

Myers Park  
United Methodist Church



Ceiling Painting for St. Bede's, Peter Koenig

**A Service of Christian Worship**

January 22, 2023

8:30, 9:45, and 11:00 a.m.

**Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

WE GATHER

**Opening Voluntary**

Joyful, Joyful

Al Travis

**Welcome**

**Chiming of the Trinity**

**† Call to Worship**

How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place

Paul Tate

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord, my God!

How lovely is your dwelling place, O God!

† **Hymn No. 545**

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
she is his new creation by water and the Word.  
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;  
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;  
till, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with the God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we  
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

† **The Creed No. 881**

Apostles' Creed

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 Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.

The third day He rose from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at 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 Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

† **Gloria Patri, No. 71**

GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.

## **Prayer of Confession**

**O God, cast your light in the shadows;  
Illuminate the darkness in our hearts.  
May Christ be seen in the Church and in our lives.  
Help us to be the light to the world.**

## **Words of Assurance**

...In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!  
**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**  
**Glory to God. Amen.**

## **WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD**

### **The Psalter Reading**

Psalm 27

### **† Hymn No. 349 (verse 1)**

Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

LEMMEL

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
look full in his wonderful face,  
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
in the light of his glory and grace.**

### **† The Gospel Reading**

Matthew 4:12-23

**Reader:** This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## **Sermon**

## **Prayers of the People**

## **The Lord's Prayer No. 895**

## Offertory

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Philip Stopford

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,  
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high;  
hide me, O my savior, hide, till storm of life be past;  
safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on thee;  
leave, ah! Leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;  
cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find.  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is thy name; I am all unrighteousness.  
False and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace on thee is found, grace to cover all my sin.  
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of thee.  
Spring thou up within my heart. Rise, to all eternity. Amen.

## † Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## † Prayer of Dedication

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

## † Closing Hymn No. 189

Fairest Lord Jesus

ST. ELIZABETH

**Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,  
O thou of God and man the Son,  
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,  
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.**

**Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,  
robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
who makes the woeful heart to sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,  
and all the twinkling starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels heaven can boast.**

**Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine.**

**† Benediction**

**† Benediction Response**

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore His sacred name.  
Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign.  
The hosts of God in unity combine.  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore His sacred name.**

**† Closing Voluntary**

March from *Athalia*

Felix Mendelssohn

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**† Stand as you are able**

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

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**PREACHER**

Dr. James C. Howell, Senior Pastor

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**LITURGISTS**

Dr. Uiyeon Kim, Pastor of Discipleship  
Rev. Nancy Watson, Executive Pastor

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**LAY READERS**

Martha Cushman (8:30)  
Scott Willis (9:45)  
Scott Haenni (11:00)

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**MUSICIANS**

Dr. Hugh Ferguson Floyd, Director of Music  
Lee Northcutt, organ  
Sue Bayne, piano  
Chancel Choir

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**AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER**

Blaire Pope (9:45)

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**CRUCIFERS**

Dean Lowery (8:30)  
Ben Long (9:45)  
Gavin Porter (11:00)



**ACOLYTES**

Maya Hoover and Beck Hoover (8:30)  
Charlie Long and James White (9:45)  
Macie Porter and Maddie Powell (11:00)



**BIBLE CARRIERS**

Eloise Givens (8:30)  
Grey Gibson (9:45)  
Oliver Porter (11:00)

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*Welcome to  
Myers Park United Methodist Church*

**Welcome!** We are thankful you are here worshipping with us. We invite you to register your attendance with us today: <https://form.jotform.com/201695904497164>.

**The Sacrament of Holy Baptism:** Receiving the sacrament of Baptism at the 11:00 a.m. service is *Colter Lane Wright*, son of *Courtney and Lee Wright*.

**The Flowers on the Altar** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *John and Alice Gasbarro, Earl and Margaret Page, Frances Anderson, and Kay Rankin* by *John and Carol Gasbarro*.

