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

The Eleventh Sunday
after Pentecost

25 August 2019
10:00a
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

We who seek to learn must suffer. And even in our sleep, pain that cannot forget falls drop by drop upon the heart. And in our own despair, against our will, comes wisdom to us by the awful grace of God.

--Aeschylus

In a state of grace, the soul is like a well of limpid water, from which flow only streams of clearest crystal. Its works are pleasing both to God and humanity, rising from the River of Life, beside which it is rooted like a tree.

--Saint Teresa of Avila

By judging others we blind ourselves to our own evil and to the grace which others are just as entitled to as we are.

--Dieterich Bonhoeffer

Humanism was not wrong in thinking that truth, beauty, liberty, and equality are of infinite value, but in thinking that we humans can get them for ourselves without grace.

--Simone Weil

The Ringing of the Angelus Bell

The Prelude

“Nun Danket Alle Gott”

Timothy Albrecht (b. 1950)

The Call to Worship

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

Childcare is available for children ages birth through TK/K. Please meet our paid staff at the rugs. Worship kits for children are available in the Narthex.

*The Opening Sentences

Leader: We sing praise to the God who, like a gardener, fertilizes and prunes a tree, People: providing the nourishment we need.

Leader: We give thanks to the God who, like a gardener, tenaciously tends crops, People: never giving up on us or casting us off.

Leader: We worship the God who, like a gardener, attends to us for our whole lives, People: loving us through the harvest and the fallow seasons.

*The Procession and Opening of the Bible

“Sing We All God’s Glorious Praises”

Number 58

AUSTRIA

*The Prayer of Invocation

*Please rise in body or in spirit.
THE PEOPLE CONFESS AND RECEIVE FORGIVENESS

The Kyrie Eleison

Jonathan Crutchfield

The Invitation to Silent Confession

Rev. Leigh Anne Hagerman

The Prayer of Confession

God of all, hear our prayer.
We would like to be saint-like: holy, good, patient, loving.
But we end up feeling more like sinners: full of failures, selfish, unkind.
Perhaps you see us simply as human – as beloved, and flawed,
and trying, and failing, and succeeding.
In all of this, forgive the wrong that we have done,
and bless the good we have accomplished.
Keep on loving us, helping us, and molding us more and more
into the image of Christ, the image in which we were made. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

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

GLORIA (Taizé)

Text: Trad. Liturgical text; Music: Jacques Berthier, 1979
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*The Passing of the Peace

Preschool children will leave with childcare staff 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. Please meet Claudette Green at the door by the lectern. They will be downstairs in Room 3. They 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.
At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.” Then Jesus told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So the man said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

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
“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

IN BABILONE

The Sermon
“One More Year”

Rev. W. Benjamin Boswell

The Time for Silent Reflection

THE CONGREGATION Responds to God’s Word

The Church at Prayer

Rev. Joseph D. Aldrich

The Lord’s Prayer

Our God in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

The Offertory

Mobile giving is available – see page 6.

Gifts of loose cash in August will benefit Time Out Youth, which offers support, advocacy, and opportunities for personal development and social interaction to LGBTQ+ youth ages 11-20.

The Anthem

“I Will Arise”

The Chancel Choir

arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

The Chancel Choir

TRADITIONAL
*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
OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures, here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;

*The Prayer of Dedication
Rev. Leigh Anne Hagerman

THE COMMUNITY IS SENT INTO THE WORLD FOR MINISTRY

*The Procession into the World and Closing of the Bible
See page 7.
“God, How Can We Forgive”

The Benediction
Rev. W. Benjamin Boswell

The Postlude
“Leoni”

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

Following worship, 3's and 4's and TK/K may be picked up in Room 107; children in grades 1-5 will be in the back of the sanctuary on the lectern side. There will be childcare for TalkBack in Room 107 for children of all ages.

Leading worship today with Rev. W. Benjamin Boswell, Senior Minister, are Rev. Joseph D. Aldrich, Associate Minister, The Rev. Leigh Anne Hagerman, Church Administrator, and Janice Bradner, member of the congregation.

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

The acolytes are Amelia Grace Reeves, Caleb William and Christian William.

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

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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
God, How Can We Forgive

1 God, how can we forgive when bonds of love are torn?
2 When we have missed the mark, and tears of anguish flow,
3 Who dares to throw the stone to damn another’s sin,

How can we rise and start anew, our trust reborn?
how can you still release our guilt, the debt we owe?
when you, while knowing all our past, forgive again?

When human love fails and every hope is gone,
The ocean depth of grace surpasses all our needs.
No more we play the judge, for by your grace we live.

Your love gives strength beyond our own to face the dawn.
A priest who shares our human pain, Christ intercedes.
As you, O God, forgive our sin, may we forgive.

This text reflects both the struggle to deal with a deep personal hurt and a keen awareness of biblical language and content. The opening line of stanza two, for example, draws on the root meaning of the Greek word for sin, and the beginning of stanza three alludes to John 8:3-8.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1994
MUSIC: Jewish melody, 17th cent.; adapt. Meyer Lyon and Thomas Olivers, 1770
Text © 1990 The Pilgrim Press
Welcome.
We’re glad you’re here.

