THE WORSHIP OF GOD

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT; RICE BOWL

10 December 2017 at Eleven o’clock in the morning

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus, we welcome and affirm all of God’s people into the life of the Church regardless of gender, age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, physical limitation, educational background, or economic situation.

THE SILENT MEDITATION

You can best serve civilization by being against what usually passes for it.

— Wendell Berry

(When asked what he thought of Western civilization): “I think it would be a good idea.”

— Gandhi

THE RINGING OF THE ANGELUS BELL

The ringing of the Angelus Bell, a three-fold ringing of three, signifies the presence of the triune God: Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit. In ancient practice it was rung as a noonday prayer calling the whole community to prayers for peace.

THE PRELUDE

“Pastoral Symphony”
George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

“March on a Theme by Handel”
Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

At this time, everyone is invited to sign the friendship register found at the end of each pew. We especially welcome our guests today and ask that you include your contact information. If you have not yet done so, please silence your cell phone. Childcare is available for children ages birth through four years. Please see a greeter for more information.

*THE PROCESSION AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

“Comfort, comfort you my people”
Psalm 42

Number 70

*THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF PEACE

The Reverend Leigh Anne Hagerman with Raegan and Brady

Leader: Comfort my people, says the Lord. Speak unto them words of deliverance.
People: God will break the chains of the bound.

Leader: Comfort my people, says the Lord. Speak unto them words of peace.
People: God will cast out the fears of the troubled.

Leader: Comfort my people, says the Lord. Speak unto them words of order.
People: God will hallow the cause of the righteous.

Leader: Comfort my people, says the Lord. Speak unto them words of assurance.
People: God will raise the eyes of the hopeless.

*Please rise in body or in spirit.
Leader: Comfort my people, says the Lord. Speak unto them words of blessing.
People: “Lord, give us faith and strength the road to build,
to see the promise of the day fulfilled,
when war shall be no more, and strife shall cease
upon the highway of the Prince of Peace.”
All: Then faith and hope will shake hands, and love and justice will embrace.

(Lighting the Candle of Peace.)

People: (Singing: Choir sings once, Congregation repeats.)

.text: Richard Leach
Scottish folk tune

2. Peace is a candle to show us a pathway, threatened by
gusts from our rage and our greed. Friend, feel no envy for
those in the shadows: violence and force their dead-end course.

THE KYRIE ELEISON (Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.)

THE INVITATION TO SILENT CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we come before you admitting to
the times we failed in word, action, or thought.
We have wandered away from your voice,
listening to others instead.
We have ignored your commandments
and have sought to please only ourselves.

Forgive us and let your mercy surround us.
Call us back and refresh us for the journey ahead.
Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO
Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Ancient words of greeting and forgiveness may be used when Passing the Peace to those around you, saying either: “The peace of God be with you” or “The peace of Christ be with you.” The response may be: “And also with you.”

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED AND HEARD

THE SOLO

“Comfort Ye my People and Every Valley” from Messiah

George F. Handel (1650-1759)

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.
Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned.
The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; the crooked straight, and the rough places plain.

Todd Geer, tenor

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 40:1-11

See page 7.

THE GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:1-8

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us.

People: Thanks be to God.

*THE SERMON HYMN

“Wild and lone the prophet’s voice”

Number 93

Aberystwyth

During the interlude, 3 and 4 year olds will leave with their teachers, and may be picked up in Room 107 after worship. Children in grades TK-5 are invited to go through the door beside the Lectern to join adult teachers for a gym time. They may be picked up in the Parlor following worship.

THE SERMON

“Welcoming God the Uncivilized”

The Reverend W. Benjamin Boswell

THE TIME FOR SILENT REFLECTION

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS TO GOD’S WORD

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our God, 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. 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 OFFERING

Gifts of loose cash in December support the work of Med Assist, a nonprofit pharmacy program providing access to life-saving prescription medications, patient support, advocacy and related services to poor, vulnerable, and uninsured North Carolina residents.
THE ANTHEM

“And the Glory of the Lord” from Messiah
And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together;
the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.                                         (Isaiah 40:5)

The Chancel Choir
George F. Handel

THE RICE BOWL

If you wish to help alleviate hunger in the world through the Rice Bowl Offering, come forward
and place your contribution in the basket at the Chancel steps. The Rice Bowl Offering is
designated for hunger relief: Loaves and Fishes (local) and Stop Hunger Now (international).

*THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

As the Deacons move down the center aisle, the congregation is asked to stand at the moment the
Deacons pass their pew. This presentation to God enacts our self-offering and gratitude to God.

*THE DOXOLOGY

O Glorious God, to you we bring
All that we are as offering;
Spirit of peace, among us dwell;
Come, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Amen.                                         (Text: Paula Meador Testerman)

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE COMMUNITY DEPARTS FOR MINISTRY

*THE PROCESSION INTO THE WORLD AND CLOSING OF THE BIBLE

“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”WINCHESTER NEW

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

“March on a Theme by Handel: Piu Mosso”Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)
Leading worship today with The Reverend W. Benjamin Boswell, Senior Minister, are The Reverend Carrie Veal, Minister of Children and Community Life, The Reverend Leigh Anne Hagerman, Church Administrator, and Reverend Dr. Jerry Warmath, Member of the Congregation.

The Chancel Choir leads worship through music with Frances L. Morrison, Minister of Music, and John Richardson, Organist.

The acolytes are members of the Myers Park Baptist Church Youth Ministry.

The sound technician is Spencer Rackley.
The webcast technician is Van Wilson.

You can now text your contributions and offerings to MPBC! It’s secure, simple, and efficient:
- Start a new text message to: 73256
- In the message area of the text, enter: 1900Q, a space, and the amount you want to give; for example, if you want to give $100 enter: 1900Q 100 and then send the text message.
- The system will return a message to you: click on the link provided and follow instructions
- You will receive a receipt to confirm your gift was received.

Questions? Contact Rev. Leigh Anne Hagerman, Church Administrator, at 704.334.7232 x116 or lhagerman@myersparkbaptist.org.

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**Embrace & Empower**

**Myers Park Baptist Church**

**Stewardship Campaign 2018**

**Ways to Pledge and Give**

- **Pledge online** at www.myersparkbaptist.org/make-a-pledge
- **Give online** with your debit or credit card at www.myersparkbaptist.org/online-giving
- **Automatic bank drafts** through myMPBC or by calling the Finance Office at 704.334.7232 x116
- **Text** your gift: see our website for instructions or call the Church office
- **Write a check**
- **Call Rev. Leigh Anne Hagerman**, Church Administrator, at 704.334.7232 x116
The Season of Advent 2017

Sunday, December 10 – Advent II
Worship
11:00a in the Sanctuary with “Messiah” selections, Todd Geer, tenor
Advent Lunch and Singing of Carols
Noon in Heaton Hall (reservations required)

Sunday, December 17 – Advent III
Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
11:00a Worship in the Sanctuary
Taizé Service to Mark the Changing of the Seasons
5:00-6:00p in the Chapel

Wednesday, December 20 - Advent IV
Service of Lament and Loss with Communion
6:30pm in the Sanctuary

Sunday, December 24 – Christmas Eve
Family Worship with Communion
11:00a in the Sanctuary
The Music of Christmas with Flute, Violin, and Organ
5:30pm in the Sanctuary
Candlelight Worship with Communion
6:00p in the Sanctuary
Nativity Tableau with Communion
7:30-8:30p “drop in” in the Sanctuary

Sunday, December 31
Jazz Worship in the Round
11:00a in Heaton Hall

Sunday, January 7, 2018
Epiphany Sunday Worship with Communion
11:00a in the Sanctuary
The Readings for Sunday, December 10, 2017

Isaiah 40:1-11 (The Inclusive Bible)

“Console my people, give them comfort,” says your God.
“Speak tenderly to Jerusalem’s heart, and tell it that its time of service is ended, that its iniquity is atoned for, that it has received from YHWH’s hand double punishment for all its sins.”

A voice cries out, “Clear a path through the wilderness for YHWH! Make a straight road through the desert for our God! Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low; let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges become a valley! Then the glory of YHWH will be revealed, and all humankind will see it.”

The mouth of YHWH has spoken!

A voice commands, “Cry out!” And I answer, “What will I say?”
– “All flesh is grass and its beauty is like the wildflowers: the grass withers and the flower wilts when the breath of YHWH blows on them. How the people are like grass! Grass withers, and flowers wilt, but the promise of our God will stand forever.”

