



*A Church dedicated to the glory of God
in the service of humanity through worship,
congregational care, faith formation
and the stewardship of life.*

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD
THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST;
MEMORIAL SUNDAY
1 November 2015 at Eleven o'clock in the morning**

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

The Music in Preparation for Worship is intended to draw the people from the outside world into the presence of God. You are invited to remain silent during this time.

Please silence your cell phone.

THE SILENT MEDITATION

They lived. Their lives vibrate in our bones. Their memories reside in our cells. They lived. Their footsteps ring beneath our feet. Their voices are alive in the walls. Their light lights our way. We are not alone. They lived.

From *Glory into Glory*, Susan Palo Cherwien

THE RINGING OF THE ANGELUS BELL

THE OPENING VOLUNTARIES

“Two Chorale Preludes”

O World, I Now Must Leave Thee
Blessed Are Ye Faithful Souls

*Johannes Brahms
(1833-1897)*

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

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. If you are our guest today, we welcome you especially and ask that you include your address, phone number, and email. If you are interested in learning more about our Church, we invite you to note this on the register. Everyone is invited to “Starbucks and Stewardship” in Heaton Hall Foyer immediately following worship. We invite our guests to the Welcome Table in Heaton Hall Foyer for a more personal welcome and to answer any questions you may have about our Church.

We offer childcare during worship for children ages birth - fifth grade. Please see an usher who will assist your family.

A MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Bob Bishop

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

***THE OPENING SENTENCES**

Leader: Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place
from generation to generation.

People: **Before the mountains were born
or the earth or the world brought forth,
thou art God, from everlasting to everlasting.**

+ Ushers will seat anyone waiting.

* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, stand if you are able.

Leader: Teach us to number our days
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

**People: Satisfy us in the morning with thy steadfast love
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

Leader: Let the favor of the Lord be upon us,
give success to the work of our hands.

*THE PROCESSION AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE
“Our God, our help in ages past”

Number 23
St. Anne

*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

+ *During the interlude, 3 and 4 year olds will leave with their teachers. They may be picked up in Room 107 after worship.*

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

Jonathan Crutchfield

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Chris - te e -
Lord, to me give mer - cy. Christ, to me give

lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
mer - cy. Lord, to me give mer - cy.

Kyrie eleison – a prayer that predates Christian usage. The text actually is Greek in origin, not Latin.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE SILENT CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God,
you are with us and sustain us in the living of these days,
and your everlasting arms embrace both the living and the dead.
Hear us on this Memorial Sunday as we make our confession.**

**We confess that we move through this life unaware of our own mortality.
We confess that we are more concerned about tomorrow
instead of living life fully now.
We confess that we never stop long enough to consider
how best to use this precious gift of life given to us by you.**

**Forgive us for denying our inevitable destiny.
Forgive us for living inauthentic and unfulfilled lives.
By your grace, may we move toward living life abundantly.
Through your wisdom, may we rediscover our precious moments.
And in the end, may we know that it is from your great love that we have
come, and it is into your unending love that we will return. Amen.**

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE CANTICLE (*Glory to God in the highest.*)



The use of the Canticle gives the people of God a corporate way to sing our thanks to God for the gifts of forgiveness and grace.

*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 Passing of the Peace is an ancient tradition whereby followers of Christ would greet each other.

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED AND HEARD

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Micah 6:6-8
See page 6.

THE ANTHEM

"Blessed Are the Dead Who Die in the Lord"
"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth."
"Blessed indeed," says the Spirit,
"that they may rest from their labors,
for their deeds follow them."

The Chancel Choir
Carl Schalk
(b. 1929)
Revelation 14:13 (RSV)

THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:1-6, 27

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.

+ *As the interlude begins, children in grades 1-5 are invited to go through the door beside the Lectern to join adult teachers. Parents may pick up their children in the Cornwell Gym.*

*THE SERMON HYMN

"My Shepherd, you supply my need"

Number 12
Resignation

THE SERMON

"Legacy"

The Reverend Robin P. Coira

THE TIME FOR SILENT REFLECTION

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS TO GOD'S WORD

THE READING OF THE NAMES

See page 7.

THE MEMORIAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 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

The Loose Plate Missions Offering for November supports the work of Friendship Trays.

