

UNIVERSITY



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHAPEL HILL, NORTH CAROLINA

December 1, 2019 First Sunday of Advent

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Ruth Burgess

Bright God of Advent:

Blaze in our darkness.

Incinerate our iniquity.

Light up our road.

Rekindle in us your justice and love.

Amen.

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Johann Sebastian Bach

Das alte Jahr vergangen BWV 614

1685-1750

(The old year now has passed away)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Frances McClure and Richard House (8:30)

Dallas Pridgen and Kris Parks, Bess and Virginia (11:00)

I am waiting for hope.

So are we.

We long for hope to replace cynicism,

to rekindle energy,

and to remake the world.

Look, here it burns: a tiny glimmer.

It is enough.

For it was started by an ancient promise

and will be fulfilled by a coming king.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Maybe it is in the waiting for God,
not in the wandering from store to store,
that we find our way.**

**Maybe it is in the friendship of God,
not in the frenzy of the crowds,
that we are led to the manger.**

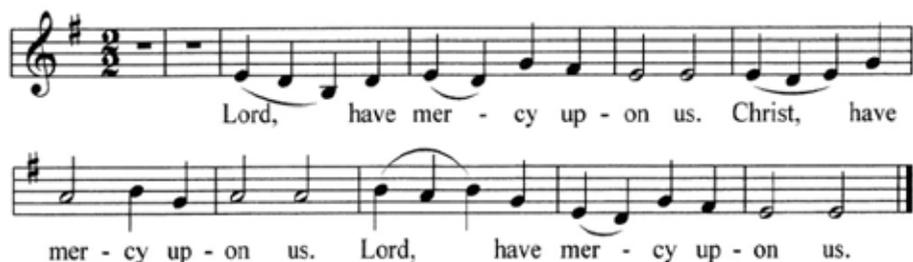
**Maybe it is in the steadfast love of God,
and not in the pile of stuff under the tree,
that we find what we have been searching for all our lives.**

**Maybe, just maybe, O God of Advent,
this year will be different.
We confess our need for it to be,
our need for you.**

*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

The peace of Christ be with you.
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, 110)

**Love has come: a light in the darkness!
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;
hear now their song of joy arises:
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!
Love! Love! Glory to God on high.**

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 2:1-5, pp. 631
(Children's Bible, p. 789)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"It's About Time" Meg Peery McLaughlin

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

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Jan Richardson

**May we know the hope that is not just for someday
but for this day:
hope not made of wishes but of substance,
hope made of sinew and muscle and bone,
hope that has breath and a beating heart,
hope that will not be polite,
hope that knows how to holler when it is called for,
hope that knows how to sing when there seems little cause,
hope that raises us from the dead,
not someday, but this day
every day,
again and again and again.**

*HYMN 88

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
Verses 1, 5-7

Veni Emmanuel

THE THANKSGIVING

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland BWV 599 (8:30)
(Come, Savior of the Nations)

J.S. Bach

Philip Hughes, *tenor* Charlie Hyland, *baritone*

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.

from the Liturgy of St. James

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

(Hymnal, 144)

**What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wiseman, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him: give my heart.**

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, God of pow-er and maj-es- ty,
heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry, O God most high!

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.” The elements are gluten-free; all cups contain grape juice.

Prayer of Response

THE SENDING

*HYMN 105

“People, Look East!”

Besançon

*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

SUNDAY MORNING CHILDCARE is available during both worship services for infants, toddlers, and preschool children, who will be welcomed by our nursery staff. 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, wondering, 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. 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

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:* Meg Peery McLaughlin, Co-Pastor. *Liturgists:* Jarrett McLaughlin, Co-Pastor, Kate Fiedler, Associate Pastor for Adult Ministries, Kim Rubish, PCM Intern. *Choir Director and Organist:* Thomas Brown, Minister of Music.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY: **At 8:30:** *Greeter:* Priscilla Taylor. *Ushers:* Gus and Libby Conley (captains), Gene and Gillian Rogers. *Communion Servers:* Annette Munson, Maggie Morris. **At 11:00:** *Greeters:* Vince and Martha Tollers. *Ushers:* Lawrence Sizemore (captain), Bob Johnson, Deborah Jones, Craig Shreve, Michael and Mary Ellen Olson. *Communion Servers:* Lisa Lord, Sharon Edmiston, Katie Edmiston, Lee Scott, Nancy Jones, Chip Sudderth, George Grosser, Anne Scaff. *Godly Play Leader:* Beth Keith. *Handicapped Parking Assistant:* Ken Krzyzewski.

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

THIS MORNING'S ORGAN MUSIC: Although this morning's Voluntary is based on a New Year chorale, it is just as fitting as begin a new Liturgical Year this morning and say goodbye to the old. Musicologist and Bach scholar Hermann Keller writes "This music expresses a degree of grief and melancholy that seems justified neither by the text nor by the melody. It is a lament for the transitory nature of the worldly, which the coloration of the melody elaborates in an expression of profound sorrow, intensified by the chromaticism of the accompanying parts.

