon, the person will clean rooms and restrooms and set up for meetings. The candidate must be able to perform physical, manual labor and have good interpersonal skills. A criminal background check will be performed prior to employment. To apply, candidates must send a resume and references to [weekend@upcch.org](mailto:weekend@upcch.org).



## Ushers Needed on Christmas Eve!

UPC needs ushers for our Christmas Eve services at 4:00 PM and 11:00 PM! If you can assist, please email Steve Kennedy at [sdkenned@ncsu.edu](mailto:sdkenned@ncsu.edu) or sign up at [goo.gl/uMbnsr](http://goo.gl/uMbnsr). UPC's Worship Committee appreciates your help!

## Presbyterian Youth Connection

This is a Small Groups week for PYC. Be sure to check your email for a message from your small group leader about your meeting time and location. **Today is the deadline** to register online for Montreat Youth Conference for current 8th-12th graders (\$155 deposit) and Middle School DC Service Trip for current 6th-8th graders (\$210 total). Scholarships are available. More information and the link to register can be found at [upcch.org/pyc/#trips](http://upcch.org/pyc/#trips). Contact Kim McNeill at [kim@upcch.org](mailto:kim@upcch.org).

## Children's, Junior, and Youth Choirs

The Children's Choir (grades k-2) will rehearse today and next Sunday, November 25, at their regular time from 3:45-4:10. We have lots of Christmas music to learn! Now is a great time to join this choir. Contact Beth for more information at [visser@upcch.org](mailto:visser@upcch.org).

The Junior choir (grades 2-6) will rehearse today and next Sunday, November 25, at their regular time from 4:15-4:55. We have lots of Christmas music to learn! Now is a great time to join this choir. Contact Beth for more information at [visser@upcch.org](mailto:visser@upcch.org).

The Youth Choir (grades 6-12) will rehearse today and next Sunday, November 25, at their regular time from 5-6. We have lots of Advent and Christmas music to learn! The Youth Choir sings next in worship on December 2 at 11:00. Now is a great time to join this choir. Contact Beth for more information at [visser@upcch.org](mailto:visser@upcch.org).

## PW Service Project: Diaper Collection

The Presbyterian Women (PW) will collect diapers for the Refugee Support Center (RSC) **through Sunday, December 16**. Refugee families do not have access to other diaper distribution services, only the RSC service, so local groups are helping meet this need in our community. We invite our UPC congregation to help support this outreach ministry in two ways: 1) Place diapers you purchase in boxes in the church parlor or office. Please note that only sizes 4, 5, and 6 are needed. Please do not buy smaller sizes. 2) You may write a check to UPC with "Refugee Diaper Project" in the memo line. Money collected will be used to buy diapers for the Center. We need a total of 3,020 diapers (420 size 4; 1,220 size 5; and 1380 size 6). We will deliver the diapers to RSC in January for February distribution. Thank you for supporting this project. Contact Mary Ellen Olson, ([marveolson27@gmail.com](mailto:marveolson27@gmail.com)) or Vicki Lotz ([vjlotz@live.unc.edu](mailto:vjlotz@live.unc.edu)) with questions.

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

*Classes will not meet today; we invite everyone to participate in the Advent Craft Festival and the Alternative Gift Market in the Fellowship Hall.*

### Next week, November 25:

**Bible Study:** *Bible Characters:* Visions and dreams reveal God's will in Jonah, Daniel, and Revelation. Facilitator: Vince Tollers. Location: Vance Barron Hall.

**Faith and the Arts:** *God Stories*, "Grace" by James Joyce. Facilitator: Nancy Benjamin. Location: Terrace Room.

**Living Out Our Faith:** PC(USA) *Social Witness Policy Statements:* Human Trafficking, Human Rights – Children of God, Not for Sale, with Margaret Dardess. Location: Dunham Hall.



## Lending Library

If you've walked through Dunham Hall recently, you may have noticed that the church now has a lending library. It is sponsored by the Mental Health Task Force and contains both mental health books and religious books. Feel free to check out books for up to a month. In each book is a sign-out card to be placed in the file box, but if you would prefer to borrow a book confidentially, it is not necessary to sign it out. If you wish to donate books, please contact Jay Williams at (919) 357-7244.