THE ANTHEM

“Sing Me to Heaven”

In my heart's sequestered chambers
lie truths stripped of poet's gloss.
Words alone are vain and vacant and heart is mute.
In response to aching silence memory summons half-heard voices,
and my soul finds primal eloquence and wraps me in song.
If you would comfort me, sing me a lullaby.
If you would win my heart, sing me a love song.
If you would mourn me and bring me to God,
sing me a requiem, sing me to heaven.
Touch in me grief and comfort;
all love and passion, pain and pleasure.
Sing me a lullaby, a love song, a requiem.
Love me, comfort me, bring me to God:
Sing me a love song, sing me to heaven.

The Motet Singers

*Daniel E. Gawthrop
(b. 1949)*

*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

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Old Hundredth

Doxology – a hymn or verse in Christian liturgy glorifying God that points to the Trinitarian nature of God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE COMMUNITY DEPARTS FOR MINISTRY

*THE PROCESSION INTO THE WORLD AND CLOSING OF THE BIBLE

“For all the saints”

Number 344

Sine Nomine

THE BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Solemn Recessional”

*Louis Vierne
(1870-1937)*

*Following worship, you are invited to “Starbucks and Stewardship” in Heaton Hall,
hosted by our friendly and knowledgeable members of the Stewardship SLG.*

*We invite our guests to the Welcome Table in Heaton Hall Foyer for
a more personal welcome and to answer any questions you may have about our church.*

Leading worship today with The Reverend Ms. Robin Paterson Coira, Executive Minister,
are The Reverend Mr. Joseph D. Aldrich, Associate Minister,
Cheri Lindblom, Director of Outreach,
and The Reverend Dr. J. Daniel White, member of the congregation.

The Chancel Choir and Motet Singers lead worship through music with
Frances L. Morrison, Associate Minister of Music,
Janice B. Bradner, Guest Conductor,
and Robert Ivey, Guest Organist.

The acolytes are McKayla Blackwelder, Emma Brown and Mason Brown.

The sound technician is Eric Roberts.
The webcast technician is John Bambach.

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lee Bowers and
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin B. Vosburgh, Sr., by Tate and Marcia Bowers.

The Deacon of the Week for November 2-8 is
Tillie Tice, ttice@carolina.rr.com, 704.643.8111.

We give God thanks for the work and ministry of Lisa Ford, Custodian,
who joined our staff on November 6, 2013.

THE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2015

Micah 6:6-8 (NRSV-adapted)

“With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before God with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? . . . God has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”

John 14:1-6, 27 (NRSV-adapted)

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In God’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to God except through me. . . . Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

In Memoriam

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!" ~ Revelation 14:13



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| November 30, 2014 | ALICE EDWARDS |
| December 16, 2014 | SARA COVINGTON SALISBURY |
| December 20, 2014 | ROBERT J. MACCUBBIN |
| December 23, 2014 | SARA CAMP ABEL |
| January 19, 2015 | JANN GANNAWAY GILLEY |
| February 5, 2015 | NORA CHAPMAN HEEBNER |
| March 31, 2015 | MARTHA RAWLINGS HODGIN |
| April 7, 2015 | LUCY DORN ALMAND HARRISON |
| April 27, 2015 | JAMES ALAN PAUL, JR. |
| April 29, 2015 | ELISE PARRISH |
| May 4, 2015 | MARY HUNTER DALY |
| June 2, 2015 | CAROL DENNY GALLANT |
| June 15, 2015 | FRANCES HARTSELL BYERS |
| June 16, 2015 | BOB WATSON BRAWLEY |
| June 16, 2015 | MAUDE FARLEY SPENCER |
| June 22, 2015 | H. ALLEN TATE, JR. |
| July 9, 2015 | JAMES E. LANNING |
| July 12, 2015 | J. WILLIAM DANIEL, JR. |
| July 31, 2015 | KENTON DAVID BERNHARD, SR. |
| August 4, 2015 | MARGIAL PAINTER EAKER |
| October 1, 2015 | ANN MARIE (SISSY) FLETCHER |
| October 7, 2015 | STELLA RUTLEDGE THURSTON |
| October 8, 2015 | LINDA RODGERS SWANSON |
| October 14, 2015 | KAYTEE CEIL KINLAW BISHOP |
| October 19, 2015 | JEAN JACOBS WILSON |

