The Worship of God
at
Myers Park Baptist Church
Charlotte, North Carolina

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

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THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

Inspired by the bold and boundless hospitality of Jesus, we are “open to all,” which means we welcome and accept all people into the life of our Church without regard to race, gender, sexual orientation, age, economic status, political affiliation, physical or mental capacity, or religious belief. We believe that God’s call is given to all people, and we embrace the Spirit that continues to cross boundaries in order to unite the world.

The Silent Meditation
Some preachers shy away from Luke’s most grandiose soteriological rhetoric because they fear it will be heard as an empty promise in a world perpetually tormented by injustices and massive discrepancies in wealth and power. The grandiosity of some of Luke’s claims makes those passages downright discouraging in some congregational contexts. – Rev. Dr. Matthew Skinner

We were organizing in Mississippi at the same time that Dr. King was murdered. We were doing grassroots organizing in Mississippi. Our project was called GROW – Grassroots Organizing Work, and Get Rid of Wallace. And one of the things that we were doing was we were going into the areas that were particularly strong Klan strongholds. When people used to tell SNCC, “you can’t organize in Mississippi,” SNCC would say: “Okay, that’s where we’re going, we’re going to Mississippi, because yes we can organize there and we’ve got to take this terror of lynching away from the enemy. We’re not afraid, we know that we may die, but we’re going to go ahead and do it anyway.”

– Bob Zellner, Veteran of the Civil Rights Movement

I’m sick and tired of being sick and tired. – Fannie Lou Hamer

The Ringing of the Angelus Bell

The Prelude
“Bourree”
“Aria”
“Badinerie”

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750)

John Richardson, piano; Greg Jarrell, alto saxophone

The Call to Worship
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Childcare is available for children ages birth through five years – please see a greeter for more information. Parents, please sign in with the provider on the rug. Worship kits for children are available in the Narthex.

*The Opening Sentences
Leader: Come if you have a weak faith. Come if you are convinced in the strength of your convictions.
People: Come so that you might be strengthened and challenged. Lead us into faith, O God!
Leader: Come if you are chased by the hatred of the world. Come if you feel hopeless and tired.
People: Come so that you might be strengthened and challenged. Lead us into hope, O God!
Leader: Come, allow God to dig in the farm of your soul. Come, be healed and renewed.
People: Come so that you might be strengthened and challenged. Lead us into life, O God!

*Please rise in body or in spirit.
**The Procession and Opening of the Bible**
“Come Sing, O Church, In Joy!”

**The Prayer of Invocation**

**THE PEOPLE CONFESSION AND RECEIVE FORGIVENESS**

*The Kyrie Eleison*

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Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.
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Jonathan Crutchfield

The Invitation to Silent Confession

Rev. Carrie Veal

*The Prayer of Confession*

Holy God, we know our hearts desire to follow you.
Yet our actions do not show that desire.
We seek after the things that bring us temporary pleasure, only to be disappointed.
We make other priorities, only to be frustrated with the results.
Forgive us for the words, actions and thoughts that have drawn us farther from you.
Remind us of the call you have placed on our lives.
Guide us back to the path that leads to abundant life for us and others. Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon*

Leader: God’s forgiveness shines on us like the sun after a storm.
Let us feel the love that is in that forgiveness.

People: Amen.

*The Canticle (Glory to God in the highest.)*

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Gloria, gloria, in excelsis deo!
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GLORIA (Taizé)

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*The Passing of the Peace*

*Preschool children* will leave with their teachers and may be picked up in Room 107
after Sermon TalkBack. *Children in grades 1 - 5* are invited for a time of Children’s Worship
and may be picked up on the lectern side in the back of the Sanctuary after worship.

