

UNIVERSITY



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHAPEL HILL, NORTH CAROLINA

Sunday, September 26, 2021
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Here we believe that God is love;
and that love is for everyone.

God's extravagant love changes the world
and moves us to respond in gratitude.

Whoever you are and whoever you are becoming,
you are not only welcome here, but invited
to shape this community with your God-given gifts.

Ministers - All Followers of Christ

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**Welcome to worship with
University Presbyterian
Church!**

To our visitors

Welcome - we're glad you're here! We'd love to get to know you more. Send us an email (upcch@upcch.org) so we can add you to our email list and keep you up to date on the latest UPC news!

Joining UPC

The Session plans to welcome new members into this family of faith on October 14th. If you are interested in joining, please email meg@upcch.org.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Anne Bryan in loving memory of her mom, Norma Kirby.

The flowers in the narthex today are given by Brian and Lindsay Thorp in memory of their daughter, Larson Cranwell Thorp.

The rose on the retable announces the birth of Preston Craighill Collins, son of Bayard and Anne Collins and brother of Chick. Preston was born on August 28, 2021.

THE GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Huit pièces modales: No. 1, Mode de ré

Jean Langlais

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Kim McNeill

from Psalm 96 and Psalm 104

Sing to the Lord a new song;

sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Declare his glory among the nations;

proclaim his salvation day after day.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

*HYMN 275

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

EIN' FESTE BURG

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We have been silent when the Gospel needed to be shared.

**The Spirit said 'cry out' in the face of injustice,
yet we have been speechless.**

Forgive us for flaking out.

In the dark night of the soul,

**when the shackles of our earthly cares hold us tight,
give us a song in our heart
and breath enough to sing it loud.**

This world is a big place and the Gospel is worth sharing.

*Silent Confession

*Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

You are invited to exchange the peace of Christ with one another, greeting each other with the words above with your hands placed together. Please refrain from physical contact.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

NICEA

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Nancy Myer

Children age 3 through third grade are invited to come to the front of the Sanctuary for Time with Children. Children under 3 are invited to come forward with a parent.

**God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things belong,
alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 16: 20-26

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Jarrett McLaughlin

"Normal Never Was, God Always Is"

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

**Children are always
welcome in worship.**

To families with children:

We're glad you're here!
Children of any age are always welcome to stay with you for the full worship service. *Children's activities* are available in the narthex. For those who would like to utilize our *nursery for infants-4 year olds*, check-in is in room 134 (through the door nearest the baptismal font and then downstairs). You may choose to wait until after the Time with Children to take your young children to the nursery.

To our UPC members:

God put the wiggle in children! The presence of children is a gift to the church. Please welcome the children around you and offer a smile and word of encouragement to their families.

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*HYMN 821

"How Can I Keep from Singing?"

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Lew Lampiris

selections from Ephesians 5:15-20

**Be filled with the Spirit,
as you sing psalms and hymns
and spiritual songs among yourselves.
Sing and make melody to the Lord in your hearts,
giving thanks to God the Father at all times
and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.
The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia!
O be joyful in God, all ye lands.
O sing praises to the honor of His name,
make His praise to be glorious.
With a voice of singing, declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!

*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.**

Ways to Give to UPC

In Worship: In lieu of passing the offering plates, we invite you to place your offering in the boxes at the front of the sanctuary or in the narthex.

By Text: Text "UPCGIVING {amount}" to 73256.

Online: Access our giving portal at upcch.org/give.

Join us for Punch on the Porch after worship!

Punch on the Porch is an outdoor time of fellowship and light refreshments (weather permitting) on the front lawn. All are welcome to join us!

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Meg Peery McLaughlin

**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 641

"When In Our Music God is Glorified"

ENGELBERG

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Ten Pieces: X. Pasticcio

Jean Langlais

**You are invited to rise in body or in spirit.*

Concerns & Celebrations

We grieve with:

Anne Bryan, *upon the death of her mother, Norma Kirby (service 9/26, 3 pm)* [10]
Stephen Embree, *upon the death of his paternal grandfather* [6]
The family of Trish Love, *upon her death on 9/14* [2]
Jim Schreiber, *upon the death of his sister* [7]

We celebrate with:

Janet McDowell, *upon the birth of her grandson, Simon Albert McTaylor, on 9/4* [1]
The Collins family, *upon the birth of Preston Craighill Collins on 8/28* [6]

