

UNIVERSITY



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHAPEL HILL, NORTH CAROLINA

December 15, 2019
Third Sunday of Advent
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Reinhold Niebuhr
1892-1971

Nothing that is worth doing can be achieved in our lifetime;
therefore, we must be saved by hope.

Nothing which is true or beautiful or good
makes complete sense in any immediate context of history;
therefore, we must be saved by faith.

Nothing we do, however virtuous, could be accomplished alone;
therefore, we must be saved by love.

No virtuous act is quite as virtuous from the standpoint
of our friend or foe as it is from our own standpoint;
therefore, we must be saved by the final form of love,
which is forgiveness.

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Johann Sebastian Bach
1685-1750

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland BWV 661

(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

Jay and Mary Ann Klompmaker (8:30)
Chris, Anna Rose, and Sam Medley (11:00)

I am waiting for joy.

So are we.

**We crave something deeper than happiness,
more lasting than cheer.**

Look, a glimmer of hope, a glow of peace,
and here, see. . . a spark of joy, how it dances.

It is enough.

**And indeed will spread to the whole world by
a story passed on through the ages,
and a love surpassing all loves.**

*HYMN 104 “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You” *Valet Will Ich Dir Geben*

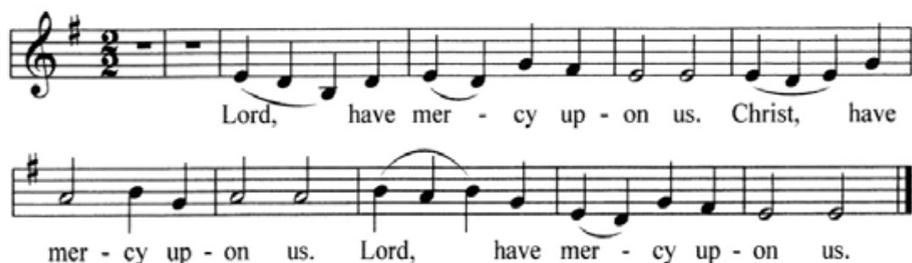
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We plot and we plan our lives—
confident that we write our own destiny,
But ready or not, the future comes
and it is seldom what we expect.
Sometimes it demands more faith
than we ever thought possible.
Be patient with us, we pray,
when love overthrows our grand designs
and when forgiveness offers a new script.**

*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 and never will leave us!
Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us.
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!**

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 1:1-16, p. 1
(Children's Bible, p. 1110)

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.

**He came down that we may have joy.
He came down that we may have joy.
He came down that we may have joy.
Hallelujah, forevermore.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 1:18-25, p. 1
(Children's Bible, p. 1110)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“How's Your Tree?”

Jarrett McLaughlin

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

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.
Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.**

THE THANKSGIVING

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Es ist ein Ros’ entsprunge (8:30)
(Lo, How A Rose E’er Blooming)

Johannes Brahms

A Motet (11:00)

Paul Manz
1919-2009

Peace be to you and grace from Him
Who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all and shed His blood
That we might saved be.

Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord,
The Lord, Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come;
Sing Holy, Holy Lord!

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
For Christ is coming, is coming soon,
For Christ is coming soon!

E’en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come,
And night shall be no more;
They need no light nor lamp nor sun,
For Christ shall be their All!

~ Words from Revelation 22, adapted by Ruth Manz

OFFERING RESPONSE

(Hymnal, 150)

**As they offered gifts most rare at thy manger, rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin’s alloy,
all our costliest treasure bring, Christ, to thee, our heavenly king**

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 119 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” *Mendelssohn*

*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. Sunday morning childcare is available during both worship services for infants, toddlers, and preschool children, who will be welcomed by our nursery staff. Infants are welcome in the Sanctuary; 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. 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, 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.

