

# UNIVERSITY



## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHAPEL HILL, NORTH CAROLINA

**December 29, 2019**  
**First Sunday after Christmas Day**

**8:30 and 11:00 a.m.**

### THE GATHERING

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

David Steele

“This preacher claimed that Simeon,  
Had pronounced the very same blessing  
over all the babies presented to him in the Temple.  
He was kidding me, of course.  
But when I read the blessing  
And thought about it,  
I began to wish he was right  
About Simeon . . . and those babies.  
And I began thinking about our babies.  
And I wished someone, some Simeon,  
might hold my grandbabies high, and yours as well,  
the born ones and the not yet,  
proclaiming to them with great conviction,  
“You are the saviors of the world!”

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Johann Sebastian Bach

Two settings of *In dulci jubilo* (‘In Sweet Jubilation’) 1685-1750  
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

When Jesus is born to Mary and Joseph,

**God is there.**

When Jesus is presented at the temple,

**God is there.**

When Simeon holds Jesus in his arms,

**God is there.**

When Anna recognizes Jesus in the temple,

**God is there.**

This very morning,

**God is here.**

In the future we cannot see,

**God is there.**

Come let us adore him

**Come and worship God!**

A PRAYER FOR CHRISTMASTIDE

Loving God,  
help us remember the birth of Jesus,  
**that we may share in the song of the angels,  
the gladness of the shepherds,  
and worship of the wise men.**

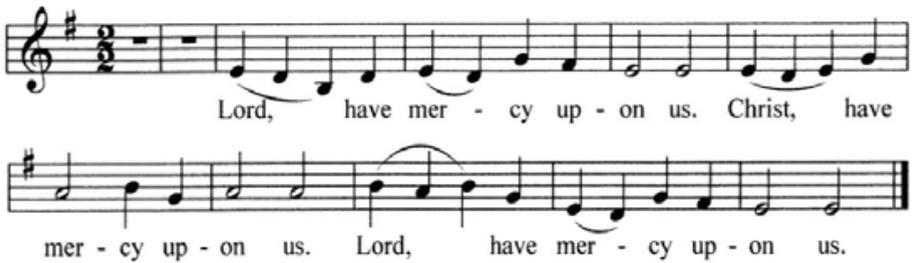
Close the door of hate  
**and open the door of love.**  
Let kindness come with every gift  
**and good desires with every greeting.**

May Christmas morning make us happy to be your children,  
**and Christmas evening bring us to our beds  
with grateful thoughts,  
forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus’ sake. Amen.**

\*Silent Confession

\*Kyrrie 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*, 143)

**Angels from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight o’er all the earth;  
You, who sang creation’s story,  
now proclaim Messiah’s birth.  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the new-born King.**

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 Hymn 135, “There’s a Star in the East.”)*

## 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

Luke 2:22-33, p. 59

(Children's Bible, p. 1184)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON

“Lift Those Babies High” Jarrett McLaughlin

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

\*HYMN “Sung to the tune of Infant Lowly, Infant Holy” *W Zlobie Lezy*

**Lord, we meet you,  
Christ we greet you,  
Born a child and yet a King.  
Round your cradle,  
In the stable,  
We would each our praises bring.  
From above us, you come near us,  
Show you love us, ever hear us.  
Now to you we glory sing  
Now to you we glory sing**

**Saviour Jesus,  
now be near us  
as we bring our lives to you.  
In our children  
may your love sing.  
May they know your promise true.  
Water flowing, Spirit sending,  
faith a-growing, Love unending.  
Take their lives and make them new.  
Take their lives and make them new.**

**In their growing  
keep them knowing  
of the wonders of your love.  
Root their living  
in the giving  
of the Saviour from above.  
Living Jesus, stand among us,  
ever with us, go before us.  
In our lives your Spirit move.  
Let us all your loving prove.**

## THE THANKSGIVING

### WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

A Sacred Song

Herbert Howells

Kathleen Jasinskas, *soprano*

1892-1983

From far the Angels draw near – Eia, Eia,  
Sweet is the DaySpring that heals our fear;  
Come sing and dance,  
Come pipe and play – Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Sing Jesus Christ and Mary dear.

