

Myers Park
United Methodist Church



The Glitter Angel, Charlotte Buckfelder, age 6

A Service of Christian Worship

November 28, 2021

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

First Sunday of Advent

WE GATHER

Opening Voluntary

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

arr. Brian Childers

Welcome

Chiming of the Trinity

Advent Chorus

A Candle is Burning

AWAY IN A MANGER

**A candle is burning with beautiful light;
a candle to banish the darkness of night.
For Jesus is coming to show us the way;
the Light for the world humbly laid in the hay.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Now is the time to awaken!

The night is far gone and the day is at hand!

Let us lay aside the works of darkness –

- and put on the armor of light.

Sing praises to the Light of the world!

We worship the One who is, who was, and who is to come!

† Processional Hymn No. 211 (Stanzas 1, 2, 6, & 7)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

**O come, O Wisdom from on high,
and order all things far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge show
and cause us in her ways to go.**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

**O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thy justice here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

**O come, Desire of nations bind
All peoples in one heart and mind.
From dust thou brought us forth to life;
Deliver us from earthly strife.**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

† **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**

GLORIA

For the 11:00 service only, children in grades K-2 are invited at this time to come to the chapel to watch the rest of the service together.

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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The Sacrament of Holy Baptism (8:30, 11:00)

Congregational Response (8:30, 11:00)

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

STUTTGART

**Child of blessing, child of promise,
baptized with the Spirit's sign;
with this water God has sealed you
unto love and grace divine.**

**Child of God your loving parent,
learn to know whose child you are.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship,
trust and love God more than all.**

Anthem

What Child is This?

arr. Alex Guebert

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

The Old Testament Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-20

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Choral Call to Prayer No. 216 (Stanza 1)

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

ES IST EIN ROS

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!

Of Jesse's lineage coming as men of old have sung.

It came, a floweret bright,

amid the cold of winter when half-spent was the night.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer No. 895

Offertory

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Taylor Davis

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king;
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

† Doxology

VENI EMMANUEL

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

† Prayer of Dedication

† Gift Blessing

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

† Closing Hymn No. 206

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
I want to walk as a child of the light
I want to follow Jesus
God sent the stars to give light to the world
The star of my life is Jesus
In Him, there is no darkness at all
The night and the day are both alike
The Lamb is the light of the city of God
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

HOUSTON

I want to see the brightness of God
I want to look at Jesus
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path
And show me the way to the Father
In Him, there is no darkness at all
The night and the day are both alike
The Lamb is the light of the city of God
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

I'm looking for the coming of Christ
I want to be with Jesus
When we have run with patience the race
We shall know the joy of Jesus
In Him, there is no darkness at all
The night and the day are both alike
The Lamb is the light of the city of God
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

† Benediction

† Benediction Response

Lift High the Cross
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.

CRUCIFER

† Closing Voluntary

WORSHIP LEADERS



PREACHER

Dr. James C. Howell, Senior Pastor



LITURGISTS

Rev. Jessica Dayson, Pastor for Young Adults and Lay Involvement

Dr. Uiyeon Kim, Pastor of Discipleship



LAY READERS

Hilary Coman (8:30)

Vince Lenarcic (9:45)

Linda Borders (11:00)



MUSICIANS

Evan Wesley Currie, Associate Director of Music and Organist

Brian Childers, Director of Music for Children, Youth, and Handbells

Dr. Hugh Ferguson Floyd, Guest Conductor

Bellissimo

Chancel Choir



AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER

Access Interpreting Services (9:45)



ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTERS

Leigh and Dave Milbourn, Landon, Everett, and Eliza (8:30)

Louisa and Beau Fisher, Beau, Amelia, and George (9:45)

Caitlin and Will Stanley (11:00)



GIFT BLESSING

Anna Merritt Peterson and Amos Metheney (8:30)

Granger Albergotti and Lauren Gilman (9:45)

Ella Ross and Mary Miller Roane (11:00)



CRUCIFERS

Carson Clutter (8:30), Caroline Boulware (9:45), James Gourlay (11:00)



ACOLYTES

Kennedy Clutter and Oates Howe (8:30)

Hannah Boulware and Molly Mattson (9:45)

Lucy Reynolds and Ibbby Wilson (11:00)



BIBLE CARRIERS

Harrison Howe (8:30), Teddy Stubbs (9:45), Avery Howell (11:00)

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 8:30 a.m. service is *Sarah Josina Trevathan*, daughter of *Mary Archer and Scott Trevathan*. Receiving the sacrament of Baptism at the 11:00 a.m. service are *Davis Marshall Heath*, son of *Rachel and Mike Heath*; and *Caroline Louise Straughn*, daughter of *Bailey and Erich Straughn*.

Hope is Here: We'll have an announcement on exciting progress soon! There is still time to prayerfully make a five-year commitment – either [online](#) or by mail to 1501 Queens Road, Charlotte, NC 28207. We're in a movement to do something significant for God, our people, our city, and our world, and hope you will join others who have already committed and be part of a lasting legacy for our church! Questions? Contact Jamie Yearwood at jyearwood@mpumc.org or 704-295-4808.