*The Welcome of Our Guests*

If you are our guest today, **please text** “guest” to 474747 or **fill out a guest card** located
in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate during worship as your gift to us.
When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” But Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” Another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

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
“Today We All Are Called to be Disciples”

The Sermon
“Farming Faith”

The Time for Silent Reflection

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS TO GOD’S WORD

The Church at Prayer

Jennifer Jennings

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 Offertory

Mobile giving is available through the Church Life app or via text – see page 6. Gifts of loose cash in June will benefit Women in Transition (WIT) at the YWCA which provides affordable transitional housing and intensive support services for single, unaccompanied women who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

The Anthem

“Give Me Jesus”

arr. Mark Patterson (b. 1969)

Greg Jarrell, alto saxophone
*The Presentation of Gifts
As the Deacons move down the center aisle, the congregation is asked to stand.
This presentation to God enacts our self-offering and gratitude to God.

*The Doxology
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures, here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;

*The Prayer of Dedication
THE COMMUNITY IS SENT INTO THE WORLD FOR MINISTRY

*The Procession into the World and Closing of the Bible
“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

The Benediction
Mia M. McClain

The Postlude
“God of Grace”  
Paul Manz (1919-2009)

Following worship, all are invited
to Sermon TalkBack in Heaton Hall.

Preschool children may be picked up in Room 107 after Sermon TalkBack.
Children in grades 1 - 5 may be picked up on the lectern side in the back of the Sanctuary.
Childcare is available during Sermon TalkBack in Room 107.

Leading worship today with Mia M. McClain, Associate Minister,
are Rev. Carrie Veal, Minister of Children and Community Life,
Jennifer Jennings, Children's Ministry Intern,
and Daniel Norton, member of the congregation.

The Chancel Choir leads worship through music
with Dr. Matt Caine, Minister of Music and Worship,
and John Richardson, Organist.

Today’s opening sentences were written by Katie Hambrick, Youth Ministry Intern.

The acolyte is Devin Green.

The sound technician is Eric Roberts. The webcast technician is Ken Steiner.

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Farnum and Mattie Mae Gray by their family.
THEOLOGY OF WORSHIP

Why do we worship?
Worship at Myers Park Baptist is the gathering of a diverse, intergenerational, ecumenical community of faith, celebrating God’s active and timeless presence in the world. In worship, God re-forms our hearts, minds and bodies, and ignites our imaginations with sacred stories—stories that invite us to question, explore mystery, express joy and grief, and deepen our faith. We worship to learn how to develop caring, empowering relationships with each other, and to stay centered in God as the world swirls around us. We worship to be inspired and prepared to exemplify the compassion and justice of Jesus in our church family and in the world. Through worship, God frees and transforms us in heart, mind and body, so we can make a difference within ourselves, in our relationships and in our community.

How do we worship?
Focusing on God, worship at Myers Park Baptist unfolds consistently with the Isaiah 6 scriptural model: praise, confession, pardon, calling to respond, commitment and sending out. All our worship services are built on this ancient structural form, regardless of worship style, venue or theme. Communal practices within worship — radical hospitality, confession and assurance of pardon, passing the peace, silence and listening, spirited hymn singing, presentations of gifts, and active participation in Communion—transform worshipers into newness with God and one another. Themes for services, based on lectionary scriptures, annually portray the narrative arc of God’s redeeming love for humankind.

HOW TO JOIN MYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Becoming a member of Myers Park Baptist is as easy as filling out a Joining Card. To receive a card or learn more, stop by the Welcome Table in the Narthex.

MOBILE GIVING

You can now text your contributions and offerings to MPBC! It is secure, simple, and efficient:

- Start a new text message to phone number 73256.
- In the message of the text, enter 1900Q, a space, and the amount you want to give (i.e., 1900Q 100).
- The system will return a message to you; click on the link provided and follow instructions.
- You will then receive a receipt to confirm your gift was received. It is that simple!
- Next time, since your setup is already done – just text “1900Q, a space, then amount you wish to give” to 73256.

Questions? Contact Rev. Leigh Anne Hagerman, Church Administrator, at 704.334.7232 x116 or lhagerman@myersparkbaptist.org
Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

1 Today we all are called to be disciples of the
   Lord, to help to set the captive free, make
   race to live as stewards of the earth, re-
   plow-share out of sword, to feed the hungry, quench their
   sponding to God’s grace. But we are vain and sad-
   plow-share out of sword, to feed the hungry, quench their
   plow-share out of sword, to feed the hungry, quench their
   thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the
   proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our discord
   poor and home-less first, our ease and com-fort last.
   spreads a dead-ly cloud that threat-ens all of life.
   was cre-at-ed for a har-mo-ny of peace.