A child this day to us is born, Eia,  
Sing all ye shepherds proclaim the morn.  
Come sing and dance,  
Come pipe and play – Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Sing Jesus Christ and Mary dear.

Now all mankind doth say and sing Eia!  
This is the day of Christ and King.  
Come sing and dance,  
Come pipe and play!  
Alleluia, Alleluia  
Sing Jesus Christ and Mary dear, Eia!  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Eia!

*~ Words from an old Carol*

### \*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

#### JESUS IS BORN – A PRAYER FOR WHAT COMES NEXT

**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 136

“Go Tell It On The Mountain”

*Go Tell It*

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Depart now in peace,

**for our eyes have seen the salvation  
which God has prepared for all people.**

Grow in strength and wisdom

**and bring forth a harvest of righteousness and praise.**

May God smile upon you and make you strong and wise;

May Christ Jesus share his inheritance with you freely;

And may the Holy Spirit open your eyes

to the presence of God’s Messiah.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

### \*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](mailto: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.

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THE WORSHIP BULLETIN, the weekly calendar, the announcements and UPC’s newsletter are posted on the church Website at [www.upcch.org](http://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:* Jarrett McLaughlin, Co-Pastor. *Liturgist:* Meg Peery McLaughlin, Co-Pastor. *Choir Director and Organist:* Thomas Brown, Minister of Music.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY: **At 8:30:** *Greeters:* Jay and Elinor Williams. *Ushers:* Judy and Tom Warburton (captains), Betsy Edwards, Janet McDowell. **At 11:00:** *Greeters:* Jesse and Janis Basnight. *Ushers:* Ken Krzyzewski (captain), Winnie Morgan, Nora Holley, Frances Hess; Mike MacMillan, Tucker MacMillan, Cass Swon. *Handicapped Parking Assistant:* Aaron Shah.

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.

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.

THIS MORNING'S ORGAN VOLUNTARY offers two settings by Johann Sebastian Bach (1586-1750) 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 1533. Bach's setting from *Das Orgelbüchlein* (Little Organ Book) is sixty-or-so seconds of some of the most complicated music he ever composed; written in four voices, both the melody and the inner-voice accompanimental figure are cast in strict canon. The second setting is cast as a stirring and majestic *Fantasia in organo pleno* (in full organ).

## Ministers—All Followers of Christ University Presbyterian Church Program Staff

Meg Peery McLaughlin, *Co-Pastor*

Jarrett McLaughlin, *Co-Pastor*

John Rogers, *Associate Pastor  
for Campus Ministry*

Kate Fiedler, *Associate Pastor  
for Adult Ministries*

Thomas Brown, *Minister of Music*

Kim McNeill, *Staff Associate  
for Youth Ministries*

Nancy Myer, *Staff Associate  
for Children's 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*

University Presbyterian Church is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
and is a Stephen Ministry Congregation.



# Welcome to University Presbyterian Church

News and Opportunities  
December 29, 2019

## Presbyterian Women Service Project

**Diaper Collection for Refugee Support Center (RSC):** The Presbyterian Women (PW) will collect diapers for the RSC now through **TODAY**. 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](mailto:vjlotz@live.unc.edu).

## 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](mailto:finance@upcch.org).

## Church Office Volunteers Needed

The church office needs volunteer help on **the 1st and 3rd Monday mornings of the month (9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.)**. Responsibilities include welcoming visitors to the church office, answering the phone, and simple clerical tasks. For this shift, there is light computer work and legible handwriting is needed. If you're available to volunteer for one or both of these shifts, or if you'd like to volunteer in the church office as a substitute, please contact Shelley Adams at [shelleyhadams@gmail.com](mailto:shelleyhadams@gmail.com) or (919) 942-2525.

## 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 2023. 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 9. 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](http://www.upcch.org/nominating). Contact Kim McNeill, Staff Associate for Youth Ministries, at [kim@upcch.org](mailto:kim@upcch.org) with any questions.