Go up on a high mountain, you who bring good news to Zion! Shout with a loud voice, you who bring good news to Jerusalem! Shout without fear, and say to the towns of Judah “Here is your God!” YHWH, O Sovereign One, you come with power, and rule with a strong arm! You bring your reward with you, and your reparation comes before you. Like a shepherd you feed your flock, gathering the lambs and holding them close, and leading mother ewes with gentleness.

Mark 1:1-8 (NRSV)

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’” John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”
The Third Sunday of Advent | Lessons and Carols

Join us for this well-loved tradition led by all the choirs and lay readers. The entire biblical story of redemption from the Garden of Eden to the manger in Bethlehem is told through scripture and song.

**THIS WEEK**

**Monday, December 11**
10:00a - Noon  Missionary Roundtable | Parlor
6:30 - 9:00p  Deacon Meeting | Cornell Conference Center

**Wednesday, December 13**
11:30a - 1:00p  Cornell: Learning Connection Party | All Are Invited | Hallway Near Skye Studio
4:00 - 5:45p  Music Together | Classes at 4:00p and 5:00p | Registration Required | Room 29
4:00 - 7:00p  Santa Will Be at the Cornell Center
5:10 - 6:30p  Children's Choirs | Room 7, Room 21, and Orff Music Room 10
5:15 - 6:30p  Coffee Chat with Carrie | Parlor
7:00 - 9:00p  Photo Connections: Just Eyes | Cornell Conference Center

**Thursday, December 14**
10:30 - 11:30a  Prayer Group | Parlor
6:00 - 7:30p  Charlotte Community of Mindfulness | Room 27
6:00 - 7:30p  Ministry of Facilities Management Meeting | Conference Room
7:00 - 9:00p  Chancel Choir Rehearsal | Berry Hall
**Friday, December 15**
6:00 - 9:00p  Cornwell: Parents Night Out Pajama Jam | Register Here

**Saturday, December 16**
5:00p - 8:00a  Room In The Inn | Room 29 and 32

**Sunday, December 17**
The Third Sunday of Advent | Lessons and Carols
8:30 - 11:00a  Charlotte Community of Mindfulness Meditation Group | Room 27
9:00 - 10:00a  All Choirs Warm-Up | Sanctuary
9:30 - 10:45a  LIFE Class: Debbie Moore Clark discusses *The History and Theology of Familiar Christmas Carols* | Shalom Hall
9:30 - 11:00a  Coffee Fellowship | Heaton Hall Foyer
9:45 - 10:45a  Children’s Ministry Faith Formation | Preschool and Elementary Wings
9:45 - 10:45a  Youth Faith Formation | Youth Hall Wing
9:45 - 10:45a  Adult Faith Formation | Education Building
9:45 - 10:45a  Sunday Morning Yoga | Cornwell Group Exercise Room (Skye Studio)
11:00a - Noon  Worship | Sanctuary
Noon - 12:30p  Coffee Fellowship and Guest Welcome | Heaton Hall Foyer
3:00 - 5:00p  Youth Choir Caroling | Southminster
4:00 - 8:00p  Outreach Opportunity | Charlotte Family Promise Week Begins | Volunteer Now
5:00 - 5:45p  Taizé Prayer Service | Chapel

More detailed calendars can be found here >

**CONGREGATIONAL JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Please remember the following members of our congregation (as of Tuesday, December 4, 2017)

**CMC- MAIN**
- Nancy Biggers
- Ed Williams
- Greg Mayer

**LOVE AND SYMPATHY TO**
- Jane and James Huddle on the death of her aunt, Mildred Fuller Harper, on November 29, 1917 in Louisburg, NC.
- Pat and Annette Hunter on the death of their brother-in-law, Eugene Graham, on December 3, 2017 in Charlotte, N.C.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO**
- Whitney Welford Norman and Lewis Grady Norman on the birth of their son, Lewis Grady Norman V, on November 19, 2017 in Charlotte, NC.
- Ed and Dottie Hinson on the birth of their grandson, Andrew Rene’ Theodore Hinson, on December 1, 2017 in Charlotte, NC.

We rely on friends and relatives to keep us posted on hospitalizations, births and deaths. If you know of any member not listed, please contact Joe Aldrich, Associate Minister (704.334.7232 x113 | jaldrich@myersparkbaptist.org).