If you are our guest, we’d love to hear from you! Please share with us a little about who you are:

- text “guest” to 474747 OR
- fill out a guest card located in the pew rack. Simply return the guest card in the offering plates during worship as your gift to us.

If you would like to learn more about us, stop by the Welcome Table in the Narthex after worship to speak with one of our members or ministers.

WEEKLY NEWS
August 26 - September 1, 2019

MYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday, September 1 | 10a | Heaton Hall

Randy Franklin & the Sardines

10a WORSHIP 11a SERMON TALKBACK

Mia McClain
Preaching

Sunday, September 1
The Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost | Rock and Roll Worship in the Round
Mia McClain Preaching - "Sweet Honey From A Rock" | Psalm 81

Join us on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend for a Diverse Worship experience as we welcome back Randy Franklin and the Sardines to lead the musical portion of our worship. Mia McClain will be preaching. To top off the wonderful morning of worship, stay for TalkBack and interact with Mia about the sermon of the day. This will be our final TalkBack for the summer.

FEATURES

Saturday, September 7 | 12 - 4p
COMMUNITY-WIDE BLOCK PARTY

We’re Throwing a Campus Block Party | September 7 | Noon - 4p

We are excited about our first-ever Block Party to kick off the new church year. Festivities will include: food, wine, and beer trucks | snow cones, popcorn, and cotton candy | live music by Randy Franklin and the Sardines | yoga on the lawn | Tae Kwon Do presentation | cornhole tournament | giant plinko board | bounce houses | sidewalk chalk art | face painting | prizes | and some special MPBC gifts (swag) for everyone. We are opening this event up to the community, so
come see your church friends, bring your other friends, and make new ones! Oh! And bring lawn chairs and/or blankets.

Volunteers Needed!
We need a few volunteers to make the day run smoothly, so it will be even more fun for everyone. We will have some swag (gifts) to hand out, games, and more. We are looking for volunteers to be greeters, swap table hosts, game hosts, and helpers to jump in for those last minute things that pop up. If this is something you are interested in, please contact Rev. Carrie Veal (cveal@myersparkbaptist.org | 704.334.7232 x 118).

Room In The Inn (RITI) Supply Drive Begins at our Block Party
The Ministry of Outreach is gearing up for our 24th season of RITI and we need your help! We are planning some renovations to our guest quarters and refilling our supplies. Collection will begin on Saturday, September 7 at our Start-Up Weekend Block Party. Listed below are some of the major items we need in order to provide a caring space for our neighbors. Please bring new items only. For more information, contact Mia McClain at mmclain@myersparkbaptist.org.

| Bed Sheets (twin) | Flip Flops | Shampoo (travel size) |
| Blankets | Toothbrushes | Conditioner (travel size) |
| Pillows / Pillowcases | Towels (bath, hand) | Toothpaste (travel size) |
| Socks | Soap / Body Wash (travel size) | Deodorant (travel size) |
| Sanitary Products | Lotion (travel size) |

START-UP SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 8 | 9:45a - 1:30p
9:45a Faith Formation
11:00a Worship
12:00p Ministry Fair & BBQ Lunch

We Return to Our Regular Schedule on September 8
We are looking forward to coming back together as a community following what we hope has been a wonderful summer for everyone. Faith Formation classes will resume and meet from 9:45-10:45a for children contact Rev. Carrie Veal | youth contact Allen Davis | adults contact Mia McClain.

Ministry Fair on Start-Up Sunday, September 8
Immediately Following 11:00a Worship | Heaton Hall
What is your superpower? Maybe you’re not sure what it is and you need a little inspiration. On Start-Up Sunday, you will have the chance to discover your superpower and share it with others. Many of the ministries of the church will be at our Start-Up Sunday Ministry Fair in Heaton Hall. Lay leaders from the ministries will be there to share what their ministries are, how you can be involved, and more. We hope you will make plans to join us!

Start-Up Sunday Lunch
September 8 | Following Worship | Heaton Hall
It’s time for our annual Start-Up Sunday Lunch! This wonderful meal, prepared by volunteers, is one of the best ways to kick off a new church year! Our menu will be pulled pork with sides, a salad bar, and dessert. Cost will be $5 for adults and $3 for children. We hope to see you there!

**Youth Ministry**

**Welcome Rising 6th Graders!**

We can’t wait to meet you on Start-Up Sunday, September 8. Join us for Youth Faith Formation at 9:45a and Youth Fellowship at 3:30p, both in the Youth Hall. (Pssttt . . . We’ve got some big surprises in store for Start-Up Fellowship.) If you have any questions, please email Allen Davis at adavis@myersparkbaptist.org.

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**FELLOWSHIP WEDNESDAYS**

Awakening | Food | Fellowship | Music

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**Beginning September 11**

Looking for an opportunity to grow spiritually through the week? Interested in some God-talk while your child is in choir rehearsal? Would you like to just chat over coffee? Join us on Wednesdays for a variety of fellowship and faith-filled activities, starting September 11. Childcare will be offered from 5:00 - 8:00p.