## **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](http://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 email Kathleen ([kathleen@upcch.org](mailto:kathleen@upcch.org)).

## **Come Sing With Us!**

The Children's (K-2), Junior (3-6), and Youth (7-12) Choirs are always open to new members, and no previous singing experience is required! Please visit [upcch.org/music](http://upcch.org/music) for more information, or join us for rehearsals anytime.

## **PYPs Thank-You-Note-Writing Party**

Now that the Christmas season is behind us and the new year will soon arrive, we are given a wonderful opportunity to practice gratitude. Join us for a thank-you-note-writing party on Sunday, January 5, from 3:45-5:00 p.m. in Dunham 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 [nancy@upcch.org](mailto:nancy@upcch.org) or (919) 929-2102.

## **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 2020 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](mailto:nancy@upcch.org) with questions.

## **Flowers in the Sanctuary**

The UPC Flower Committee invites and encourages members to honor the memory of loved ones with floral arrangements in our Sanctuary on Sundays. To schedule an arrangement, please call or text Lean Caison at (919) 636-1595 or email her at [lenasc913@yahoo.com](mailto:lenasc913@yahoo.com).

## Packing Up?

Has everyone packed up and gone back to their busy normal lives? The decorations go back to the attic. Life returns to “normal”—but your normal has new challenges. Chemo? Finding a new job? Dealing with a miscarriage? We didn’t pack up—we are here. Please contact Meg Peery McLaughlin at [meg@upcch.org](mailto:meg@upcch.org) if a Stephen Minister can be there for you as you sort out the new challenges. Learn more at [upcch.org/stephen-ministry](http://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.

## Adult Education: 2020 Preview

Adult Education classes will continue in the new year with a presentation by the Trashy Ladies from Binkley Baptist Church in Vance Barron Hall on January 12. All are invited to join these discussions in the new year!

### Classes will resume on January 19:

- Bible study (*Evil and the Justice of God*), Stephen Ministry Room
- Crossroads class (*The Spirit of the Disciplines*), Dunham Hall
- Earth Care discussions, Vance Barron Hall
- Faith and the Arts (*Celestial Omnibus*), Terrace Room

## 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](http://orangecountync.gov/recycling).

## The Harmony Project

The Harmony Project is a community sing-along from Jewish, Christian, and other spiritual and secular traditions. Join us on Sunday, January 12, at 4:00 p.m. at Local 506 (506 West Franklin Street, Chapel Hill). This event is a collaboration of Univeristy Presbyterian Church, Kehillah Synagogue, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Chapel of the Cross, Univeristy United Methodist Church, and Christ United Methodist Church.

## Announcement from the Larger Community

The Inter-Faith Council (IFC) is a nonprofit organization that helps our community by providing social services to help individuals and families in need. By donating to the IFC Food Pantry, you can help with this mission. You may bring donated 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](http://www.ifcweb.org/needs#pantry) to view a list of their current most-needed items.

# This Week and Next at University Presbyterian Church

## Sunday, December 29

8:30 & 11:00      Worship Services (Nursery: Room 130/134)  
9:30                  Coffee on the Landing  
                         \*Choir rehearsals return January 5

## Tuesday, December 31

10:00                Bulletin announcement deadline

## Wednesday, January 1

Church office closed

## Thursday, January 2

5:00                  Materials for Session Packets due

## Sunday, January 5

8:30 & 11:00      Worship Services (Nursery: Room 130/134)  
9:30                  Coffee on the Landing  
3:45-5:00          Children's Sub-committee:  
                         3rd grade SS Room  
3:45-5:00          PYPs Thank You Note Writing Party:  
                         Dunham Hall  
3:45-4:10          Children's Choir:  
                         Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite  
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, January 6

                         UPPS First Day of Class  
7:00-8:00          Men's Breakfast: Terrace Room  
6:00-7:00          Administration Committee:  
                         Dunham Hall  
6:00-7:00          Global Outreach: Vance Barron Hall  
7:00-8:30          Stephen Ministry:  
                         Stephen Ministry Room

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

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