We pray for:

Tom Brown
Dianne Frazier [15]
Nate Garber [22]
Tom & Peggy Hollingsworth [12]
Shelby MacMillan (*Nora Holley and Mike MacMillan's daughter*) [16]
Day McLaughlin [2]
Jim Schultz [8]
Dick Stine (*Stephen Embree's maternal grandfather*) [6]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SIGN UPS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Program Year Registration

All UPC parents are encouraged to fill out the Program Year Registration form for all young people participating in programs at UPC (nursery, Sunday School, Youth Group, Choir). This form is now connected to our Realm database which will aid in filling it out for multiple children. Filling out the registration form allows church staff to have important information about our children and youth. Read more and fill out the form at upcch.org/registration.

Schedule Change Starting Oct. 3

As of next week, our Sunday schedule will be:
9:45 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship

On Oct. 3, adults are invited to a Meet and Greet at 10 am on the patio behind Dunham Hall on Rosemary Street for coffee and pastries and a chance to learn about Sunday morning classes.

World Communion Sunday - Oct. 3

Next week, we will observe World Communion Sunday. Communion will be offered at the end of worship on the front lawn, in an individually wrapped format.

Small Groups resume Oct. 3

If you are expecting to participate in Small Groups this fall, you should have received a message from your group leaders in the past week. If you didn't hear from a leader, please email admin@upcch.org so we can make sure you are connected with your group.

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN

Crossroads Class

Crossroads is a Bible Study Class that gathers on Sunday mornings in the PCM lounge, meeting at 8:45 am through the end of September, then shift to 10 am in October. This fall, the group will do an overview of each book of the Bible, highlighting one story or theme per book. The group will use *The Bible Project* as a guide.

Contact: Robert Owen (rowen@tuckermidis.com)

Books Needed for Faith & the Arts Class

Hi, UPC! Do you have a collection called *Eyes that See* (v. 1) edited by Bret Lott? The Faith & the Arts Class is using that short story collection this Fall and if you have a copy, we'd love to have you donate. Bring to the church office if you have one!

Racial Equity Book Group

This fall, the Racial Equity Team will be hosting a book group, reading and discussing Jemar Tisby's *The Color of Compromise: The Truth about the American Church's Complicity in Racism*. Hosted by Erin Kent and Megan Crunkleton, this group will meet via Zoom at 7 pm on October 12, November 9, and December 14. Participants must buy their own books; registration is required to receive the Zoom link and information about purchasing the book at a discount through Flyleaf.

To register: tinyurl.com/RETbookgroup

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT

College Ministry at UPC

Carolina students are WELCOME at UPC. We have a vibrant college campus ministry that meets weekly for a home cooked meal and student-led program every Thursday, 6-8pm. Please join us for Presbyterian Campus Ministry - email Berry to learn more, or introduce yourself to a college student at Punch on the Porch.

Contact: Berry French (berry@upcch.org)

Young Adult Ministry

UPC has an active Young Adult ministry for graduate students and young adults that includes sitting together for weekly worship and sharing a meal afterwards. Stop by the sanctuary porch following worship to join us for lunch.

Contact: Berry French (berry@upcch.org)

Presbyterian Women Gatherings

Are you interested in getting to know other University Presbyterian women who meet for fellowship and study? This fall, we will be using the Presbyterian Women Study Guide titled "What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus." There are monthly morning and evening circle gatherings.

Contact: Jean Lusted
(jdlusted@gmail.com or 919-294-6317)

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE

Peace & Global Witness Offering

The Peace & Global Witness Offering is used by the PC(USA) to address systems of conflict and injustice across the world. 25% of this offering is retained by individual congregations for local projects related to peace and justice. This year, UPC's portion will be used to support the resettlement of Afghan refugees. Please help us share the Peace of Christ both here and abroad by giving to this offering. You may use one of the special envelopes in the pews or visit upcch.org/give (please designate your gift for the Peace & Global Witness offering).

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Afghan Refugee Support

The past month we have all witnessed the desperation of Afghan refugees seeking asylum. The Triangle area has been identified as a major resettlement area for the many families who have been evacuated to the United States. This could be a critical moment for the Church to respond by offering sponsorship and companionship for these dislocated people. The most immediate need is for a small team of volunteers to learn more about the possibility of sponsoring a family. Below is a sign-up link for training and information sessions put on by Church World Service. If you are willing to be a part of this effort please be in touch with Jarrett (jarrett@upcch.org) about volunteering to attend one of these sessions.

