

UNIVERSITY



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHAPEL HILL, NORTH CAROLINA

January 6, 2019
Epiphany of the Lord
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Isaiah 30:21

*And when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left,
your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying,
“This is the way; walk in it.”*

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Johann Pachelbel
1653-1706

*Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern
How Brightly Shines the Morningstar*

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 your holy love,

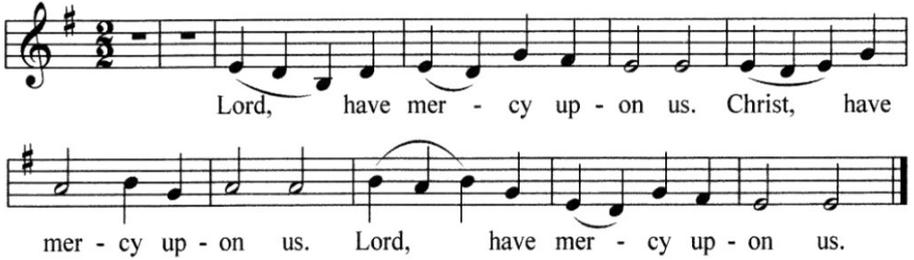
that in turning toward your brightness,

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.

*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 for the Journey" 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 Jasinkas, *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.

Welcome to the Fellowship of University Presbyterian Church

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. Nursery child check-in is downstairs in room 134. Infants are welcome in the Sanctuary, but the parlor is a wonderful place to calm an anxious baby. A special part of our 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.

DURING THE 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE, UPC offers Godly Play for kindergarteners and children who are age four (as of September 1). This 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.

WE WELCOME AND EMBRACE ALL CHILDREN and strive to provide skilled caregivers to accommodate any special needs. Please contact the Staff Associate for Children's Ministries, Nancy Myer, at nancy@upcch.org or (919) 929-2102 if there is anything we can do to enhance the Sunday morning experience for your entire family.

Worship Notes

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP TODAY: *Preacher:* Margaret LaMotte Torrence, Interim Pastor. *Liturgists:* Nancy Myer, Staff Associate for Children's Ministries; Kate Fiedler, Associate Pastor for Adult Ministries; *Choir Director and Organist:* Thomas Brown, Minister of Music.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY: **At 8:30:** *Greeter:* Nancy Avery. *Ushers:* Eric and Annette Munson (captains), Lewis and Maggie Morris. *Communion Servers:* Day McLaughlin, Dan Redwine. **At 11:00:** *Greeter:* Nan Burby. *Ushers:* Lawrence Sizemore (captain), Bob Johnson, Edith Lino, Daniel Mosteller. *Communion Servers:* Anne Bryan, George Grosser, Bob Johnson, Lisa Lord, Sam Leaman, Nancy Oates, Mary Ann and Jay Klompmaker, Elva Small. *Handicapped Parking Assistant:* Jesse Basnight, Jr.

TODAY, WE ORDAIN AND INSTALL to the office of deacon: Kara Aycock, Heidi Cook, Shipley Jenkins, Catherine McKenas, Dallas Pridgen, and Ken Younts. We ordain and install to the office of elder: Walter Plunkett (8:30), Claire Curran, Frances Hess, Susan Jackson, and McIver Mann. We also install previously ordained elders: Tom Warburton (8:30), Dave Moreau, and Joan Page. Additional officers will be ordained and installed on January 20.

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).

ELDERS, SESSION FOLDERS ARE AVAILABLE in the church mailboxes. The Session will meet on Thursday, January 10, at 7 p.m. in Vance Barron Hall.

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. 43:1-7; Ps. 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22.



Welcome to University Presbyterian Church

News and Opportunities
January 6, 2019

2019 Stewardship Campaign

Session will meet this week to begin making the very difficult choices about what must be cut or what must be withdrawn from our General Reserve Fund to present a balanced budget for 2019. As of January 2, we have received 347 pledges, totaling \$1,575,258. That is about \$106,000 less than our final pledge total for 2018, and even then we needed to draw \$40,000 from the General Reserve Fund to cover our operating and outreach commitments. If you have not yet made your pledge, you may complete a pledge card that you will find in the pews and in the worship register and put it in the offering plate. You also may mail your pledge card to the church office (UPC, P.O. Box 509, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514) or pledge online via our secure website at upcch.org/stewardship. Please do so as soon as possible.

PYPs Thank-You-Note-Writing Party

Join us TODAY for a thank-you-note-writing party 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 t nancy@upcch.org.

Youth Choir Musical Tickets

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.

Presbyterian Youth Connection

Presbyterian Youth Connection will meet again on Sunday, January 13. All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us 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 a few 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.

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) rehearses today from 5-6 p.m. in the Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite. Check your emails for weeknight rehearsals for *Narnia* in January.

The Junior Choir (grades 2-6) rehearses today 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! On January 13, parents are invited to a Montreat Worship & Music Information Meeting starting at 4:3 for the final part of the rehearsal.

The Children's Choir (grades K-2) rehearses today 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. Go to bit.ly/2RfLSCb to sign up for the conference. **Registration is \$280 and is open until February 5.** It's a week of music and worship, with time for fellowship and a chance to deepen friendships and renew your faith. Join us!

Second Sunday Lunch

The first Second Sunday Lunch of the new year will be Sunday, January 13, in the Fellowship Hall after the 11:00 service. The Youth Subcommittee 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!

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 upcch.org/nominating.

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 19, 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!

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 (919) 942-2525 or shelleyhadams@gmail.com. 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. Thank you!

Adult Education

Adult Education classes will resume on 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).

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.

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!

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, Fearrington Village (919-542-2815)

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

This Week and Next at University Presbyterian Church

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 Administration Committee: Youth Center
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
4:45-6:00 Property Committee: Margaret's Office
7:00-9:00 Stephen Ministry Training:
 Stephen Ministry Room
7:00-8:00 PNC Meeting: Dunham Hall

Wednesday, January 9

- 3:30-4:30 Kirk Club: Youth Center
7:15-9:15 Chancel Choir:
 Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite
8:15-9:30 Young Adults: Youth Room 136

Thursday, January 10

- 5:30-8:00 PCM Dinner and Program: Terrace Room
7:00-9:00 Session meeting: Vance Barron Hall
7:00-8:30 Youth Choir Musical rehearsal:
 Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite

Saturday, January 12

- 10:00-3:00 Confirmation Retreat: Vance Barron Hall
10:00-12:00 PYP Squeaks: Kidzu Children's Museum
3:00-6:00 Youth Choir Musical rehearsal:
 Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite,
 Fellowship Hall

Sunday, January 13

- 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
4:00-6:00 Youth Choir - Rehearsal/Picture Day:
 Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite
4:00-5:00 Children's Subcommittee: Dunham Hall
4:00-5:00 UPC worship service: Carolina Meadows
4:15-4:55 Junior Choir/Montreat Info Meeting:
 Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite
6:00-7:30 PYC: Fellowship Hall

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

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