

UNIVERSITY



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHAPEL HILL, NORTH CAROLINA

December 16, 2018 Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

The Rev. Erin Counihan

Hold on.
Be faithful.
Keep watch.
Prepare the way.
Have patience.
It's on God's time.
O Lord, I'm so sick of waiting.
We need you.
Come fix this.
Use me. Use us.
But please.
Do it.
Now.
Amen.

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Johann Sebastian Bach

Nun komm', der Heiden Heiland BWV 661

1685-1750

Come, Savior of the nations

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Day McLaughlin and Helen Warner (8:30)

Catherine McKenas and Hannah Starr (11:00)

One: The prophets describe all creation's joy at the coming of God.
And so we light candles in darkest days,
remembering God's power to redeem.

One: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

**All: As the Lord has promised, in days to come
the wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom.**

One: Like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.

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

*HYMN 403 “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” *Unser Herrscher*

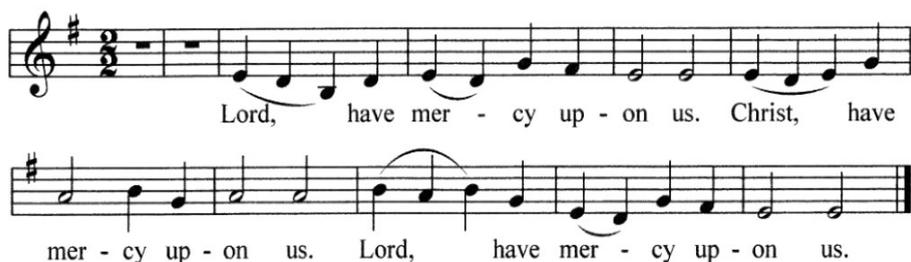
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of salvation,
in Christ you have done great things—
our hearts are filled with joy.
By your power you lifted us out of the wilderness of sin
and brought us with joy and laughter into your kin-dom.
Salvation is your gift to us.
But we confess that often we try to replace your gift
with our own efforts.
We try to complete what is already perfect;
we try to add to what is already full;
we try to earn what we already have.
Forgive us for our foolishness.
Help us to focus on your grace.
Help us to live grateful lives in return.**

*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*, 403)

**Open now thy gates of beauty,
Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty
waits for God who answers prayer;
O how blessed is this place,
filled with solace, light, and grace.**

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.

- Statement of Baptism
- Presentation of the Child
- Questions to the Parents
- Affirmation of the Congregation

Matthew, with joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ’s church, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support you, to share the good news of the Gospel with you, and to help you know and follow Christ.

- Prayer
- Administration of the Sacrament
- Welcome to the Child
- Response

Ronald S. Cole-Turner, 1980

Nettleton
Wyeth's Respository of Sacred Music, 1813

Child of joy, our dear-est trea-sure, God's you are, from God you came.

Back to God we hum-bly give you: Live as one who bears Christ's name.

Child of God, your lov-ing Par - ent, Learn to lis - ten for God's call.

Grow to laugh, and sing and wor-ship, Trust and love God more than all.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Zephaniah 3:14-20, p. 877
(Children’s Bible, p. 1089)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 4:4-7, p. 198
(Children’s Bible, p. 1368)

One: The Word of the Lord.
 All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“A Theology of Joy”

Kate Fiedler

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

**In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

*HYMN 852 "When the Lord Redeems the Very Least" *I'll Fly Away*

THE THANKSGIVING

*Offertory Sentence

At the Offering,

Herr Christ, der einge Gottes-Sohn BWV 601 (8:30) Bach
Lord Christ, the only Son of God

An Anthem (11:00) Edward C. Bairstow

Jim Baxley, *baritone* Philip Hughes, *tenor* 1874-1946

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and stand with fear and trembling,
And lift itself above all earthly thought.
For the King of kings and Lord of lords,
Christ, our God, cometh forth to be our oblation,
and to be given for Food to the faithful.
Before Him come the choirs of angels,
with every principality and power;
the Cherubim with many eyes, and winged Seraphim,
who veil their faces as they shout exultingly the hymn,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Words from the Liturgy of St. James

*Doxology

Old Hundredth

**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 100 “My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout” *Star of County Down*

*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 join us on the journey.