The English translation of Jacob Tapp's 1588 text is:

The old year now hath passed away,
We thank Thee, O our God today,
That Thou has kept us through the year,
When danger and distress were near.

tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

This morning's 8:30 Offertory is one of five settings by Johann Sebastian Bach of the famous hymn of Advent, Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland (*Come, Savior of the Nations*).

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

THE FLOWERS IN THE NARTHEX today are given in loving memory of her dad by Erin Kent

NEW MEMBERS WILL GATHER in the Fellowship Hall after the 11:00 service today and will be welcomed during worship next Sunday, December 8. We welcome new members every other month. If you are interested in becoming a part of our faith community, please contact Kate Fiedler at kate@upcch.org or (919) 929-2102.

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION was written by Thom M Shuman.

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. Additional spaces in the parking lot are designated between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. 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. 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.

Ministers—All Followers of Christ University Presbyterian Church Program Staff

Meg Peery McLaughlin, *Co-Pastor*

Thomas Brown, *Minister of Music*

Jarrett McLaughlin, *Co-Pastor*

Kim McNeill, *Staff Associate
for Youth Ministries*

John Rogers, *Associate Pastor
for Campus Ministry*

Nancy Myer, *Staff Associate
for Children's Ministries*

Kate Fiedler, *Associate Pastor
for Adult Ministries*

Kathleen Jasinskas, *Director of
Children's and Youth Choirs*

Missionaries

The Rev. Dr. Karla Koll, *Costa Rica*

The Rev. Jo Ella Holman, *The Caribbean*

Two mission co-workers, *The Middle East*

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Welcome to University Presbyterian Church

News and Opportunities
December 1, 2019

Stewardship Update

As we move into Advent, we are grateful for stewardship pledges that have already been made, and hopeful that more will follow. Please consider supporting the mission and ministry of UPC with a financial contribution. The Session will set the 2020 budget in January, so we are requesting that all pledges are submitted by December 31. If you plan to pledge, please do so today using the pledge cards in the pews or securely online at upcch.org/stewardship. If you have questions, please ask clergy or members of the stewardship committee. We are grateful for your prayerful consideration and generosity!

Alternative Gift Market

The Alternative Gift Market, where you can purchase “green and sustainable Christmas gifts,” will have a table in the narthex today and December 8 and 15. Forms are available in the Parlor, Church Office, and on the website (on the “Resources and Forms” page). Checks or credit card only.

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

Connections: Understanding Faith Traditions: This week, Albert Long will talk about experiencing God’s providence firsthand as the only four-sport letter winner in the Atlantic Coast Conference (UNC ’55) and later through his ministry with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Teen Crusade, and Happenings, Inc. In 2014, Albert was inducted into the prestigious Order of the Long Leaf Pine. His book, *It Was Just a Coincidence (2013)*, will be available for sale. Come to hear this popular, inspirational speaker talk about God’s providence, kids, and famous athletes. On December 8, the Rev. Meg Peery McLaughlin will discuss issues facing the church. **Facilitators:** Brad Geerdes and Vince Tollers. **Location:** Vance Barron Hall.

Faith and the Arts: *A Celestial Omnibus: Short Fiction on Faith:* Join the discussion this week about Najib Mahfuz’s story, *God’s World*. Next week the class will discuss *Good Country People* by Flannery O’Connor. Newcomers are welcome always! **Facilitator:** Nancy Benjamin. **Location:** Terrace Room.

Living Out Our Faith: Crossroads Class: All are welcome to join the conversation about living our faith while balancing busy lives. Come and share your stories and insights. **Facilitators:** Robert and Laura Owen. **Location:** Dunham Hall.

Gifts of Beauty and Bounty

Gifts of Beauty and Bounty order forms are due by noon on **Monday, December 16**. 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 22. Order forms are in the narthex, or print your own at upcch.org/resources.

Presbyterian Women

All women of UPC are invited to attend PW Circles:

Circle 1: Wednesday, December 18, 7:00 p.m. Hostess: Kara Aycocock, 224 Vance Street (919) 593-4470

Circle 2: Monday, December 2, at 10:00 a.m. Hostess: Diane McGrath, 2200 Copeland Way (919) 929-9657

Circle 3: Tuesday, December 3, at 10:00 a.m. Hostess: Marian Johnson, 217 Mill Race Drive (919-942-4752)

Circle 4: Tuesday, December 3, at 10:00 a.m. Hostess: Janet Dopler, 834 Langdon (Farrington Village) 27312, (919) 542-2815

Circle 5: Wednesday, December 4, at 7:00 p.m. Hostess: Myrah Scott, 201 Oval Park Place (919-933-9463)

Presbyterian Women Service Project

The Presbyterian Women (PW) will collect diapers for the Refugee Support Center (RSC) now through Sunday, December 29. 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 Church Office. Please note that only size 6 diapers are needed from the UPC congregation.
2. You may write a check to UPC, designate in the memo line "Diaper project." Money collected will be used to buy diapers for the Center.