**Want to Provide Flowers for the Altar** in memory or honor of a loved one? Email Peg Broughton at [peg@mpumc.org](mailto:peg@mpumc.org).

**Dr. Howell's New Series: Oh the Places You'll Go!** Join Dr. Howell as he takes you to sacred, unforgettable and life-changing places where God happens. Click [here](#) to sign up to receive the biweekly emails (released on Mondays and Thursdays) and click [here](#) to watch a new video released every Monday.

**Wednesday Night Supper, January 25, 5:30-6:45 p.m., Jubilee Hall:** Chef Hannah will serve garden salad, BBQ pork (sauce on the side), corn, and green beans. For children: chicken nuggets. \$15 for adults; \$8 for adults 65 and up and children 3-12. Children under 3 eat free. \$50 family max. Click [here](#) or call 704-376-5520 ext. 6 to RSVP by noon on Monday.

**The Children's Circle 75th Anniversary Party, January 27, 7-10 p.m., Pinhouse, 2306 Central Avenue:** Current and former parents and teachers and adult alumni (21+) are invited to a 1940s-themed night including live music by Jazz Revolution Band, dinner by Zio Italian, libations, and a duckpin bowling competition to celebrate our beloved preschool's 75th anniversary. Click [here](#) to learn more and to register to attend.

**The Children's Circle Preschool 2023-24 Registration** is open through January 31 for all new and returning families. Children must be 12-months-old by August 31 to enroll in the youngest class of this half-day preschool for ages one to five. For more information, visit [thechildrenscircle.org](http://thechildrenscircle.org) or contact Patty Matthews at 704-376-5208 or [pmatthews@mpumc.org](mailto:pmatthews@mpumc.org).

**Used Sports Equipment Collection, now-January 31:** Donate your gently used youth sports gear (balls, bats, cleats, etc.) to the Hidden Valley Elementary School Sports Closet so students have access to gear and can try out a sport. Drop off donations at 3101 Clarendon Road 28211 or visit [www.charlottesportscloset.org](http://www.charlottesportscloset.org) to arrange a porch pickup. Email Turner Curtis, church member and Myers Park High School senior, at [charlottesportscloset@gmail.com](mailto:charlottesportscloset@gmail.com) with any questions.

**Midday Music - Iterations of Love, February 1, 12 p.m., Sanctuary:** Join us for a vocal concert presented by Evan Wesley Currie, Associate Director of Music and Organist, Amanda Williams and Whitney Vance, sopranos, and Kevin Proffit, tenor.

**Forward, February 5, 4-5 p.m.:** All fourth and fifth graders are invited to attend. Click [here](#) to sign up. Email Amy Jo Alspaugh at [amyjo@mpumc.org](mailto:amyjo@mpumc.org) with any questions

**Parenting Your Anxious Tween/Teen, Sundays, February 5-26, 10-10:40 a.m., Francis Chapel:** This four-week class for parents of tweens and teens, based on Brock Morgan's book *The Anxious Teen: Ministry with Stressed and Fearful Students*, will explore the stress, anxiety, and fear our children are experiencing and ways to cope. Facilitated by Jason Rhymer and Amy Jo Alspaugh. Reading the book is recommended but not required. Click [here](#) to order the book. Click [here](#) to sign up to attend.

**Equity & Empowerment Team Kickoff, February 6, 6 p.m., room 104:** The Equity & Empowerment team will work to educate and equip our members for the work of inclusion and equity in our community and beyond. While we may kick off during Black History Month, we acknowledge the work is for all seasons and are excited to begin.

**Tap Into Your Creativity This Year:** Join our 10-week study group reading *Imagine: A Vision for Christians in the Arts* by Steve Turner. Email Dianne Collard at [dbcollard@me.com](mailto:dbcollard@me.com) by February 10 to sign up and indicate your preference for meeting in person or virtually. The group will begin meeting the first week of March. Location and time TBD.