2 God made the world and at its birth or-dained our hu-
   man race, with right-eous-ness in field and town to
   cleanse us and re-deem. For God is long-ing to re-
   store an earth where con-flicts cease, a world that
   was cre-at-ed for a har-mo-ny of peace.

3 Pray jus-tice may come roll-ing down as in a might-y
   word, and walk the road the saints have trod till
   we give thanks in one ac-cord to God who
   calls us all to be dis-ci-ples of the Lord.

4 May we in ser-vice to our God act out the liv-
   ing text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister
to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled “Called to Be Disciples.” The tune name recalls the Sussex
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KINGFOLD

MUSIC: English County Songs, 1893; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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Sunday, July 7, 2019
The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost | Rice Bowl | Worship in the Round

We will welcome back Randy Franklin and the Sardines with Mike Clark on lead guitar, Steve Foley on bass, Donnie Dover, keyboard and vocals, and Tom Thomas, drums and vocals. The service will include some favorite folk-rock tunes from the Woodstock era, such as "For What It's Worth" by Buffalo Springfield, "Get Together" by the Youngbloods, "Carry on" by Crosby, Stills & Nash, and "With a Little Help From My Friends" by Joe Cocker. As we embrace the Woodstock themes of peace, love, and music, all are invited to come as they are in whatever informal attire they desire. We hope to see you there.

FEATURES

Who is My Neighbor?

Vacation Bible School and Community Outreach Camp

This summer, children will experience Faith in Action! Children ages 3 - completed 2nd grade will participate in VBS with music, crafts, games, and a Bible story. Each day they will learn about an outreach program in our community. Children who have completed 3rd - 5th grades will participate in Community Outreach VBS. Beginning on our campus, they will hear a Bible story and then go to the local outreach organization to learn about the services they provide. Children will participate in a project alongside those who work and volunteer there. Visit our website to find out more and register.

Volunteers Needed!
Our Vacation Bible School is right around the corner! To those who have already signed up to volunteer, thank you so much! We still need some volunteers for our onsite participants (second grade and younger) and our older off-site participants (third - fifth grades). We also have supplies to purchase and other pieces of the VBS puzzle to put together. If you are able to serve in any way, please sign up on the Church website or call Rev. Carrie Veal (704.334.7232 x 118).
Awakening Shalom Podcast Series: Identity Crisis
Who are we? How are we communicating who we are? What does it mean to be Baptist? Do denominations even matter anymore? What's in a name?

In our 4-part podcast series "Identity Crisis," Rev. Ben Boswell, Senior Minister, and Mia M. McClain, Associate Minister, explore the ever-evolving identity of Myers Park Baptist Church and the "Church" at large. As a people on a journey of faith at the cutting-edge of movements embracing justice, inclusivity and greater diversity, we examine our identity as we enter into deeper conversations about church clarity and religious branding in the 21st century. Listen to the all 4 episodes on iTunes or the Church website.

Volunteer for Freedom School at Pinewood Elementary
Freedom School continues through July 25. There are a variety of ways for you to serve: Harambee reader, DEAR/lunch buddy reader, field trip chaperone, supply shopper, or activity leader, to name a few. Sign-up on the Church website. Questions? Contact Karen Taylor at fitztaylor@aol.com or Laura Handler at laura.hoeing@gmail.com for more information.

Come see the passion and energy for yourself!
Mia, Karen, and Laura will take you on a "tour" of Freedom School at Pinewood on Wednesday, July 10. Meet at MPBC or at the school to see Harambee (8:30 - 9:00a) and learn more about what goes on every day. Let us know if you can attend: Karen Taylor (fitztaylor@aol.com) or laura.hoeing@gmail.com.