**75th ANNIVERSARY**

**Tell Us Your Stories**

A jubilee anniversary is a wonderful opportunity for us to revisit the stories and events of our collective history. We invite you to share your memories of
special moments, interesting encounters, and humorous tales that you’ve experienced as part of the MPBC Community. We will make these stories available at the beginning of our Jubilee Celebration and continue to collect them all year.

- You can submit a written story directly to the website by clicking here.
- You can submit your story as an audio recording by calling 704.334.7232 x175.
- If you have a story you want to tell but need a little help, contact Lynn Trenning (trelmt@bellsouth.net | 704.344.8610). We can’t wait to hear from you!

COMMUNITY LIFE

Kanugaing: The state of being at Kanuga with friends, fresh air, and a renewing of your spirit.

Join us on February 23-25 for our Church-Wide Intergenerational Retreat with Dana Trent around the idea of Sabbath as we engage with one another and ourselves. We will have the chance to experience Kanugaing together! Registration will open soon.

FAITH FORMATION

Connections Proposals for Winter/Spring 2018

Do you have great idea for a small group? Are you willing to host a potluck meal? Let us know about your idea or your willingness to host any kind of small group by completing the Proposal Form available at www.myersparkbaptist.org before December 30. Groups will meet February through mid-May. Questions? Contact Caroline Manning (cmanning@myersparkbaptist.org | 704.334.7232 x115).

Click here for the Proposal Form >

Making Room Book Study

Join us during this season of Advent for an 8-week study on Dr. Christine Pohl’s book, Making Room: Recovering Hospitality as a Christian Tradition. Everyone is invited to pick up a free copy of the study guide to Pohl’s book, available by contacting Caroline Manning in the Church Office OR download a digital copy at practicingourfaith.org/pdf/MakingRoomStudyGuide.pdf.

As we work through the study guides together, Chrissy and Ben will post weekly podcast conversations on the book. Those conversations will be available online at www.myersparkbaptist.org and on our iTunes feed called, "Theology Upstream Podcasts." To sign up for the seasonal study or to pick up a printed copy of the study guide, contact Caroline Manning in the Church Office (cmanning@myersparkbaptist.org | 704.334.7232 x115). You may also purchase the book in the Church Office for $15.

Families of Abraham

MPBC and the Levine Museum of the New South have teamed up to offer the full Families of Abraham exhibit on our campus this month. You can view the exhibit in the Cornwall Center Gallery and extending into the Church hallway near Heaton Hall. This extensive exhibit was curated by our own Church member, Eleanor Brawley. It features photographs taken by Eleanor and seven other photographers, as well as interviews by Linda De Castrique, Judy
Simpson Cook, and Linda Newcomb. We will host an evening event next month to honor Eleanor and her extraordinary work and to provide an opportunity for you to view the entire exhibit and commune with several of the contributors.

Awakening to Immigrant Injustice Series
Wednesday, January 10 | 6:30 - 8:00p | Heaton Hall
*Reality, Myth, & Media: Discovering the Humans Behind the Headlines*

Can you tell the difference between fake news and real news? Dr. Amanda Martinez, Assistant Professor of Communication Studies and Sociology at Davidson College helps us break down myth from reality as it relates to the movement of people across American borders.

Details about the series are available on our website >

**YOUTH MINISTRY FAITH FORMATION**

**Youth Discipleship Program**

Calling all 8th graders! The Discipleship Class journey begins in January and it won’t be the same without you! Now’s the time to choose a mentor and let Allen know that you’ll be there! For more information, contact Allen Davis at adavis@myersparkbaptist.org.

**CHILDREN’S MINISTRY FAITH FORMATION**

**Advent Booklets**

Children’s Ministry Advent Booklets are available on the Welcome Table in Heaton Hall Foyer and in the Church Office. These booklets will help your family connect to one another and the call that God places on all of us to welcome the stranger, love everyone, and prepare our hearts for Christmas.

**FACILITIES MANAGEMENT**

**Elevator Repair**

The time is almost upon us to replace our struggling elevator in the Education Building. As was recently reported, this elevator is unreliable and has become a safety concern. Thanks to a generous donor, our Forever Forward campaign is funding this replacement. The work will begin in mid-January and may take up to 8 weeks. Several adult classes have been displaced to new homes during that time, and have already been contacted. The elevator project may be noisy during weekday working hours, and while we are sorry for the inconvenience, we are working with the elevator company to minimize the disruption as much as possible. We will keep you updated throughout the project. For questions on room/class changes, please contact Events Coordinator Rainey Underwood (704.334.7232 x125).