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. 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 service is the Time with Children, when they are invited to come to the front of the Sanctuary 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). Nursery child check-in is downstairs in room 134. Please contact the Staff Associate for Children’s Ministries, Nancy Myer, at (919) 929-2102 or nancy@upcch.org 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.

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

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*: Kate Fiedler, Associate Pastor for Adult Ministries. *Liturgists*: Nancy Myer, Staff Associate for Children's Ministries; Margaret LaMotte Torrence, Interim Pastor; Hillary Bergman Cheek, 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*: Saul, Cathy, Josephina, and Zofia Zambrano. *Ushers*: Walter and Linda Plunkett (captains), Gus and Libby Conley. **At 11:00**: *Greeters*: Jesse and Janis Basnight. *Ushers*: Lawrence Sizemore (captain), Bob Johnson, Steve Kennedy, Daniel Mosteller, Gene and Gillian Rogers. *Godly Play Leader*: Day McLaughlin. *Handicapped Parking Assistant*: Aaron Shah.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM is being administered this morning to Matthew George Nickolich, son of Myles and Sarah (brother Joseph). Matthew was born on August 6, 2018.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY today are given in memory of Celia Parsons, mother of the late Bud Parsons.

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP was written by the Reverend Erin Counihan, who serves as pastor at Oak Hill Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) in St. Louis, MO. (Kate and Erin became friends through their shared Credo experience, a program to re-energize pastors sponsored by the Board of Pensions of the PC(USA).) The prayer was shared on revgalblogpals.org, which creates support, resources, and community for clergywomen and other women in ministry via their website, Facebook group, and Continuing Education events.

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION is adapted and reprinted by permission from *The Worship Sourcebook, Second Edition*, © 2013, Faith Alive Resources.

THIS ORGAN VOLUNTARY: In Johann Sebastian Bach's (1685-1750) last creative period—from about 1738 on—we see him, like the aging Goethe (1749-1832), engaged in gathering together earlier, scattered works, looking them over once again, and arranging them in 'collections.' The result was that the *Well-Tempered Clavier* acquired a second part (1744) and no less than four collections of chorale preludes for organ were assembled. Bach published the first three collections, but death overtook him while editing the fourth, known as The Great Eighteen or the *Leipzig Chorales*. This morning's Voluntary is one of three settings of the great hymn of Advent, *Nun komm', der Heiden Heiland* (Come, Savior of the nations) found in *The Great Eighteen collection*. It is cast as a *Fantasia in organo pleno* (Fantasy for full organ) with the sturdy Advent melody heard in the pedals.

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: Micah 5:2-5a; Luke 1:47-55; Ps. 80:1-7; Heb. 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45 (46-55).



Welcome to University Presbyterian Church

News and Opportunities
December 16, 2018

2019 Stewardship Campaign

In this season of Advent, we anticipate the celebration of God's gift to us of his son. Each day offers its own gift and a reason to show gratitude. Our pledges to fund the work of the church show our commitment to 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. If you have not yet made your pledge, please mail your pledge card to the church office (P.O. Box 509, Chapel Hill, NC 27514). You may also drop it in the offering plate or pledge online via our secure website at upcch.org/stewardship. Updates on our progress are on a poster in the narthex.

Longest Night Worship Service: Tonight

Join us for a special service of worship, "The Longest Night," on Sunday, December 16, at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This service will be a quiet, meditative observance of Advent offering prayer, reading of scripture, music, lighting of candles, and intentional silence. 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.

Christmas Brunch

UPC's annual Christmas Brunch will be held next Sunday, December 23, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Congregational Life Committee and Deacons will co-host the 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 Christmas 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.*

PW Service Project: Diaper Collection

Today is the last day to donate! The Presbyterian Women are collecting diapers for the Refugee Support Center. Place diapers in boxes in the church parlor or office. *Note that we are lacking size 6 (other sizes have been collected).* You may also write a check to UPC with "Refugee Diaper Project" in the memo line. Money collected will be used to buy diapers for the Center. Thank you for your generous donations! Contact Mary Ellen Olson, (maryeolson27@gmail.com) or Vicki Lotz (vjlotz@live.unc.edu).