We Love Our Church 2022 Stewardship Campaign: [Check out information](#) about our 2022 Stewardship Campaign and [click here](#) for a commitment card. We invite you to prayerfully consider your commitment to our church Operating Fund and Mission and Outreach Fund for the upcoming year. Commitment cards can be returned via mail to 1501 Queens Road, Charlotte NC 28207 or [submitted online](#).

Giving: Thank you for your ongoing offerings to our church [Operating Fund](#). Your generosity makes it possible for our church to provide meaningful fellowship and worship opportunities for our [children](#) and [youth](#) during this season of Advent.

Music Ministry Christmas Concert, December 5, 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 501 N. Tryon Street: Join us in person for this wonderful Christmas tradition. The concert will feature our MPUMC Music Ministry Choirs, handbells and orchestra. A shuttle service will run between MPUMC and FUMC from 3:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. No reservations or tickets are required. The offering collected will go to support Roof Above.

Service of Hope and Consolation, December 6, 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary: This service is for all who seek solace and hope from our many losses this past year. Join us for this time of prayer, comfort, and reassurance of God's presence. Join us in person or [virtually here](#).

Room In The Inn Returns: After a year off, Room In the Inn is returning to churches around our city! Because we do not have access to our former space in the Youth Building, we will partner with our across-the-alley neighbor Myers Park Presbyterian to host Wednesday nights in their Outreach Center. We still plan to host 12 guests and provide a meal, a safe place to gather and sleep, showers, and fellowship. There are several different ways to get involved in this ministry. [Click here to learn more and sign up!](#)

Youth Christmas Tree, Wreath and Garland Sale: Pre-order your Christmas tree, wreath or garland or come to the lot and pick one out! The Youth Tree Lot will be open Thursday, December 2 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Friday, December 3 from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Friday is Family Fun Night, and the Hubee D's food truck will be onsite.) Due to a growing shortage, we have fewer trees this year. If you don't see the size tree you need, please consider buying a smaller one or wreaths and garland. All proceeds this year will go to the Hope is Here capital campaign. [Click here to purchase](#).

Advent with Kids: Author Book Signing, November 28 and December 5, 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: Church member and author Wendy Wallace-Wright will sign copies of her new book, *Advent with Kids*, in the lobby of the Parish Life Building. Books will be available for purchase in Goodness Gracious.

Advent Small Groups, November 29-December 23, varying times: Prepare for the true spirit of Christmas by joining one of our clergy-led small group studies. Consider John Wesley's means of grace or learn how Christmas saved the Grinch! In-person and virtual options available. No registration required. [Click here for details](#).

Advent Labyrinth, November 30-December 22, Francis Chapel: During this season of waiting, come to the labyrinth for a uniquely prayerful experience. A special setting and printed materials will be available to guide you in a walk of preparation for Christmas. Please call 704-376-8584 before coming to the church to ensure Francis Chapel is available for your walk.

Wednesday Bible Study, December 1, Live at 11:00 a.m. and viewable later: Join us as Dr. Howell and Rev. Alisa Lasater-Wailoo talk about Mary. Watch live on our website, [Facebook](#), or [YouTube](#).

Alternative Gift Market Returns: The Alternative Gift Market is back with a hybrid format! You can shop online to make donations directly to partner agencies, but if you need shopping assistance, come see us December 5 and December 12 in the lobby of the Parish Life Building and we will help facilitate your giving! Come honor friends and families with gifts that support our community partners and neighbors around the world. [Click here to shop online!](#)

Mental Health Tool Kit: Holiday Edition, December 9, 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., Jubilee Hall: Weathering all the challenges of the pandemic for the past two years has exhausted us physically and emotionally, and now we face the added stress of another holiday season. Join us in person for a live presentation by Shital Patel, JD, LCSW to learn ways to cope and to thrive. (*Note: This presentation is live and in person only. It will not be streamed or recorded. We will wear masks and practice social distancing.*)

Missions' Winter Clothing Drive: As the weather turns colder, we are collecting new and gently used winter clothing. We need both women's and men's jackets, coats, pants, sweaters, and sweatshirts in any size or color. Please drop off the items in the Parish Life Building lobby in the bin labeled Winter Clothing Drive.

Marie G. Davis Christmas Wishlist, now-December 3: Marie G. Davis has identified families at their school who could use a little extra help and love this Christmas. If you are interested in purchasing a gift for one or more of the children in these families, [please click here for specific instructions and to sign up](#). Please drop off your gifts in the Parish Life Building lobby Monday through Thursday between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Purchase a Poinsettia or Wreath to Decorate the Church, now-December 13: Purchase a poinsettia or wreath to decorate the church in honor or memory of a loved one. Poinsettias are \$14 each and wreaths are \$30 each. [Click here to order online](#) or send a check to the church along with the name of the person you are honoring/remembering. Dedications will be shared in the December 19 worship bulletin.

To stay connected, check out <http://www.myersparkumc.org> for a complete list of events and opportunities.



Stephen Ministry congregations equip and empower lay caregivers to provide confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting. To learn more about this powerful ministry, contact Rev. Bill Roth at 704-295-4835 or broth@mpumc.org.

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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.

Myers Park United Methodist Church Mission Statement:
We are the body of Christ, growing in faith and serving others.



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