Virtual Book Group Coming in July
This summer, join us as we dive into On the Mystery: Discerning Divinity in Process by Catherine Keller, PhD, our 2019 J21 Scholar. Beginning July 10, we will meet through Zoom, an online platform, in preparation for Dr. Keller's arrival in October. Jump into the conversation when you can from wherever you are! You can purchase copies of the book on Smile.Amazon.com (choose Myers Park Baptist Church as your charitable organization) or in the Church Office for $20. If you have any questions, email Mia McClain at mmclain@myersparkbaptist.org. Registration is available through myMPBC.

Week 1 | July 10 | 6:00p | Chapters 1 and 2
Record Breaking Cereal for the City Drive!

WOW! Thanks to your generosity, we had our biggest Cereal for the City Drive collection ever! We donated 3,308 boxes of cereal to food pantries around the city. We are grateful to all who dropped off boxes and/or donated money. Thank you also to Bob Bishop for delivering them to the food banks and pantries. If we continue to work together, we can help to alleviate hunger and assist families in keeping food on their tables. Well done, MPBC!

LOOKING AHEAD

Awakening to Environmental Injustice

Awakening to Environmental Injustice | Launching September 22
Reconciling with the earth, Reconciling with each other, Reconciling with God

"The Lord God took Adam-made from the ground and put him in the garden of Eden to serve, work, and worship the earth." Genesis 2:15

We are a faith community that stretches beyond these walls - beyond the lush campus grounds and the oak trees of all heights and girth that so graciously remind us of the diversity of God’s creativity. We are a people on a journey, and this fall, we eagerly invite you to join us on a voyage through an exploration of environmental injustices in our city, state, country, and beyond. From August 2019 to May 2020, we aim to explore how the mismanagement of natural and human-
made resources are in direct relation to racism, class-ism, and disembodiment - how the misuse of our planet stems from a lack of seeing ourselves, our neighbors, and the earth as divine - sacred - holy. Throughout our journey, we hope we can come to a point of collective reckoning as we re-imagine our role as keepers of the earth while reconciling our relationship with all of the inhabitants thereof. We look forward to the voyage and trust that the still-speaking God will reveal fresh insight along the way.

Save the dates for these exciting events that will be part of our Awakening to Environmental Injustice series:

**Jesus in the 21st Century will welcome**
**Catherine Keller, PhD | October 11-13**
We are excited to welcome this year's J21 Scholar, Catherine Keller, PhD, during the Awakening to Environmental Injustice series. Dr. Keller is the Professor of Constructive Theology at the Theological School of Drew University, with concentrations in ecological justice and feminist thought. She is author of On the Mystery: Discerning God in Process and Political Theology of the Earth: Our Planetary Emergency and the Struggle for a New Public - just to name a few. This will be a weekend you will not want to miss, full of engaging events such as a live podcast recording with Dr. Keller and Tripp Fuller from Homebrewed Christianity. Tell a friend and come on out!

**Awakening Now! Featuring "Little Miss Flint"**
**Saturday, November 2 | Noon - 3:00p**
Join us this fall for our first ever intergenerational Awakening Forum, featuring Amariyanna "Mari" Copeny, popularly known as "Little Miss Flint." In early 2016, the then 8-year-old from Flint, Michigan wrote a letter to President Obama, describing the unending plight of her community, who had been living with lead-contaminated water since 2014. Since then, Mari has fundraised over $500,000 with the nonprofit organization Pack Your Back that has impacted over 25,000 children in Flint and beyond. Come and engage with local environmental justice organizations and initiatives, and hear what "Little Miss Flint" has to say about the ongoing crisis and how young people can get involved in justice movements around the country. This event is free and open to the public. All ages are encouraged to attend.

