



*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-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN KICKOFF  
25 October 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**

Large congregations are dynamic and intriguing institutions to lead. If you are a leader in a large congregation, then you face daily opportunities that are challenging, fun, growth-producing, exciting – and frustrating. My prayer for you is that most days will be about the fun, excitement, growth, and challenge, and that your days of frustration will be minimal. On those days when the frustration outweighs the fun, I pray that you will remember how blessed you are to be entrusted with the ministry of a large congregation. You touch an extraordinary number of lives by virtue of your leadership. May you be blessed on the journey.

Susan Beaumont, *Inside the Large Congregation*

**THE RINGING OF THE ANGELUS BELL**

**THE OPENING VOLUNTARY**

“Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”

*Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)*

**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. Following worship today, everyone is invited to a tailgate-themed lunch party to kick off our 2016 Season of Giving in the Withers House Parking Lot (next to the Cornwell Center lot). RSVPs were required for meals, but even if you didn't RSVP, join us for the festivities anyway! All are welcome to come as you are or change into team spirited attire.

**A MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP**

Chris and Lydia Skardon

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.

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

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

+ Ushers will seat anyone waiting.

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

\*THE OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: It is an awesome thing to stand in the presence of God,  
to call God’s holy name.

People: **As far as the heavens are above the earth,  
God’s ways are above our ways.**

Leader: But we come with confidence,  
because in Christ we are called to be God’s people.

People: **Come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before God our Maker!**

\*THE PROCESSION AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

“Come sing, O church in joy!”

Number 215  
*Darwall’s 148<sup>th</sup>*

\*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

**We come into your presence, O God,  
confessing we are wounded people in search of wholeness.  
Too nearly conformed to this world and its values,  
we miss the unexpected ways you make yourself known to us.  
Oftentimes you come to us as a stranger  
speaking truths we don’t want to hear.  
We fear being called to something new and something different  
so we willfully ignore your holy calling.**

**Loving God, hear the sighing of our hearts as we turn to you for forgiveness.  
Instead of fearing what we need, denying what gives us life,  
may we once again turn toward you and  
affirm the hidden wholeness, deep within,  
where we live and move and have our being. Amen.**

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear this good news:  
There is nothing in all creation  
that can separate us from the love of God.  
Let us shout joyfully!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

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



The use of the Canticum 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

Ezra 3:10-13

*See page 7.*

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

Number 225

"Awake, awake to love and work"

*Morning Song*

THE SERMON

The Reverend Susan Beaumont

"Glory Days and Bygone Eras"

THE TIME FOR SILENT REFLECTION

**THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS TO GOD'S WORD**

THE CHURCH AT 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 offering this month benefits RAIN (Regional AIDS Interfaith Network).*

RAIN engages the community to transform lives and promote respect and dignity for all people touched by HIV through compassionate care, education and leadership development.

THE ANTHEM  
“God Is Seen”

Through all the world below God is seen all around.  
Search hills and valleys through, there God’s found.  
The growing of the corn, the lily and the thorn,  
The pleasant and forlorn, all declare, God is there,  
In meadows drest in green, God is seen.  
See springing waters rise, fountains flow, rivers run,  
The mist that veils the sky hides the sun.  
Then down the rain doth pour, the ocean, it doth roar  
And beat upon the shore, and all praise, in their ways,  
The God who ne’er declines God’s designs.  
The sun with all his rays speaks of God as he flies.  
The comet in her blaze ‘God’, she cries;  
The shining of the stars, the moon, when she appears,  
God’s awful name declares; see them fly through the sky,  
And join the solemn sound all around.

The Chancel Choir  
*Arr. Alice Parker*  
(b. 1925)

\*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  
“As those of old their first fruits brought”

Number 224  
*Forest Green*

THE BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Jubilation on *Lauda Anima*”

*Alice Jordan*  
(1916-2012)

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Leading worship today with The Reverend Susan Beaumont, Guest Preacher,  
are The Reverend Ms. Robin P. Coira, Executive Minister,  
and Carol Reid Fricke, Chair, Strategic Planning Council.

The Chancel Choir leads worship through music with  
Dr. Jeffrey Price, Guest Choral Director,  
Frances L. Morrison, Associate Minister of Music,  
and Dr. Matthew Manwarren, Organist.

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Kaytee Ceil Kinlaw Bishop, mother of Search Group Member, MaryAnn Bishop Largen,  
Grandmother of Jim and Tanya Largen, Ed and Tempie Largen,  
and Great Grandmother of Kinlaw, CeCe, and Mallory Largen,  
by the Senior Minister Search Group.

The acolytes are James Emmanuel, Adam Cranford and Wyndham Merrill.