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:* Jarrett McLaughlin, Co-Pastor. *Liturgists:* Nancy Myer, Staff Associate for Children’s Ministries; Meg Peery McLaughlin, Co-Pastor. *Choir Director and Organist:* Thomas Brown, Minister of Music.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY: **At 8:30:** *Greeters:* Saul, Cathy, Josephina, and Zofia Zambrano. *Ushers:* Eric and Annette Munson (captains), Richard House, Frances McClure. **At 11:00:** *Greeters:* Ken and JoAnna Younts. *Ushers:* Lawrence Sizemore (captain), Bob Johnson, Tom Bouldin, Alison and Maisey Kavanaugh, Deborah Jones. *Godly Play Leaders:* Ellen Parker, Laura Horrigan. *Handicapped Parking Assistant:* Rob Reda.

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

Worship Notes

THIS MORNING'S ORGAN MUSIC offers yet another setting of *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland* (Come, Savior of the Nations) by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750). This is the third and final setting from his Leipzig collection. According to musicologist and Bach scholar Hermann Keller, it “sings the hymn of praise of redeemed humanity” as it proclaims the final verse of the Advent hymn:

Praise be God, the Father done,
Praise be God, His only Son;
Praise be God, the Holy Ghost,
Always and for evermore.

The 8:30 Offertory is taken from the eleven chorale preludes, Op. 122, by Johannes Brahms (1883-1897). Composed in 1896, near the end of his life when he was aware he was dying of cancer of the liver, they are based on verses from nine Lutheran chorales that mostly deal with end times. This Advent chorale prelude is a hopeful exception among them.

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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and is a Stephen Ministry Congregation.



Welcome to University Presbyterian Church

News and Opportunities
December 15, 2019

Stewardship Update

We all have to wait for Christmas, but nobody has to wait to pledge to University Presbyterian Church! The 2020 budget must be finalized in January, so pledges of support for the mission and ministry of our church must be received by December 31. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, who taught us: “it is better to give than to receive,” we hope UPC will be prioritized in your end-of-year giving. Go to upcch.org/stewardship to learn more about the stewardship campaign and to pledge securely online.

Alternative Gift Market

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

Gifts of Beauty and Bounty

Gifts of Beauty and Bounty order forms are due by noon **tomorrow, 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.

Christmas Brunch

Save the date for UPC’s annual Christmas Congregational Brunch! The brunch will be held on Sunday, December 22, at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Congregational Life Committee and Deacons will co-host this potluck fellowship brunch. Beverages will be provided, and we ask that members of the congregation bring a breakfast dish to share (quiche, muffins, casseroles, fruit, etc.). Please remember to label your dishes with ingredients as a kindness to those with food allergies and mark serving dishes and spoons with your name so you may identify them to take home. Join us for the fellowship and food in between services.

Presbyterian Women

All women of UPC are invited to attend PW Circles:

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

Church Office Volunteers Needed

The church office needs volunteer help for several shifts: every Monday morning of the month (can be split up); the 2nd Wednesday morning of the month; and the 1st Friday afternoon of the month. Responsibilities include welcoming visitors to the church office, answering the phone, and simple clerical tasks. For Monday morning shifts, there is light computer work and legible handwriting is needed. 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.

Montreat Worship and Music: Registration Open

Registration for this year's Montreat Worship and Music conference (June 21-27, 2020) is now open! Please visit upcch.org/montreat-music for details! Montreat Worship and Music is open to all rising 4th graders through high school graduates and is a wonderful week of music and fellowship for our students. Scholarships are available. If you are interested in attending and would like more information, please join us for our informational meeting on today at 4:15 p.m. in Dunham Hall (see below).

Montreat Worship & Music - Meeting today!

Are you a parent of a musically-inclined rising 4th grader through graduating senior and curious about Montreat Worship and Music? Please join us for a short informational meeting at 4:15 p.m. in Dunham Hall. Contact Kathleen (kathleen@upcch.org) for more information. If you're familiar with Montreat Worship and Music and ready to register for this summer, registration is available at upcch.org/montreat-music.