THE CHURCH IN WITNESS AND MISSION

TODAY

NOVEMBER 1: THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; MEMORIAL SUNDAY; REVEREND

ROBIN COIRA PREACHING

8:30 Charlotte Community of Mindfulness Meditation Group, Room 27

9:15 Stewardship Coffee Fellowship, Heaton Hall

9:45 Children's Faith Formation, Preschool and Elementary Wings

9:45 Youth Faith Formation, Youth Hall Wing

9:45 Adult Faith Formation, Education Building and Cornwell Center

10:00 Motet Singers Rehearsal, Sanctuary

10:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

11:00 Worship in the Sanctuary

12:00 Coffee Fellowship, Heaton Hall Foyer

12:00 Guest Welcome, Welcome Table in Heaton Hall Foyer

5:00 Youth Choir, Berry Hall

6:00 Youth Supper and Fellowship, Youth Hall

STARBUCKS AND STEWARDSHIP - Do you have questions about our 2016 Stewardship Campaign, or are you just looking for some fellowship over a hot cup of coffee? Stop by our "café," hosted by the friendly and knowledgeable members of our SLG, in Heaton Hall on November 1 and 8. We'll be open 9:15am-12:30pm (worship hour excluded). It's a great chance to catch this year's campaign video!

COMMUNITY LIFE

THE MPBC FALL ORIENTATION SERIES begins Sunday, November 8 at 9:30am in the Cornwell Center Lounge. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the Church and meet key leaders. The full schedule is available at www.mpbconline.org. You may also contact Mariah Currin at 704.334.7232 x41 or mcurren@mpbconline.org for more information.

BOOK READING AND SIGNING - Please make plans to attend an event celebrating two of our very own authors. On Sunday afternoon, November 8, from 3:00-4:30 in the Cornwell Center Lounge, Mary Kratt and Danyne Powell will be reading from their recently published books, *WATCH where you walk* by Mary, and *Nobody Calls Me Darling Anymore* by Danyne. You will be able to purchase books and have them signed by the authors. What a great Christmas gift! You don't want to miss this time with these two talented and incredible women.

MPBC MEMBER ON PILGRIMAGE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT - Be sure to check the map on the EarthKeepers table in Heaton Hall Foyer which shows the progress Wil Watson is making on his pilgrimage from Rome to Paris, where the UN gathering on the environment will be held. You may also follow his blog - for the link go to www.mpbconline.org, click on Groups and then click on EarthKeepers.

FAITH FORMATION

SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP TRIP TO GREENVILLE RESCHEDULED for Friday, November 6. Come along with some of your closest friends as we journey to Greenville, South Carolina to meet Ann Cunningham for a tour of the downtown area. In addition to the tour, we'll have some time to browse the shops and restaurants before coming home. We'll leave MPBC at 8:00am and be back by 5:00pm. Sign up by calling Anne Clarke at 704.334.7232 x15. Registration is limited to the first 12 callers!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY FAITH FORMATION - You are invited to work with our children in their Sunday morning Faith Formation experiences. There are a number of ways to be involved from reading a Bible story to preschoolers to cooking alongside fifth graders. Whatever your passion is, we have a place for you to share it with our Church's children. To learn more, please contact Carrie Veal at cveal@mpbconline.org or call at 704-334-7232 x 18.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SOUP FELLOWSHIP - Wednesday, November 11, 6:15-7:00pm. Let's gather around the table and have dinner together! We will share soup, grilled cheese sandwiches and desserts all while enjoying conversation. Sign up on the Church's website to bring something yummy.

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING CLASS - Sunday, November 15, 9:45-10:45am. If you have never taken this class, you are encouraged to do so. We will meet in the Conference Room in Church Office wing for this training. Please sign up by contacting Carrie Veal at cveal@mpbconline.org.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CRAFT FACTORY - Saturday, November 21, 10:00am-2:00pm. Let's get into the Christmas spirit! At Christmas Craft Factory we will make crafts and some edible goodies. Please sign up for this event by Monday, November 16. You can register on the Church's website. Children three and older are invited! Cost: \$12/child; includes all crafts and lunch.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

THANKS-FOR-GIVING FEAST - Please join us for a covered dish lunch on Stewardship Dedication Sunday, November 15, in Heaton Hall immediately following worship. Last names beginning with:

A-F - please bring a salad

G-M - please bring a dessert

N-Z - please bring a vegetable

We'll provide turkey, bread and beverages. You may bring your dish to the kitchen serving line on Sunday morning and there will be someone there to receive it. Please bring food cooked, cut and ready to serve.