Sign Up Here:

cwsrdu.org/community-sponsorship-training

*Have an announcement for the bulletin? Email Erin Collier (communications@upcch.org).
Deadline for each week is Wednesday at 2 pm. Submissions may be edited for space.*

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, September 26

- 8:45 am: Crossroads Class (PCM lounge)
- 9:00 am: Virtual Coffee Hour (Zoom)
- 10:00 am: Worship (Sanctuary and livestream)
- 11:00 am: Punch on the Porch
- 11:15 am: PYC Sunday School Teacher Training (Vance Barron Hall)
- 3:00 pm: Memorial Service for Norma Kirby (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 pm: Children's Choir & Junior Choir (outside)
- 5:00 pm: Youth Choir (outside)
- 6:00 pm: Youth Group (outside)

Monday, September 27

- 7:00 pm: Music & Worship Committee

Wednesday, September 29

- 7:00 pm: Chancel Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 pm: Personnel Committee (Zoom)

Thursday, September 30

- 11:30 am: Woman to Woman (Zoom)
- 6:00 pm: Presbyterian Campus Ministry Dinner & Program (Terrace Room)

Saturday, October 2

PYC football parking

Sunday, October 3

- Small Groups Resume
- 9:45 am: Sunday School (children & youth)
- 10:00 am: Adult Sunday School Meet & Greet (patio by Rosemary St.)
- 11:00 am: Worship (Sanctuary and livestream)
- 4:00 pm: Children's Choir & Junior Choir (outside)
- 5:00 pm: Youth Choir (outside)
- 6:00 pm: Youth Group (outside)

Parking: The church parking lot is reserved on Sundays for handicapped parking and senior citizens. Please do not park directly on Robertson Lane, as it is a fire lane. Remember, *parking is free at the Wallace Parking Deck* on Sundays!

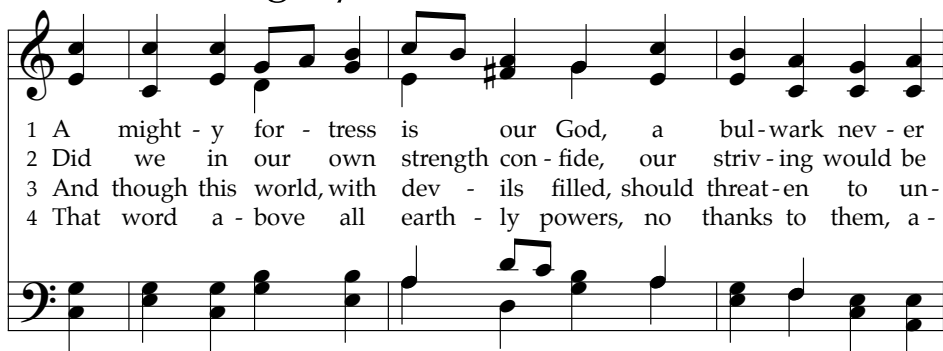
Accessibility: *Large print bulletins* and *portable hearing devices* are available in the narthex, and we have a *hearing loop* in the sanctuary. *Individual seat cushions* are also available in the narthex. Please return cushions to the basket after using. If you need assistance or have questions, please ask an usher.