**FINANCIAL RESOURCES | STEWARDSHIP**
It's not too late to make a difference in our planning for ministry and missions for 2018. To help us make an impact, please visit https://myersparkbaptist.org/make-a-pledge/.

As we head into the Christmas season, the "season of giving," here are some ways to give to our Church that you may not know about:

**The "In Kind" Donation of Stocks or Other Investments**

Do you own shares of a stock, mutual funds or other investments that have gained value over the years? Consider giving the asset directly to the Church in the form of an "in kind" donation. If you gift your shares directly to the charity, you can effectively avoid the 20% capital gains tax.

**For Givers Over Age 70 1/2 - Gifting Directly from Your IRA**

You can give some of your IRA Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) on a tax-free basis to the Church using a "Qualified Charitable Distribution" (QCD). This previously temporary provision of the tax code has become permanent. If you are taking an RMD from your IRA account, the QCD donation "counts" toward your annual RMD. AND it also stays off your tax return - meaning it does not get added to Adjusted Gross Income for tax purposes.

To learn more, talk with your financial planner, or contact Rev. Leigh Anne Hagerman at 704.334.7232 x116.

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**LEADERSHIP**

**Deacon Nominations**

Please watch for information on the 2018 Deacon Nomination and Election process in your January Newsletter. Nominations for the Class of 2021 will officially begin on Sunday, February 4 and conclude on February 11. Questions? Contact Janet Miller, Chair, Ministry of Leadership at janetmiller1960@gmail.com.

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**OUTREACH AND JUSTICE**

**Room In The Inn (RITI)**

**Every Saturday through March 31, 2018**

Each winter, MPBC participates in this temporary shelter program through the Urban Ministry Center. We open our doors on Saturday evenings and provide warm food, beds, facilities, and fellowship for our neighbors who are homeless. YOU make it happen! There is an opportunity for everyone to participate - make a bed, bring a meal, drive the van, be a host for our guests.

[Volunteer for RITI Now >](#)
Charlotte Family Housing Week
December 17-21

Charlotte Family Housing (Family Promise) is an interfaith hospitality network. Its mission is to empower working homeless families to achieve long-term self-sufficiency through shelter, housing, supportive services, and advocacy. The families reside in Hawthorne Place, located in St. John’s Baptist Church on Hawthorne Lane. Outreach opportunities include preparing meals and serving as overnight hosts. For more information, contact Cindy Clemens, cclemens@charlottenc.gov.

Volunteer Now >

Oatmeal Drive

We have begun a new goal that will support a variety of organizations that help feed the homeless in our city. So far we have only collected 13,255 lbs. toward our goal of 100,000 lbs. Our eleventh annual Oatmeal drive runs through January 15, 2018. Drop-off sites are available in Heaton Hall Foyer and the Cornwall Center Lobby. Or, if you prefer to make a monetary donation, send your check payable to MPBC (with Sunshine Fund/Oatmeal Drive on the memo line) to Leigh Anne Hagerman in the Church Office. You can also donate online at www.myersparkbaptist.org.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Season of Advent - Welcoming God the Stranger
And Christmas Services

Sunday, December 17 – Advent III
11:00a | Service of Nine Lessons and Carols | Sanctuary
5:00p | Taizé Service to Mark the Changing of the Seasons | Chapel

Wednesday, December 20 – Advent IV
6:30p | Service of Lament and Loss with Communion | Sanctuary

Christmas Eve | Sunday, December 24
11:00a | Family Service with Communion | Sanctuary
5:30p | The Music of Christmas with Flute, Violin, and Organ | Sanctuary
6:00p | Candlelight Worship with Communion | Sanctuary
7:30 - 8:30p | Nativity Tableau with Communion | Sanctuary

Celebrate the Changing of the Seasons

We will gather in the Chapel on Sunday, December 17, close to the shortest day of the year, from 5:00-6:00p to celebrate the beginning of the season of winter. Come join us for a contemplative worship service in the Taizé style that will include singing, readings, prayers, communion, and silence. You are welcome to walk the Labyrinth either before or after the service. Invite a friend to come with you.