**The Enneagram and You: Ancient Wisdom and Timeless Traits, March 10, 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. and March 11, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.:** Sponsored by the Labyrinth Ministry and facilitated by certified Enneagram educators Schawn and Eric Kellogg, this workshop focuses on the Enneagram®, a time-tested model that deepens our spirituality and is an effective pathway for intentional inner. No previous Enneagram experience necessary; all are welcome! Cost is \$40 and includes lunch on Saturday. Click [here](#) to register by February 26. Email Rev. Taylor Pryde Barefoot at [tbarefoot@mpumc.org](mailto:tbarefoot@mpumc.org) with questions or for financial assistance.

**Upcoming Author Visit, March 20-21:** We look forward to welcoming Karen Gonzalez, author of *Beyond Welcome*, to Myers Park UMC to talk about her book. Prepare for her visit now by purchasing a copy in Goodness Gracious.

**IgniteUs Middle School Retreat, March 24-26, Camp Hanes, King, NC:** Hosted by the Conference Council on Youth Ministries, this retreat includes ziplines, climbing walls, basketball games, scavenger hunts, fishing, soccer matches, volleyball, archery, and MORE! The cost is \$175. We need six parents to join us. If you'd like to come along or if you have any questions about the trip, email Mary Helen Lockee at [mhlockee@mpumc.org](mailto:mhlockee@mpumc.org). Click [here](#) to sign up.

**Travel with Dr. Howell to Turkey, September 17-29:** Visit the historic birthplace of worldwide Christianity. We'll visit six UNESCO World Heritage sites, take in stunning landscapes and architectural wonders, and delight in Turkish food and culture. Click [here](#) to learn more about the trip. If you're interested in or have questions about the trip, email Peg at [peg@mpumc.org](mailto:peg@mpumc.org) or James at [james@mpumc.org](mailto:james@mpumc.org).

**Yoga + Prayer, Mondays at 12 p.m. and Thursdays at 9:30 a.m., Francis Chapel:** Join Meredith Starling for gentle yoga sessions on the labyrinth. These classes are offered simultaneously on Zoom. A \$5 donation is suggested. Email Meredith at [starlinm@bellsouth.net](mailto:starlinm@bellsouth.net) or Rev. Taylor Pryde Barefoot at [tbarefoot@mpumc.org](mailto:tbarefoot@mpumc.org) with any questions.

**Maybe I'm Amazed - A Podcast with Dr. James Howell:** Dr. Howell speaks with Dr. Eric Meyers, a world-renowned archaeologist, professor, and author, about his life and how archaeology informs our understanding today. Dr. Meyers and his wife Dr. Carol Meyers have conducted archeological digs in relation to biblical and Judaic studies throughout their careers. Click [here](#) to listen and subscribe.

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**You should have received your 2022 Giving Statement** in the mail this past week. If you have any questions, contact Linda Edwardsen at [lindae@mpumc.org](mailto:lindae@mpumc.org) or 704-295-4842. Thank you for your generosity to our church!

**Update Your Recurring Gift Information for 2023 in Realm:** If you are currently signed up for a recurring gift online through Realm, now is the time to update to 2023 funds. Click [here](#) to sign in to your account and then follow these easy steps:

Click Giving on the main menu.

Click Scheduled.

Click the ellipsis (⋮) icon next to the recurring gift you want to edit, and select Edit.

Select Operating Fund or Mission & Outreach Fund to update your recurring gifts.

Click Save.

Contact Linda Edwardsen at [lindae@mpumc.org](mailto:lindae@mpumc.org) or 704-295-4842 with any questions about your pledge. For more information about Realm or online giving, take a look at our list of [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

**To stay connected, check out [This Week at Myers Park](#)  
for a complete list of events and opportunities.**



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### **TALK WITH A PASTOR**

A pastor on staff stands ready to respond to your question or concern.

Those needing immediate pastoral help should call

704-376-8584 and follow the prompts to the pastor on call.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

We are the body of Christ, growing in faith and serving others.



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