Thank you for supporting this project. Questions? Contact Vicki Lotz, vjlotz@live.unc.edu.

Gifts & Growth?

Stephen Minister training will equip you with the skills to show God's mercy, care, and compassion to another who is facing a challenge. You will walk with your care receiver, pray for him or her, and listen as they work through difficulties. Through this ministry God will bring forth new gifts and renewed faith in both your care receiver and in you as a Stephen Minister. Is God calling you to serve and grow in this way? There will be a local Stephen Minister Training in early 2020. Please contact Winnie Morgan if you are interested in exploring being a Stephen Minister: winniewmorgan@juno.com

When all the World is Rejoicing...

Why am I the only one in pain? Christmas is supposed to be a time of joy, but for many of us it brings sadness and painful memories. A trained Stephen Minister can provide Christian support and a listening ear during this difficult season. To learn more, please contact Meg Peery McLaughlin at meg@upcch.org, or visit upcch.org/stephen-ministry. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for, and encourage you; pray with and for you; and provide one-to-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is that you are facing. Men are matched with male Stephen Ministers, and women are matched with female Stephen Ministers. It's free. It's confidential. And it will make a difference in your life!

Earth Care

Great news from Orange County! Clamshell (hinged) #1 plastics are now recyclable in your curbside cart and at county recycling dropoff locations, along with #2, #4 and #5 plastics. Recyclables should be empty, clean and dry. For more information, visit orangecountync.gov/recycling

Woman to Woman

All women of the church are invited to join the conversation led by the Rev. Carrie Tuttle from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., gathering on Wednesdays in Vance Barron Hall at UPC. This is a wonderful, low-key community of women of faith, who enjoy discussing life, the world around us, and how our faith affects—and is affected by—all we encounter in life. Questions? Email Kate Fiedler (kate@upcch.org).

Contact the Pastor on Call

If you need to speak with one of the pastors after normal office hours, call the church office at (919) 929-2102 and dial extension 133. This extension will automatically forward your call to the cell phone of the pastor on call. If we don't answer your call immediately, know that we are in town, will be checking our messages and will call you back as soon as we can. Remember during the week, when you need to speak with one of UPC's pastors, it should be easy to find one of us through a phone call or an email. And when there is a sudden shift or happening in your life, whether crisis, illness, concern or celebration, one of the things we hope you will do is reach out to your church family.

General Announcements

University Presbyterian Church is on Instagram @upc_ch ([instagram.com/upc_ch](https://www.instagram.com/upc_ch)). Be sure to follow to stay up-to-date on what's happening at UPC! Remember to follow us on Facebook, too, at [facebook.com/upcch](https://www.facebook.com/upcch).

Consider donating items to the Inter-Faith Council (IFC) Food Pantry. The IFC provides services to those in need. You may bring 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 100 W. Rosemary Street, Chapel Hill. Visit www.ifcweb.org/needs#pantry to view a list of their current most-needed items.

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). The *E-News* is sent out every Friday morning at 10:30 a.m.

Announcement from the Larger Community

Join other members of the community to discuss issues facing our local criminal justice system. All are invited to attend: Orange County Criminal Justice Reform Community Forum with Keynote: Jonathan Rapping, "Rewriting the Criminal Justice Narrative" on Saturday, December 14 from 1:00 - 5:00 pm at the Chapel Hill Public Library.

This Week and Next at University Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 1

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 New Members Received: Fellowship Hall
 No Children's Choir rehearsal
 No Junior Choir rehearsal
 No Youth Choir rehearsal
 No PYC

Monday, December 2

7:00-8:00 Men's Breakfast: Terrace Room
6:00 Global Outreach: Vance Barron Hall
7:00 Stephen Ministry: Stephen Ministry Room

Tuesday, December 3

10:00 Bulletin announcement deadline
7:30 Young Adults: Youth Room (#136)
7:30 PCM Board: Terrace Room

Wednesday, December 4

11:00-12:30 Woman to Woman: Vance Barron Hall
3:30-4:30 Kirk Club: Youth Center
7:15-9:15 Chancel Choir:
 Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite

Thursday, December 5

5:00 Materials for Session Packets due
5:30 PCM Dinner & Program

Sunday, December 8

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
3:00 Children's and Junior Choir Caroling:
 Carolina Meadows
4:00 UPC Worship Service: Carolina Meadows
4:15-5:00 Children's and Junior Choir Holiday Party:
 UPC
5:15 Youth Choir and PYC Caroling:
 Meet in Dunham Hall

Monday, December 9

5:00 Local Outreach: Vance Barron Hall
6:00 Administration Committee:
 Youth Room (#136)
7:00 Deacons Meeting: Dunham Hall

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

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