More PYPs Events coming in the new year!

Parents of Young Presbyterians (PYPs) is a group for parents of children who are infants through fifth grade. PYPs sponsors a variety of events throughout the year; some are family-oriented and some are intended specifically for parents. Certain events will be labeled as "PYP Squeak" events, and those are intended for children age four and under. Plan to join us for these 2019 PYPs events: January: Thank you note writing party, PYP Squeaks @ Kidzu, Family Game Night; February: Valentine's & Cookies; March: Mom's Night Out, Family Movie Night, Dad's Night Out; April: Easter Egg Hunt; May: Family Picnic @ McCorkle Place. Contact Nancy Myer at nancy@upcch.org.

Presbyterian Women

All women of UPC are invited to attend PW Circles:
Circle 1: Thurs., Dec. 19, 7 p.m. Hostess: Leslie May, 419 Westwood Dr. (919-225-3430)

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 31, 2018. If you have questions, please contact Katharine Yager at finance@upcch.org.

Children's, Junior, and Youth Choirs

Contact Beth for more information at visser@upcch.org.

The Youth Choir (grades 6-12) will join PYC for Christmas caroling starting at 5 p.m. at the Carol Woods Health Center. After caroling through the Health Center, they will carol at individual's homes and finish the evening at Caroline and Rachel Vandersea's home for dinner and a white elephant gift exchange. Parents, help will be needed transporting singers. Bring a flashlight, \$5 for dinner, and a white elephant gift to exchange. Pick-up is at the Vandersea's home at 8:30.

The Junior Choir (grades 2-6) does not rehearse today. Beth and Betsy will be caroling with the Youth and Children's Choirs. The Junior Choir sings next Sunday, December 23, at both worship services for Lessons and Carols, and on Christmas Eve at the 4:00 worship service.

The Children's Choir (grades K-2) will meet a little before 3 p.m. at the Auditorium of Carol Woods Retirement Community this afternoon for Christmas Caroling. Children should dress festively! After caroling for about 20 minutes, the Children's Choir and their families are invited to Maya Garber's home for a party. Families are encouraged to bring food to share.

Montreat Worship and Music Conference (June 16-22, 2019) registration is open to all rising fourth graders to graduating seniors who are active in the UPC Youth or Junior Choirs. Registration is \$265 until January 3, 2019. Registration will increase to \$280 after that date and is open until February 5. Go to bit.ly/2RfLSCb to sign up for the conference. It's a week of music and worship, with time for fellowship and a chance to deepen friendships and renew your faith. Join us!

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!

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

After this Sunday, Adult Education classes will take a break until January 13. We are grateful for the many facilitators and teachers over the past months!

Bible Study: Bible Characters: God is revealed unexpectedly when we look with fresh eyes through Old Testament stories. All are invited to join the discussion week to week. This week: King David in art and literature: Shepherd, slayer of Goliath, warrior, lover, friend of Absalom, king, and psalmist. Facilitator: Vince Tollers. Location: Vance Barron Hall.

Faith and the Arts: *God Stories:* This class discusses the collection of stories in the book, *God Stories*, edited by C. Michael Curtis. To quote his Introduction, "This collection is about lives intertwined with religion, with the church, with clergy gone awry, and with clergy speaking to the heart." This Week: "Pictures of the Ice" by Alice Munro. Facilitator: Jack Benjamin. Location: Terrace Room.

Living Out Our Faith: *PC(USA) Social Witness Policy Statements:* The term "social witness policy" refers to positions adopted by the General Assembly to express its stance on and guide response to issues in the public order, including their relation to the church's own life and mission. This week: *The Moral Math of Climate Change* with John Wilson. Facilitator: Ashley Wilson. Location: Dunham Hall.

Gifts of Beauty & Bounty: Due Monday

Gifts of Beauty and Bounty order forms are due by noon on Monday, December 17. Join us this year as we honor and remember the special people in our lives by giving a poinsettia to decorate the chancel during Christmas or making a contribution to the Inter-Faith Council for Social Services. Or do both! The names of those we honor or remember will be in the bulletin on December 23. Order forms are in the narthex, or print your own at upcch.org/resources.