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

The Deacon of the Week for October 25 - 31 is  
Richard Pearsall, 704.965.5558, [richardpearsallre@gmail.com](mailto:richardpearsallre@gmail.com).

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## **THE REVEREND SUSAN BEAUMONT**

Susan Beaumont is an ordained American Baptist minister who served as a Senior Consultant with Alban Institute, the national leader in church consultation and education. Her specialty is working with large congregations. She knows our Church well, having led us in our Holy Conversations work and conducting a staff assessment several years ago.

**THE READING FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2015**

**Ezra 3:10-13 (NRSV-adapted)**

When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, the priests in their vestments were stationed to praise the Lord with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, according to the directions of King David of Israel; and they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the Lord, “For the Lord is good, for God’s steadfast love endures forever toward Israel.” And all the people responded with a great shout when they praised the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid. But many of the priests and Levites and heads of families, old people who had seen the first house on its foundations, wept with a loud voice when they saw this house, though many shouted aloud for joy, so that the people could not distinguish the sound of the joyful shout from the sound of the people’s weeping, for the people shouted so loudly that the sound was heard far away.

## THE CHURCH IN WITNESS AND MISSION

### TODAY

OCTOBER 25: THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; REVEREND SUSAN BEAUMONT  
PREACHING

- 8:30 Charlotte Community of Mindfulness Meditation Group, Room 27
- 9:45 Children's Christmas Pageant Information Session and Read Through, Room 213
- 9:45 Children's Faith Formation Classes, Preschool and Elementary Wings
- 9:45 Youth Faith Formation Classes, Youth Hall Wing
- 9:45 Adult Forum with Susan Beaumont, Heaton Hall
- 10:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 11:00 Worship in the Sanctuary
- 12:00 Nex† Tailgate Party, Withers House Parking Lot
- 1:00 Motet Singers Rehearsal, Berry Hall
- 5:00 Youth Choir, Berry Hall
- 6:00 NO Youth Supper or Fellowship

Nex† TAILGATE PARTY TODAY - following worship in the Withers House Parking Lot (next to the Cornwell Center lot). Let's kick off our 2016 Season of Giving with a tailgate-themed lunch party! We'll have food, drinks, music and games as we celebrate *What's Next for MPBC*. RSVPs were required for meals, but even if you didn't RSVP join us for the festivities anyway! All are welcome to come as you are or change into team spirited attire. Bring your tailgate chairs, blankets, frisbees and footballs and join the party (some seating provided).

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night.

### 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](http://www.mpbconline.org). You may also contact Mariah Currin at 704.334.7232 x41 or [mcurren@mpbconline.org](mailto: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](http://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!

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](mailto:cveal@mpbconline.org).

## 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](mailto:laurak.handler@gmail.com) or Agnes Banas at [agnieszkaa.banas@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:agnieszkaa.banas@cms.k12.nc.us), or sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0e4ca4a828a57-genius>.

## WORSHIP AND MUSIC

NOVEMBER 1, MEMORIAL SUNDAY - During 11:00 worship we will remember the lives of those Church members who have died within the past year. Family members are especially invited to attend this service. Music will be provided by the Chancel Choir and the Motet Singers.

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](mailto:bmetzger@mpbconline.org).

OUR NEXT WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY WILL BE OCTOBER 28:

- 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 Mondays prior to each Wonderful Wednesday by contacting Rainey Underwood at [runderwood@mpbconline.org](mailto:runderwood@mpbconline.org) or 704.334.7232 x56.
- MENU: Chicken breast sandwich, baked potato with toppings, salad bar with fruit and various toppings and decorate-it-yourself sugar cookie
- PROGRAM: Halloween Festival

HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL - Wonderful Wednesday, October 28 from 6:45–7:30pm. This year our Halloween Festival is a church-wide event and you are needed. We want to offer an event for our families and you can help make that possible! We will have trick-or-treating in different rooms around the Church. Would you be willing to be a host? Your candy will be provided. Maybe you can host a game? All your supplies and instructions will be provided, so no need to plan. If you are able to be a part of this fun event, please contact Carrie Veal at [cveal@mpbconline.org](mailto:cveal@mpbconline.org).

WE NEED CANDY! No Halloween Festival is complete without candy for the Trick-or-Treaters. Please bring individually wrapped candies to Carrie Veal's office by Monday, October 26.

### **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 come in and give us a try between October 19 and 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](http://www.cornwellcenter.org) for more details.

ART EXHIBIT - The North Carolina award-winning Crown Artists are pleased to return to the Cornwell Gallery through October with Regina Calton Burchett, Judith Cutler, Angela Harker and Mona Vernona Hearne presenting: *Expressions - Original Works by Four Artists*. Come and enjoy.

### **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**

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REVEREND ROBIN COIRA PREACHING

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- 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

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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