## Is the Holy Spirit Nudging you?

If you think Stephen Ministry might not be for you, why not take it up with God in prayer? Are you open to seeking God's will and paying attention to the Holy Spirit's nudging? Noah probably had no idea he was going to build an ark; James and John were minding their nets and their own business when Jesus said, "Follow me," and Saul certainly didn't expect a blinding light on the road to Damascus and to have his name changed to Paul. God is full of surprises. He delights in calling us to ministry in surprising ways. Stephen Ministry is one way at UPC that you can answer that call. Our training course offered in January 2019 will equip and empower you to faithfully serve as a Stephen Minister and walk alongside others through the more difficult seasons of life. For more information, contact Hillary Bergman Cheek at (919) 929-2102 or [hillary@upcch.org](mailto:hillary@upcch.org).

## General Announcements

Please help us keep our records up-to-date. If you are moving, changing telephone numbers, have a new email address, or are encountering any other change that might need to be reflected in the church's records, please let us know. You may email our Administrative Assistant at [admin@upcch.org](mailto:admin@upcch.org) or call the church office at (919) 929-2102. You may also let us know by mail (UPC, P.O. Box 509, Chapel Hill 27514) or by completing the blue "Let Us Know" pew card and placing it in the offering plate during worship on Sundays.

Are you signed up for *Weekly E-News* from UPC? To sign up, go to <http://goo.gl/OHV8Oo> and follow the instructions. You may also find a link at the bottom of the UPC website ([www.upcch.org](http://www.upcch.org)). Please note that if you have unsubscribed from the *Weekly E-News*, you are unsubscribed from all church emails sent through Constant Contact. Make sure you can stay up-to-date on everything happening at church. Sign up today!

Social media at UPC: We encourage members to join us on social media to stay up-to-date on everything happening at UPC this holiday season! Join us on Facebook at [facebook.com/upcch](https://facebook.com/upcch) and on Instagram @upc\_ch ([instagram.com/upc\\_ch](https://instagram.com/upc_ch)). To stay up-to-date with PYC, we invite youth and parents to follow UPC Youth on Twitter @UPCPYC ([twitter.com/upcpyc](https://twitter.com/upcpyc)) and Instagram @UPCPYC ([instagram.com/upcpyc](https://instagram.com/upcpyc)). Stay "in the know!"

## Announcements from the Larger Community

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](http://www.ifcweb.org/needs#pantry) to view a list of their current most-needed items.

Please consider donating your platelets at the NC Cancer Hospital (101 Manning Drive, Chapel Hill). This is as easy as giving blood. Your donation will stay at UNC Hospitals to help cancer patients and to prevent life-threatening bleeding and will be given to patients within five days of donation. Please call ahead to make sure you're eligible to donate platelets (984-974-8290). You may also send an email to [platelet@unch.unc.edu](mailto:platelet@unch.unc.edu). To schedule an appointment, please visit [unchplateletdonation.genbook.com](http://unchplateletdonation.genbook.com). Your platelets can save a life today!

# This Week and Next at University Presbyterian Church

## Sunday, November 18

8:30 & 11:00	Worship Services (Nursery: Room 130/134)
9:30	Coffee on the Landing
9:45-10:45	Alternative Gift Market & Advent Craft Festival: Fellowship Hall
12:00-12:30	Alternative Gift Market: Fellowship Hall
12:15-1:30	Life in Malawi Presentation: Vance Barron Hall
3:30 & 6:00	PYC Small Groups
3:45-4:10	Children's Choir: Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite
4:00-5:00	UPC worship service: Carol Woods
4:15-4:55	Junior Choir: Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite,
5:00-6:00	Youth Choir: Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite

## Monday, November 19

7:00-8:00	Men's Breakfast: Terrace Room
10:00	Bulletin announcement early deadline
7:00-8:00	Stephen Ministry: Stephen Ministry Room

## Tuesday, November 20

11:00-12:00	UPPS 5s Gathering: Vance Barron Hall
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## Wednesday, November 21

12:30	Office is closed: Thanksgiving
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## Thursday, November 22

Office closed: Thanksgiving

## Friday, November 23

Office closed: Thanksgiving holiday

## Saturday, November 24

PYC Football Parking

## Sunday, November 25

8:30 & 11:00	Worship Services (Nursery: Room 130/134)
9:30	Coffee on the Landing
9:45-10:45	Sunday School for all ages
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
5:00-6:00	Youth Choir: Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite

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

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