

UNIVERSITY



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHAPEL HILL, NORTH CAROLINA

December 30, 2018
First Sunday after Christmas Day
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

St. Augustine of Hippo
354-430 AD

Eternal God,
who are the light of the minds that know you,
the joy of the hearts that love you,
and the strength of the wills that serve you;
grant us so to know you that we may truly love you,
and so to love you that we may fully serve you,
whom to serve is perfect freedom,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Johann Sebastian Bach
1685-1750

Two settings of *In dulci jubilo* ('In sweet jubilation')
from *Das Orgelbüchlein*, BWV 608
In organo pleno, BWV 729

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*OPENING SENTENCES

One: Praise the Lord!

All: Praise the one who binds us together.

One: Praise the one who has loved us from the beginning.

All: Praise the Lord, all of heaven and earth!

*HYMN 4 "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" *Grosser Gott, wir loben dich*

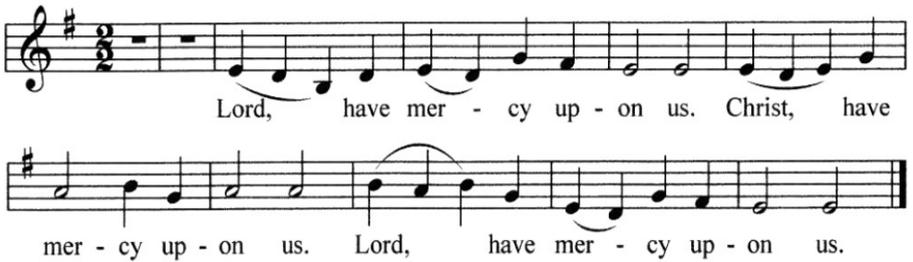
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of wonder,
you surround us with signs of your glory
and surprise us with your presence,
yet we often miss the marvels you place before us.
Forgive our dullness and make us alert
to the ways you make yourself known,
that we might be witnesses to your good news
and proclaim your extravagant love.**

*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*, 4)

**Hark! The glad celestial hymn
angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heavens with sweet accord:
"Holy, holy, holy Lord!"**

OFFERING OF PENNIES FOR HUNGER

(As the ushers come forward, please pass the pennies to the center aisle if you are seated downstairs or to the right in the balcony. As they are being passed, please join in singing verses 2 and 3 of Hymn 712, "As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought.")

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.

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
dead and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*HYMN 123 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

Carol

THE THANKSGIVING

*Offertory Sentence

At the Offering,

Gesù Bambino
(The Infant Jesus)

Pietro A. Yon
1886-1943

Beth Visser, *soprano*

When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows
Upon a winter night
Was born the Child, The Christmas Rose,
The King of Love and Light.
The angels sang, the shepherds sang,
The grateful earth rejoiced.
And at His blessed birth the stars
Their exultation voiced.
O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Again the heart with rapture glows
To greet the holy night
That gave the world its Christmas Rose,
Its King of Love and Light.
Let every voice acclaim His name,
The grateful chorus swell,
From paradise to earth He came
That we with Him might dwell.
O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
Ah! O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

~ Words, Pietro A. Yon
Trans, Frederick H. Martens

*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 265 “Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun” *Duke Street*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*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 kindergartners 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, kindergartners 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:* Hillary Bergman Cheek, Interim Associate Pastor. *Liturgists:* Margaret LaMotte Torrence, Interim Pastor; John Rogers, Associate Pastor for Campus Ministries. *Choir Director and Organist:* Thomas Brown, Minister of Music.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY: **At 8:30:** *Greeters:* Jesse and Carolyn Beverly. *Ushers:* Tom and Judy Warburton (captains), Ron Adams, Diane McGrath. **At 11:00:** *Greeters:* Henry and Jean Carpenter. *Ushers:* Lawrence Sizemore (captain), Bob Johnson, Nancy Oates, Martin and Barbara Hedgepeth, Griffin Edwards. *Handicapped Parking Assistant:* Ken Krzyzewski.

THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED to take home poinsettias after worship today. Please feel free to take extras to share with those who were unable to join us today

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM is being administered this morning to Tucker Gates Howard, son of Jeff and Amelia (brother to Kelsey). Tucker was born on September 28, 2018.