Cushions Provided by UPC Deacons

For your convenience, UPC deacons have provided individual seat cushions that are available in a basket in the narthex. Please return cushions to the basket after using. If you need assistance or have questions, please ask an usher on Sunday morning.

Presbyterian Youth Connection

Tonight PYC and Youth Choir will go Christmas Caroling. All 6th-12th graders should meet at the Carol Woods Health Center at 5:00 p.m. to begin. We will sing for the residents there, travel around to various homes to share a song or two, and end at the Vandersea's home for dinner (bring \$5) and a silly gift exchange (bring a gift worth no more than \$5 if you'd like to participate). Pick-up is at 8:30 at the Vandersea's home. Check your email for the address. Contact Kim McNeill at kim@upcch.org with questions.

Only four spaces remain for 2019's Appalachia Service Project. UPC members are encouraged to take part in this incredible summer trip with a purpose. We will help to make homes warmer, safer, and drier for our friends in rural Appalachia who are in need of a helping hand. We are especially in need of adults to make this trip happen! You don't need construction experience—just a heart that is willing to serve others. Total cost is \$435, and scholarship funds are available for anyone. To register, go to upcch.org/pyc/#trips. If the trip is full when you try to sign up, email Kim McNeill at kim@upcch.org to be added to the wait list.

First Christmas Without Someone?

Is this your first Christmas season without a loved one? An otherwise joyous time might feel very painful. 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 trained Stephen Minister is willing to walk this journey with you. Your Stephen Minister will listen while you work through your sorrow or pain. Contact Hillary Bergman Cheek at hillary@upcch.org or (919) 929-2102 or visit upcch.org/stephen-ministry to learn more.

Help the Haiti Mission Trip

The team will leave for Haiti on Wednesday, January 30, and preparations are well underway. If you would like to help our mission team, here are three things you may consider: 1) Come to the UPC Workshop on Saturday, January 19, at 9:00 a.m. in Dunham Hall to cut, paste, and fold materials that will be used in Haiti at the teacher workshops. No skills required. If you can count or bundle up materials, you are qualified! 2) Save your magazines. Colorful pictures cut out from magazines are indispensable to various projects at the Haiti workshops. Bring the pictures (or magazines) to the narthex on January 6. Or bring them to the January 19 workshop in Dunham Hall. 3) Contact Lisa Lord (elisabethlord@icloud.com or 919-490-8635) to help with special projects. Many thanks to the UPC community for continuous support of the Haiti teacher training project.

General Announcement

Third Thursday Table: December 20: UPC members assist in preparing and serving lunch and dinner at the IFC Community Kitchen (100 W. Rosemary Street) on the third Thursday of each month. Circle 3 of Presbyterian Women is responsible for sandwiches and helpers on December 20. We would like to have a list of people willing to make sandwiches or help at the shelter. To help at lunch sometime on a third Thursday, call Maureen Braun at (919) 490-1704; to help with an evening meal, call Jane Darter at (919) 929-9820.

This Week and Next at University Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 16

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
12:00-1:00	Haiti Trip Team meeting: Vance Barron Hall
3:00-3:20	Children's Choir Caroling: Carol Woods Auditorium
3:30-4:30	Children's Choir Caroling Party: Maya Garber's home
4:00-5:00	UPC worship service: Carol Woods
5:00-6:00	Longest Night Worship Service: Sanctuary
5:00-7:00	Youth Choir and PYC Caroling: Carol Woods and homes
7:00-8:30	Youth Choir and PYC Caroling Party: Caroline and Rachel Vandersea's home

Monday, December 17

7:00-8:00	Men's Breakfast: Terrace Room
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Tuesday, December 18

7:00-8:00	PNC meeting: Dunham Hall
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Wednesday, December 19

7:15-9:15	Chancel Choir: Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite
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Sunday, December 23: Lessons & Carols

8:30 & 11:00	Worship Services (Nursery: Room 130/134)
9:30-10:45	Christmas Brunch: Fellowship Hall

Monday, December 24: Christmas Eve

	Church office closed
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

Tuesday, December 25: Christmas Day

Church office closed

Wednesday, December 26

Church office closed

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

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