

UNIVERSITY



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHAPEL HILL, NORTH CAROLINA

January 5, 2020
Epiphany of the Lord
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

We go into a future as yet unmapped.
Help us take faith with us as we go:
into the parts of our lives not yet traveled by love,
into the parts of the world unexplored by grace,
let compassion and hope be the words that we follow
today and always. Amen.

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

We come to you in a new year
with new desires and old fears,
new dreams and old conflicts.
You are a God of hope,
creating all the possibilities of the future.
You are a God of love,
forgiving all the mistakes of the past.
You are the God of our faith,
so we come into your presence with gladness and a joyful noise.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Most holy and most loving God,
we admit to you and to each other,
that we are creatures
who either through foolishness or wilfulness
often choose darkness instead of light.**

**Here and now we surrender to you
our fears and proud opinions,
our short-sighted folly and our pompous wisdom,
our deep-seated sin and our apathy towards change.**

Forgive us and restore our light-starved hopes.

*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*, 143)

**Sages, leave your contemplations;
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great desire of nations;
you have seen his natal star:
come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king!**

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

Matthew 2:1-12, p. 2
(Children's Bible, p. 1,111)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Star Light, Star Bright" Meg Peery McLaughlin

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

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

**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 152 "What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright"

Puer nobis nascitur

THE THANKSGIVING

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Vom Himmel hoch, da komm' ich her (8:30) Johann Pachelbel
From Heaven above to earth I come

Three Excerpts from *Christus, Op. 97* (11:00) Felix Mendelssohn

1809-1847

Kathleen Jasinskas, *soprano*

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

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

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!

The Lord's Prayer

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 150 "As with Gladness Men of Old" *Dix*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL AMEN (11:00) Henry Balfour Gardiner
1877-1950

*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.

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

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY: **At 8:30:** *Greeters:* Jesse and Carolyn Beverly. *Ushers:* Walter and Linda Plunkett (captains), Doug Lawson, Vicki Lotz. *Communion Servers:* Betsy Edwards, Day McLaughlin. **At 11:00:** *Greeters:* Henry and Jean Carpenter. *Ushers:* Lawrence Sizemore (captain), Bob Johnson, Mike and Mary Ellen Olson, Daphne and Crowell Little. *Communion Servers:* Nancy Jones, Kelli Smith, Anne Scaff, Bob Johnson, Elva Small, Mary Ellen Olson, Hannah Starr, George Grosser. *Godly Play Leader:* Ellen Parker. *Handicapped Parking Assistant:* Jesse Basnight, Jr.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY today are given by Ross and Winsome Leadbetter celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary.

THIS MORNING'S 11:00 CHORAL MUSIC offers the three surviving excerpts from Felix Mendelssohn's (1809-1847) unfinished oratorio *Christus*. Begun in the last year of his life (and on the heels of the 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).

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*

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
January 5, 2020

PYPs Thank-You-Note-Writing Party: Today

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 **today 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 or (919) 929-2102.

The Harmony Project

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

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. Contact Kim McNeill, Staff Associate for Youth Ministries, at kim@upcch.org with any questions.

Second Sunday Lunch

Everyone is invited to join UPC's Second Sunday Lunch, on January 12 in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 11:00 am service. Those who attend are asked to bring a vegetable dish, salad, or dessert, sufficient for 10-12 people. All new members, visitors, and students are welcome without contribution. The Endowment, Personnel, and Youth Sub-committee will co-host, and the main course and drinks will be provided. Come, visit with old friends, and make new ones while enjoying the delicious food and warm fellowship.

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 email Kathleen (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 for more information, or join us for rehearsals anytime.

Presbyterian Youth Connection

Youth group for 6th-12th graders will meet again next Sunday, January 12, at 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Center. We'll talk about spiritual practices for the new year. Bring \$5 for dinner. Pick up is at 7:30 p.m. in the UPC parking lot. Please contact Kim McNeill, Staff Associate for Youth Ministries, at kim@upcch.org with any questions about programs and events for middle and high schoolers.

PYPs Events in 2020

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:

- February – Bowling
- March – Movie Night, PYP Squeaks Farm Visit
- April – Easter Egg Hunt, Potluck & Game Night
- May – Service Event

Please contact Nancy Myer, Staff Associate for Children's Ministries, at nancy@upcch.org with questions.