**Fall Faith Formation for Our Children**
We are recruiting for the fall already! We want to make sure we have a great team assembled and that you are trained, comfortable, and ready to go on Start-Up Sunday, September 8! Each Sunday we need 10 volunteers to make our Faith Formation classes go smoothly. As we kick off a new year, I would like to encourage you to pair with a friend and teach one Sunday a month - just one! Your lesson and supplies are provided. To learn more or to sign up, please contact Rev. Carrie Veal (cveal@myersparkbaptist.org | 704.334.7232 x 118)

**SAFE (Sexual Awareness and Family Empowerment Seminar**
**September 27 - 28**
Almost every week we hear from a colleague in ministry or read about a church who is in the middle of a sexual misconduct case involving a minor.
Often people ask the question, how did this happen . . . in a church? The answer? Not enough people are aware, trained and involved in the lives of minors in churches. In the climate of #metoo and #churchtoo, we must do all that we can to speak, act, and show that we are a space that is safe for all minors and that equips all adults in best practices of being in community with minors who are on our campus. The SAFE Seminar will help all of us! This is more than just a faith and sexuality workshop for parents. It’s an equipping time for every congregant on the MPBC campus. Make plans to join us.

Intergenerational Family Retreat
February 28 - March 2
We will be heading to the mountains for a weekend of sabbath and fellowship at Montreat Conference Center. We are excited to announce that our retreat leader will be Rev. Dana Trent, author of Saffron Cross, For Sabbath's Sake, Dessert First, and One Breath at a Time. Mark the dates Friday, February 28 - Sunday, March 2 on your calendars and stay tuned - many details to come!

COMMUNITY SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

Children's Ministry Parent Social
Sunday, June 30 | 5:00 - 7:00p | Home of Tara and Richard Harris
Parents are invited to a social to meet our newest staff members, Mia McClain and Matt Caine. Please bring a beverage to share. Childcare will be provided at the Church at a cost of $10/family. Contact Rev. Carrie Veal if you would like to attend.

Hang Out with the Pastor
Monday, July 1 | 5:00p | The Common Market South End
We get together on the first Monday of each month at 5:00p at The Common Market in South End at 235 W. Tremont Avenue. All are invited to this casual time of fellowship! Bring the family, bring your appetite, or just come and hang out. There is something for everyone. We hope to see you there. The remaining summer dates are July 1 and August 5.

Meditation With the Pastor
Wednesdays | 11:30a - Noon | Library
Rev. Ben Boswell will guide a weekly meditation on Wednesdays throughout the summer. This dedicated time begins with a word, poem, or insight pertaining to mindfulness, followed by peace, quiet, calm, clarity, and quite possibly a transformed life. Inhale, Exhale. Our lives rest in the balance of these simple actions. Come catch your breath with us.
Stay Engaged This Summer - Join Us At The Ballgame!
This is a fun opportunity to get together and enjoy a night out supporting the Charlotte Knights. Come for one or both games July 12 and 26. Start time is 7:04p. Tickets are $19 each and include a $2 gift card for food or beverage. Please RSVP through myMPBC (the links are available below) or by contacting Caroline Manning (cmanning@myersparkbaptist.org | 704.334.7232 x 115). Tickets can be picked up in the Church office.

Booty on the Lawn - Save the Date
Friday, July 26 | 6:00 - 9:00p | Cornwell Center Front Lawn and Parking Lot
This 3-hour event will commemorate the opening of Charlotte's annual 24-Hours of Booty for 2019 (starts at 7:00p on Friday). It will showcase the Cornwell Center and invite members of the community to watch the race from our lawn. There will be activities for all ages such as: children's obstacle course, yoga on the lawn, music with DJ, wellness vendors, food trucks, face painting, spin class/bikes on the lawn, and Cornwell promotional items. Questions? Contact the Cornwell Center at 704.927.0774 or visit www.cornwellcenter.org.

O'Connor Method String Camp Returns to MPBC
July 29 - August 2 (Orientation July 28)
Mark and Maggie O'Connor are bringing their string camp back to MPBC this summer. It is a delightful week of watching music emerge from all ages. Camp and registration information is available on the Church website. There are jam sessions at the end of each day. Come and listen in. If you would like to volunteer to assist with Sunday registration or greeting/shepherding parents and students for the first few days as they become familiar with our campus, sign up on the Church website.