OUTREACH

GENIUS HOUR AND D.E.A.R. READER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT PINWOOD ELEMENTARY. Genius Hour is a chance for you to share your "genius" and give the students an opportunity to explore their interests in a variety of areas and build community. We need leaders in a variety of areas: art, cooking, science & technology, sports, yoga, or enter your Genius here. Genius Hour takes place the first and third Thursday of the month, from 6:00-7:00pm (November 5 and 19, December 3). Please contact Laura Handler at laurak.handler@gmail.com or Agnes Banas at agnieszkaa.banas@cms.k12.nc.us, or sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0e4ca4a828a57-genius>.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

OUR CHILDREN'S CHOIRS WILL MEET for their regular rehearsals on Wednesday, November 11 (Veterans' Day) even though schools are dismissed for the day.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED one Tuesday each month, from 3:00-5:00pm, to help prep for the salad bar, which is always a big hit. We also need volunteers one Wednesday each month from 4:30-6:30pm to help with the preparation and clean-up of the evening meal. Please join us for this important ministry at MPBC. Contact Barry Metzger at 704.334.7232 x16 or bmetzger@mpbconline.org.

OUR NEXT WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY WILL BE NOVEMBER 18:

- TIME: Dinner begins at 5:45pm; programs begin at 6:45pm and end at 7:30pm.
- COST: \$6 adult / \$3 child 12 and under / \$22 immediate family max.
- RESERVATIONS: must be received by noon on Monday prior to each Wonderful Wednesday by contacting Rainey Underwood at runderwood@mpbconline.org or 704.334.7232 x56.
- MENU: Pot Roast with vegetables, rice, corn muffins, salad bar with fruit, ice cream sundaes
- CAROL AND CHAPEL CHOIRS WILL SING after dinner at 6:30pm in Heaton Hall
- PROGRAM FOR ADULTS: *Our Neighbors, Ourselves* hosted by Mecklenburg Ministries and MPBC, 6:45-7:30pm, in Heaton Hall - Join us as we begin an important conversation about discrimination from three lenses: religion, race, and socioeconomic class. Three presentations will be made that incorporate

spoken word, music and video that raise up these patterns of discrimination in our society and the impacts that they have.

- PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN: *Christmas Pageant Sing and Dance Extravaganza*, 6:45-7:30pm, in Shalom Hall

THE CORNWELL CENTER

WIN-WIN, REFER A FRIEND - One month free for you and a friend. Do you know someone who might love and appreciate The Cornwell Center as much as you do? When they become members now through December 31, you will both gain a free one month membership. Grab a few invitation cards at our Welcome Desk, or check www.cornwellcenter.org for more details.

THROUGH-THE-WEEK SCHOOL

FESTIVAL OF FRIENDS - Saturday, November 14, 7:30-11:00, at Olde Mecklenburg Brewery. TTWS invites you to this annual event which raises funds to support capital campaign projects and scholarships. Please contact the TTWS office at 704.377.1683 if you would like to attend.

LOOKING AHEAD

NOVEMBER 8: THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; RICE BOWL; REVEREND DR. JILL CRAINSHAW PREACHING

- 8:30 Charlotte Community of Mindfulness Meditation Group, Room 27
- 9:15 Stewardship Coffee Fellowship, Heaton Hall
- 9:30 Fall Orientation Begins, Cornwell Center Lounge
- 9:45 Children's Faith Formation, Preschool and Elementary Wings
- 9:45 Youth Faith Formation, Youth Hall Wing
- 9:45 Adult Faith Formation, Education Building and Cornwell Center
- 10:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 11:00 Worship in the Sanctuary
- 12:00 Coffee Fellowship, Heaton Hall Foyer
- 12:00 Guest Welcome, Welcome Table in Heaton Hall Foyer
- 3:00 Book Reading and Signing, Cornwell Center Lounge
- 5:00 Youth Choir, Berry Hall
- 6:00 Youth Supper and Fellowship, Youth Hall

DRAW NEAR TO GOD

THE MYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH 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 MR. JOSEPH D. ALDRICH, *Associate Minister*

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