Presbyterian Women

All women of UPC are invited to attend PW Circles:

Circle 1: Wednesday, January 15, 7:00 p.m. Hostess: Megan Crunkleton, 118 Steeplechase Rd (919-960-8876)

Circle 2: Monday, January 6, at 10:00 a.m. Hostess: Janet Anderson, 223 Severin St (919-942-4807)

Circle 3: Tuesday, January 7, at 10:00 a.m. Hostess: Marian Johnson, 217 Mill Race Drive (919-942-4752)

Circle 4: Tuesday, January 7, at 10:00 a.m. Hostess: Karen Hensley, 927 Oxbow Crossing Road (919-968-2563.)

Circle 5: Wednesday, January 8, at 7:00 p.m. Hostess: Myrah Scott, 201 Oval Park Place (919-933-9463)

Earth Care Class: *Trashy Women*

Trashy Women will kick off the Earth Care Sunday School Series next Sunday, January 12. Karin Mills and Linda Bourne, AKA the “Trashy Women,” will lead the class “Composting, Recycling and Caring for Creation.” Owners of the Spotted Dog restaurant in Carrboro from 1998 to 2016, Karin and Linda have been in the trenches advocating sustainable practices for two decades. As members of Binkley Baptist Church’s Earth Ministries Green Team, they implemented a triple-stream collection system and waste diversion plan in 2018 to recycle and compost everything possible. Since then, they have inspired and advised countless others to join them in caring for creation. “It may seem a lost cause at times, as we’re surrounded by so many destructive and poor environmental practices,” say Karin and Linda. “But we prefer to think positively. There are many ways to contribute to improving our world. We work from the ground up, teaching one person, group or organization at a time.” Visit the *Trashy Women* on Facebook at [facebook.com/karinandlindagogreen](https://www.facebook.com/karinandlindagogreen) UPC’s “Living into our Earth Care Pledge” Sunday School series will run through February 23 in Vance Barron Hall.

Adult Education

Adult Education gatherings will begin next week! Everyone is invited to join the gathering in Vance Barron Hall on Sunday, January 12. Linda Bourne and Karin Mills, affectionately known as the *Trashy Women*, will present the good work our neighbors at Binkley Baptist Church are doing in terms of composting, conserving energy, and being better stewards of the earth. Join their engaging, humorous presentation in Vance Barron Hall.

There are several classes to choose from:

- **Bible study:** *Evil and the Justice of God:* Stephen Ministry Room
- **Crossroads class:** *The Spirit of the Disciplines:* Dunham Hall
- **Connections:** *Earth Care presentations:* Vance Barron Hall
- **Faith in the Arts:** *Celestial Omnibus:* Terrace Room

A New Year—Or Is It?

What should I do with my life? What does God want me to do? Confused? Undecided? A Stephen Minister can serve as a listening ear while you explore these questions. Please contact Meg Peery McLaughlin at 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. 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.

Announcement from the Larger Community

Volunteer with the Compass Center for Women and Families, helping people navigate their journey to self-sufficiency, safety, and health since 1979. Volunteer application forms can be found on their website (compassctr.org), or contact Erica Brierley at clientservices@compassctr.org. Learn more about the various volunteer positions at upcch.org/volunteer-compass-center.

This Week and Next at University Presbyterian Church

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

Tuesday, January 7

- 10:00 Bulletin announcement deadline

Wednesday, January 8

- 8:00-9:00 Planned Giving Team: Vance Barron Hall
9:30-11:30 Spiritual Formation: Room 215
3:45-4:45 Kirk Club: Youth Center
7:15-9:15 Chancel Choir:
Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite

Thursday, January 9

- 5:30-8:30 PCM Dinner and Program: Terrace Room
7:00-9:00 Session meeting: Dunham Hall

Saturday, January 11

- 10:00-3:30 Confirmation Mentor Retreat:
Vance Barron Hall

Sunday, January 12

- 8:30 & 11:00 Worship Services (Nursery: Room 130/134)
9:30 Coffee on the Landing
9:45-10:45 Sunday School
12:00-1:00 Second Sunday Lunch: Fellowship 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
6:00-7:30 PYC Youth Group: Fellowship Hall,
Youth Center, Youth Room (136)

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

209 E. Franklin St. | P.O. Box 509 | Chapel Hill, NC 27514
www.upcch.org | upcch@upcch.org | (919) 929-2102
facebook.com/upcch.org | instagram.com/upc_ch