Rituals and Relationships
School, work, sports, vacations, and more - our lives are full, and we are constantly moving. Taking time to talk can become challenging. Rituals and Relationships is designed to help families make space for this important time together. The topic for the week of July 1 will be "neighbors." This session of Rituals and Relationships will be emailed to you, posted on the Children's Ministry Facebook Page, and the Children's Ministry website page. For more information, please contact Rev. Carrie Veal (cveal@myersparkbaptist.org | 704.334.7232 x 118).

Summer Youth Gatherings
This summer, we have fun opportunities to get together. MPBC youth are going to meet on Wednesday, July 10 for a pizza party and brainstorm ideas for the Youth Hall renovations and possible Cornwall Center programs. Please check your inbox for an email from Allen Davis with details about this gathering and others. If you have any questions, please email him at adavis@myersparkbaptist.org.

Shopping on Amazon Can Benefit MPBC!
If you are like a lot of us, you frequently shop on Amazon.com. Now, by shopping through Amazon’s charity site, a donation will be made directly to support ministries at Myers Park Baptist. AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to our Church. How do you start? Start at smile.amazon.com and do a search on charitable organizations to find us.

Free Silver Furnishings
We have many sterling silver and silver plated bowls, vases, and platters that are not needed by the Church. They are free to anyone who may be interested. To see the pieces, contact Jill Kinney at jillkinney@bellsouth.net or Leigh Anne Hagerman at lhagerman@myersparkbaptist.org.

Stephen Ministry Is Here For You
Are you feeling stressed, lonely or depressed? Do you need support? We are here to help. Contact Rev. Ben Boswell.

SUNDAYS

The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost | Rev. W. Benjamin Boswell Preaching | VBS Children Singing "Finding Strength to Endure" | Colossians 1:1-14

Sermon TalkBack is Also Online!
We continue our tradition of Sermon TalkBack following worship. We are excited to also offer online TalkBack. Rev. Ben Boswell will field questions from both those present in Heaton Hall and those who will be able to tune in online and send in their questions through the MPBC Facebook page. Our goal is to provide TalkBack to everyone who wishes to participate, even if they can’t be onsite. So, join the conversations this summer!
Summer Sunday Morning Yoga
On Sunday mornings, a Yoga 1, 2 class will be offered at 9:00a in the Cornwell Center’s Group Exercise Studio. This gentler, slower paced practice makes it more accessible for people of all sizes, ages, and fitness levels. It assists with stress management and restoration of the mind, body, and soul while creating an atmosphere of safety and comfort that fosters self-esteem and body awareness. Childcare is available in Room 107.

Summer Choir - All Are Welcome!
Summer is a great time for anyone who would like to give choir a try without making a commitment and for any who would love to sing throughout the year but are unable to do so to join us! Questions? Contact Matt Caine (mcaine@myesparkbaptist.org | 704.334.7232 x 158).
Here is our schedule:
Summer Rehearsals: Thursdays, July 11, and August 8 | 7:00 - 8:00p | Berry Hall
Sunday Worship: Rehearsal at 9:00a | Service at 10:00a | Sanctuary
* The choir will not sing on Sunday, July 7 or Sunday, August 4.

Children's Summer Worship
July 7 | Children will stay in worship with their families
This summer all three of our interns will lead children's worship on a rotation basis. Since a child's faith formation is paramount to any church, we want to give the interns as much exposure as possible. We will follow our usual worship liturgy with the children hearing different voices and experiencing different styles of leadership. Be sure you offer encouragement to our interns who are learning while teaching! Questions? Contact Rev. Carrie Veal (cveal@myersparkbaptist.org | 704.334.7232 x 118) or Jennifer Jennings (jjennings@myersparkbaptist.org | 704.334.7232 x 610).

SCHEDULE
Looking for Our Schedule of Activities and Meetings?
An always-current calendar is available on our website, through myMPBC, and on the ChurchLife App (find out how to get the app by searching for myMPBC - Member Directory on the Church website).

Summer Office Hours
Front office traffic during our summer months slows down significantly. As such, on Fridays, June 7 - August 30 the Church Office will close at noon.
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.