Music Together Winter Session
January 10 - March 10
Wednesdays, 4:00p and 5:00p | Saturdays, 10:00a and 11:00a
Music Together’s mixed-age classes help children from birth through TK develop a foundation for life-long music-making! The grown-ups who care for them are an essential part of the fun. Studies show that children who participate in interactive music classes smile more, communicate better, and show earlier and more sophisticated brain responses to music.

The winter session has 45-minute classes of music, instruments, and movement! Early registration has begun (use code PREW18 and MPBC). Regular registration opens December 4. Questions? Contact Lucy Chapman at lucybelle22@gmail.com. Hope to sing with you soon!

Register Here >

**CORNWELL CENTER** *(visit [cornwellcenter.org](http://cornwellcenter.org) for details)*

**It’s a Party!**
**Wednesday, December 13 | 11:30a-1:00p**

Celebrate the season with the Learning Connection. You’re invited! Food, fun, and surprises will be the topic. So be NICE (not naughty) and sign up outside the yoga studio for the dish you want to share. Come and enjoy connecting with friends old and new!

**Santa is Coming to the Cornwell Center!**
**Wednesday, December 13**
**4:00-7:00p**

Photos are $10 (digital delivery)

**PHOTO Connections**
**Wednesday, Dec 13 | 7:00-9:00p | [www.cornwellcenter.org/photo](http://www.cornwellcenter.org/photo)**

The assignment this month is “just Eyes” and all eyes look forward to seeing your creative ocular inspirations! Email 1-2 photos to jbambach@cornwellcenter.org by noon on December 12. All levels of experience and equipment are invited to join these FREE monthly meetings on the 3rd Wednesdays. We examine the basics of photography - composition, light, color, and subject.

**Parents Night Out Pajama Jam**
**Friday, December 15 | 6:00-9:00p**

Here’s your chance to get away for the evening! Children, come wearing your coolest pajamas for the most exciting party in town! Bring your child’s BFF, favorite cousin, and the neighbors. This is a party you don’t want to miss and dinner is included. $10 per child | Register at [www.cornwellcenter.org](http://www.cornwellcenter.org).

**Holiday Camp**
**December 18-22 | 8:30am - 12:30pm**

When school’s out, send your kids (ages 3-5 years old) to the Cornwell Holiday Camp where they will be safe and engaged in fun.
healthy activities. Students remain challenged and active while in a safe environment. Space is limited, so please register early.
$155 Cornwell Members | $185 Community Members.

**QUICK LINKS**

**SUNDAY SERVICES**
Did you miss a worship service or would you like to experience one again? It's available here.

**MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**
Check out our current issue to learn more about MPBC, its ministries, and programs.

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CORNWELL CENTER WEBSITE

THROUGH-THE-WEEK SCHOOL WEBSITE

Make it a great week!

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OUR COVENANT

We, the members of the Myers Park Baptist Church, are a people on a journey of faith. By God’s grace we are experiencing God’s love through Jesus Christ and in the community of the faithful. We are discovering in this experience our freedom to become new creatures and our responsibility to be faithful stewards of our lives and of this world.

We will be open to all new light, strengthened by God and each other in our faith. We will sustain a critical examination of Scripture, belief and ritual as interpreters of God’s active presence in the world. We will accept controversy as a reality of life together and an opportunity for growth toward maturity. We covenant to be a community of God’s new creation and affirm that we are open to all and closed to none.

We covenant to nurture this Church as a community of faith and as an instrument for reconciliation in this world: by worship, by Christian education, by the dedication of our personal and material resources and by all the other ways we express the significance of our lives with God and one another.

We covenant together to be priests celebrating God’s presence in community and in the world, believing we are participants in God’s kingdom on earth.

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MINISTERS

As priests to one another, all members of the congregation are ministers. Some are called out for particular places of service:

THE REVEREND W. BENJAMIN BOSWELL, Senior Minister
FRANCES L. MORRISON, Minister of Music
THE REVEREND JOSEPH D. ALDRICH, Associate Minister
THE REVEREND CHRISSY TATUM WILLIAMSON, Associate Minister
THE REVEREND LEIGH ANNE HAGERMAN, Church Administrator
THE REVEREND CARRIE VEAL, Minister of Children and Community Life
JOHN RICHARDSON, Organist
CHARLOTTE JUDGE, Associate Director of Music
ALLEN DAVIS, Director of Youth Ministry
JENNY YOPP, Director of the Cornwall Center
BELINDA GEUSS, Director of Through-The-Week School