THIS MORNING'S ORGAN VOLUNTARY offers two settings by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) of the carol *In dulci jubilo* (In sweet jubilation). The text of *In dulci jubilo* is thought to have been written in 1328 by the German mystic (Dominican Friar) Heinrich Seuse (1295-1366) as a macaronic alternation of medieval German and Latin. Folklore tells that Seuse heard angels singing the joyous words about the infant Jesus and then joined the angels in a dance. The ancient melody first appeared in a manuscript dating from 1400 and was first found in print form in the Lutheran *Geistliche Lieder* (Spiritual Songs) of 1553. Bach's setting from *Das Orgelbüchlein* (The Little Organ Book) is sixty-or-so seconds of some of the most complicated music he ever composed for organ: written in four voices, both the melody and the inner-voice accompanimental figure are cast in strict canon. The second setting is presented as a stirring and majestic *Fantasia in organ pleno* (in full organ).

NEXT SUNDAY WE WILL CELEBRATE the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Please take some prayerful time this week to prepare for this sacrament.

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION TODAY is from *Feasting on The Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year C*.

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.

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: Isa. 60:1-6; Ps. 72:1-7, 10-14; Eph. 3:1-12; Matt. 2:1-12.



Welcome to University Presbyterian Church

News and Opportunities
December 30, 2018

2019 Stewardship Campaign

As we look toward the start of a new year, we are grateful for the open hearts and generosity of this congregation that show your commitment to bear fruit that will last. In order to fund the work of the church at the level we have in the past, we need to receive your pledge as soon as possible. If you have not yet made your pledge, you may complete a pledge card that you may find in the pews and in the worship register. You may also mail your pledge card to the church office (P.O. Box 509, Chapel Hill, NC 27514) or pledge online via our secure website at upcch.org/stewardship. Updates on our progress are on a poster in the narthex.

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.

Presbyterian Youth Connection

Presbyterian Youth Connection will meet again on Sunday, January 13. All 6th-12th graders are invited to join in then in the Youth Center at 6:00 p.m. Please be sure to check www.upcch.org/pyc to stay up to date on all the programs and events for youth at UPC.

Only two spots 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.

PYPs Thank-You-Note-Writing Party

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 on Sunday, January 6, from 9:45-10:45 a.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. We hope to see you there! If you have questions, please contact Nancy Myer at (919) 929-2102 or nancy@upcch.org.

Kidzu Fun for PYP Squeaks!

Join other pre-K church friends for fun at Kidzu Children's Museum inside University Place. We will gather on Saturday, January 12, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Cost will be \$5/family to cover adult admission fee. RSVP to Nancy Myer at nancy@upcch.org.

Children's, Junior, and Youth Choirs

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

The Youth Choir (grades 6-12) will begin rehearsals for *Narnia*, the musical based on CS Lewis' book *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, on Saturday, January 5, from 3-6 p.m. in the Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite. The *Narnia* technical crew will also be working on January 5 from 3-6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall; dress for painting. The Youth Choir will rehearse from 5-6 p.m. on Sunday, January 6. Check your emails for weeknight rehearsals for *Narnia* in January.

Tickets go on sale for *Narnia*, the 2019 Youth Choir musical, on January 20 and 27 in the church office between worship services and following 11:00 worship. For February 1 and 2 performances, tickets are \$5; dessert is served, and seats are reserved. The opening night performance is January 31; no ticket is required, and no food is served with open seating. Don't miss this retelling of the salvation story in the enchanting land of Narnia.

The Junior Choir (grades 2-6) rehearses next on January 6 from 4:15-4:55 p.m. in the Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite. The Junior Choir sings next on January 13 at 11:00 worship. Now is a great time to join this choir!

The Children's Choir (grades K-2) rehearse next on January 6 from 3:45-4:10 p.m. in the Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite. The Children's Choir sings next on January 27 at 11:00 worship. Now is a great time to join this choir!

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!