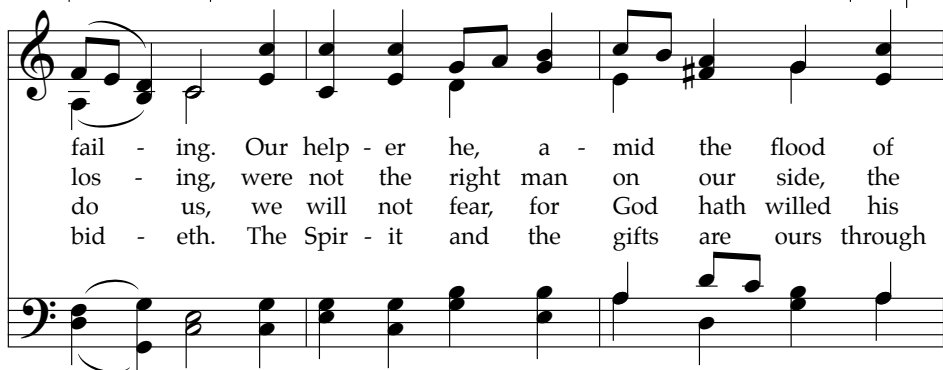
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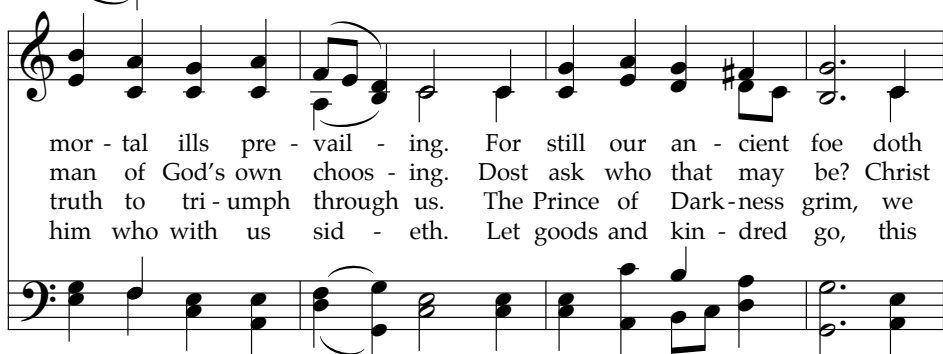
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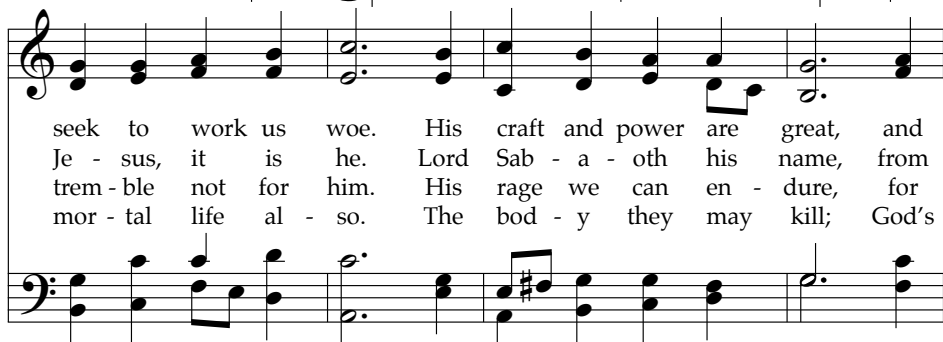
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -



fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through



mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this



seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a vocal line on top and a bass line on the bottom. The vocal line is in treble clef and contains a melody of quarter and eighth notes, with some chords. The bass line is in bass clef and contains a bass line of quarter and eighth notes, with some chords. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 8/8. The music ends with a double bar line.

821

My Life Flows On

How Can I Keep from Singing?

1 My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion.
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sav - ior liv - eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!

I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.

Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

In the *New York Observer* of August 7, 1868, this text was titled "Always Rejoicing," and was attributed to "Pauline T." This may well be where the Baptist pastor and musician to whom it is usually credited encountered the words that he later published with his tune.

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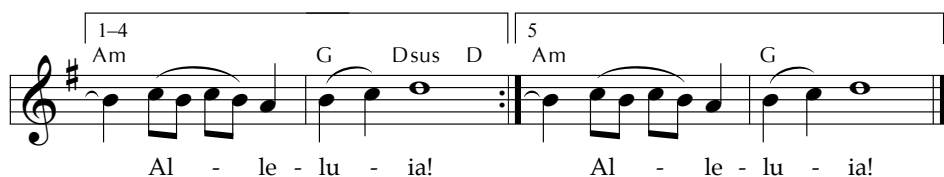
1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied,
 2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found
 3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song,
 4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night
 5 Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise!



and ad - o - ra - tion leaves no room for pride,
 a new di - men - sion in the world of sound,
 in faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong,
 when ut - most e - vil strove a - gainst the light?
 Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise!



it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried:
 as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found
 borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - ery tongue:
 Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:
 And may God give us faith to sing al - ways:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Written to supply this tune with words suitable for occasions celebrating music, this text explores how human song gives voice to creation, how music can convey new insight, how sung faith has kept the church authentic, how Jesus relied on the psalms, and how sound can be praise.