Presbyterian Women Service Project

Diaper Collection for Refugee Support Center (RSC): The Presbyterian Women (PW) will collect diapers for the 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. As of Sunday, December 8, 1148 size 6 diapers have been donated. We hope to reach the target of 1680 by December 29.
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 at vjlotz@live.unc.edu.

More PYPs Events Coming in the New Year!

Parents of Young Presbyterians (PYPs) is a group for parents and families 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 Squeaks" 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,
Kids' Pop-Up Exercise Class
- February – Bowling
- March – Movie Night, PYP Squeaks Farm Visit
- April – Easter Egg Hunt, Potluck & Game Night
- May – Service Event

Contact Nancy Myer at nancy@upcch.org with questions.

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, 2019. If you have questions, please contact Katharine Yager, Controller, at finance@upcch.org.

Young Adults

Join the conversation and fellowship with other young professionals and graduate students. We'll gather at Linda's on Tuesday, December 17, at 7:30 p.m. for our final gathering of the calendar year. All are welcome! Contact Kate Fiedler (kate@upcch.org) with questions.

Special Worship Service: The Longest Night

The holidays can be holy for us and our loved ones. While things may be merry and bright for some, we may feel sadness and pain. For some, this time of year can be the loneliest of all times. The Longest Night is a service to acknowledge such feelings. Gather in our sanctuary with Stephen Ministers for words of comfort, prayers for hope, candles, gentle music, silence, and the spiritual food of communion. We invite those who long for community and quiet worship to **join us for this service on Sunday, December 22, at 5:30 p.m.** 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.

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

Connections: Understanding Faith Traditions: This series will conclude with a return of the Rev. Bill Gattis. Rev. Gattis will discuss trends facing mainline denominations in the United States. 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 the short story, *Christmas* by Vladimir Nabokov. 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. The class discussions are based on each chapter of the book, *Counterfeit Gods*. Come and share your experience and insights. Facilitators: Robert and Laura Owen. Location: Dunham Hall.

Presbyterian Youth Connection

It's a Small Groups day for PYC! Youth should look for an email from your small group leaders about meeting time and location. Contact Kim McNeill, Staff Associate for Youth Ministries with any questions at kim@upcch.org.

Earth Care

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

Your World Is A Single Room

Your limitations won't allow getting out. Your family can't come for the holidays. There are fewer visitors as folks are so busy. A Stephen Minister would like to visit, listen, and hear your story. It is a ministry to offer Christian caring for those needing a listening ear and caring heart. Contact Meg Peery McLaughlin at meg@upcch.org to discuss being matched with a Stephen Minister. Learn more at 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.

General Announcement

Third Thursday Table: December 19: 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 2 of Presbyterian Women is responsible for sandwiches and helpers on December 19. 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. We hope you can help with this local outreach opportunity!

This Week and Next at University Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 15

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	Earth Care Team: Dunham Hall
12:00	<i>The Chimes</i> content deadline
2:30-5:00	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
4:15-5:00	Montreat Worship & Music Info Meeting: Dunham Hall
4:15-4:50	Junior Choir: Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite
5:00-6:00	Youth Choir: Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite

Monday, December 16

7:00-8:00	Men's Breakfast: Terrace Room
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Tuesday, December 17

10:00	12/22 bulletin announcement deadline
7:30-9:00	Young Adults: Youth Room (#136)

Wednesday, December 18

10:00	12/29 bulletin announcement deadline
3:45-4:45	Kirk Club: Youth Center
7:15-9:15	Chancel Choir: Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite

Friday, December 20

UPPS last day of class

Sunday, December 22: Lessons & Carols

8:30 & 11:00	Worship Services (Nursery: Room 130/134)
9:45-10:45	Christmas Brunch: Fellowship Hall
5:30-6:30	Longest Night Service: Sanctuary

*Choir rehearsals return January 5

Tuesday, December 24: Christmas Eve

12:00	Church office closed
4:00	Family & Children's Service: Sanctuary
7:00	Traditional Candlelight Service: Sanctuary
11:00	Candlelight & Communion Service: Sanctuary

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

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