Volunteer in the Church Office

The church office needs volunteer help! The available shifts are the 3rd and 4th Friday afternoons of the month. The afternoon shift is from 12:30-4:15 p.m. Responsibilities include doing simple clerical tasks and occasionally welcoming visitors to the church office and answering the phone. There is downtime, so be sure to bring a good book or something else to work on. If you're available to volunteer, or if you'd like to volunteer in the church office as a substitute, please contact Shelley Adams at shelleyhadams@gmail.com or (919) 942-2525. This is a great opportunity for members to give back to the church while getting to know the administrative staff! Substitute volunteers fill in when our regular volunteers cannot work their shifts for any reason.

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.

Adult Education

Adult Education classes will resume January 13. Join us for Bible Study: Reclaiming Jesus (Facilitators: Randy Kabrick and Ed Preston, Location: Dunham Hall); Faith and the Arts: *God Stories*, continued (Facilitated by Nancy Benjamin and Don Kennedy, Location: Terrace Room); and Living Out Our Faith: Understanding the Opioid Crisis (Facilitated by the Mental Health Task Force, Location: Vance Barron Hall).

Location of AED Devices at UPC

We want members to be aware of the locations of our three Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) devices: in the main office by the door to the Henderson Street hallway; by Tom Brown's office just outside the front right door of the Sanctuary; and on the Fellowship Hall landing.

A New Year—Or Is It?

What should I do with my life? What does God want me to do? Are you feeling confused? Undecided? A Stephen Minister can serve as a listening ear while you explore these questions. Please contact Hillary Bergman Cheek at hillary@upcch.org or (919) 929-2102, or to learn more, visit upcch.org/stephen-ministry.

Get Ready for Haiti

The Haiti Workshop will be held on January 12, at 9:00 a.m., in Dunham Hall. Come to the workshop to help the Haiti Team prepare for their trip (January 30-February 7, 2019). Members of UPC will gather to cut, paste, and fold materials that will be used in Haiti at the teacher workshops. If you would like to help, please come to Dunham Hall to join the team. No skills required. If you can count or bundle up materials, you are qualified!

Help the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee seeks your input for nominations of church members to serve in the office of Elder and Deacon for the Class of 2022. You can find information on each office, what is required of each individual, and what is needed collectively in the class both online and in the narthex. Nominations will be accepted by the committee through Sunday, February 10. You can nominate a church member by filling out the form in the narthex or filling out the form online at www.upcch.org/nominating.

Presbyterian Women

All women of UPC are invited to attend PW Circles:
Circle 1: Thurs., Jan. 16, 7 p.m. Hostess: Stephanie Duncan, 700 S Columbia St. (919-240-4394)

Circle 2: Mon., Jan. 7, 10 a.m. Hostess: Janet Anderson, 223 Severin St. (919-967-9217)

Circle 3: Tues., Jan. 8, 10 a.m. Hostess: Marion Johnson, 217 Mill Race Drive (919-942-4752)

Circle 4: Tues., Jan. 8, 10 a.m. Hostess: Janet Dopler 834 Langdon, Fearington Village (919-542-2815)

Circle 5: Wed., Jan 9, 7 p.m. Hostess: Myrah Scott, 105 Sheffield Circle (919-933-9463)

General Announcement

UPC is on Instagram @upc_ch ([instagram.com/upc_ch](https://www.instagram.com/upc_ch)) and Facebook ([facebook.com/upcch](https://www.facebook.com/upcch)). Stay up-to-date on what's happening at church in the new year!

This Week and Next at University Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 30

8:30 & 11:00 Worship Services (Nursery: Room 130/134)
9:30 Coffee on the Landing

Monday, December 31

Church office closed

Tuesday, January 1: New Year's Day

Church office closed

Thursday, January 3

5:00 Materials for Session Packets due

Saturday, January 5

3:00-6:00 Youth Choir Musical rehearsal:
Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite,
Fellowship Hall

Sunday, January 6

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

Monday, January 7

7:00-8:00 Men's Breakfast: Terrace Room
6:00-7:00 Global Outreach: Vance Barron Hall
7:00-8:30 Stephen Ministry: Stephen Ministry Room
7:00-8:30 Youth Choir Musical rehearsal:
Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite

Tuesday, January 8

10:00 Bulletin announcement deadline
7:00-8:00 PNC Meeting: Dunham Hall

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

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