- **5:00p | Children’s Choirs** | for children in TK - 5th grades.
- **5:00p | Coffee Chat** | All are invited to come chat about minivans, the school year, your recent family vacation, or the complexities of life. Led by Rev. Carrie Veal
- **5:00p | Awakening Bible Study** | This is an opportunity for people of all ages to gather and walk through scripture together. We will focus on texts that relate to the Awakening to Environmental Injustice series, beginning with an unpacking of the Book of Genesis. Led by Mia McClain
- **6:00p | Food and Fellowship Hour** | Let’s break bread together and fellowship as a family. A catered meal will be available for purchase.
- **7:00p | Awakening Bible Study** | (Starting September 18)

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**Awakening Shalom | PROUD THEOLOGY: a 4-part podcast series**

*Does my sexuality separate me from God? Is there relevant God-talk that centers LGBTQ+ people?*
Join Rev. Ben Boswell and Mia McClain on a conversational journey centered on Queer Theory and Queer Theology, rooted in groundbreaking publications that center the voices of queer-identifying theologians. This integrative dialogue also highlights the 50th Anniversary of the Stonewall Riots, the Emmy Award-winning show, POS, and other cultural and theological references. Episode 3 is available on our website and on iTunes.

Relevant publications for your library:

- *Radical Love: An Introduction to Queer Theology*, written by Patrick S. Cheng, PhD, a pastor and theologian who offers us an excellent introduction to LGBTQ theology.
- *Our Lives Matter: A Womanist Queer Theology*, written by Pamela R. Lightsey, PhD, a contextual theologian who explores the impact of oppression against Black LGBTQ women.
- *Queer Theology: Beyond Apologetics*, written by Linn Marie Tonstad, PhD, a constructive theologian working at the intersection of systematic theology with feminist and queer theory.

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**Town Hall Meeting**

**Wednesday, September 11 | 7:00p**

The Board of Deacons would like to hear your thoughts about the "Reimagining Lay Leadership" proposal that was presented at the Congregational Meeting on June 2. Marcy McClanahan will lead the discussion at our final, one-hour Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, September 11 at 7:00p. Childcare will be provided. We encourage you to sign up through myMPBC.

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**Myers Park Baptist Men's Breakfast**

**Tuesday, September 17 | 7:45 - 8:45a | Heaton Hall**

Several members of the church and Rev. Ben Boswell thought it would be a good idea to provide an opportunity to build relationships by inviting all men of the church to an informal breakfast with no agenda. The purpose is simply to get to know each other better, to sit with someone you don’t know and find out more about their life. Gathering will conclude promptly at 8:45a. Breakfast will be provided, so we ask that you please register either through myMPBC or by contacting Jay Rivers at jrivers@capitalmc.com by Tuesday, September 10.

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**Training: Sunday, September 1 | 8:30a | Conference Room**

We are encouraging all congregants of MPBC to attend a training of our Child and Youth Protection Policy. Even if you are not actively involved in the youth or children’s ministries, all of us are called to protect the children and youth on our campus. Sign up through myMPBC. Questions? Contact Rev. Carrie Veal (cveal@myersparkbaptist.org | 704.334.7232 x 118).
Register Now for Children's Choir
Resumes Wednesday, September 11
The Children's Choir program has three choir offerings and are appropriately designed for their grade levels. Choirs meet on Wednesdays from 5:00 - 6:00p.

- Kinder Choir | TK/K | Sanctuary Room 9
- Carol Choir | Grades 1-2 | Sanctuary Room 5
- Chapel Choir | Grades 3-5 | Sanctuary Room 3

If you have any questions, please contact Charlotte Judge at cjudge@myersparkbaptist.org | 704.334.7232 x121. Register now through myMPBC.

Come Sing with Us! Join Youth Choir
Begins Sunday, September 15
Youth Choir is open to all 6-12th graders who love to sing, learn a lot, practice hard, make friends, and have fun spending time together. We meet on Sunday evenings from 5:00 - 6:00p in Berry Hall and we lead in worship throughout the year. Registration for Youth Choir is available now through myMPBC. Hope to see you there! Questions? Contact Charlotte Judge at cjudge@myersparkbaptist.org | 704.334.7232 ext 121.

We Don't Want You to Miss Out!
Have you signed up to receive emails and updates from the church? Did you know that if you opt out of ONE email from us, you are not going to get ANY email from us? Maybe your email address changed and you forgot to let us know. We want to make sure that you are up-to-date on all that's happening, because we have lots to share throughout the new church year! Have a specific list you want to be on, contact Amy Jones (ajones@myersparkbaptist.org or 704.334.7232 x 126) and she will take care of it! We also hope you will follow us on social media - the links are available at the bottom of this email.

LOOKING AHEAD

HAPPY Labor Day
Wishing you a relaxing holiday!
THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2.
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 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. Find out more about the series on our website.

Save the date for this exciting event that will be part of our
Awakening to Environmental Injustice series:

Awakening Now! Featuring "Little Miss Flint"
Saturday, November 2 | Noon - 3:00p
Join us this fall for our first ever intergenerational Awakening Forum, featuring Amaryanna "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, which 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.

SAFE SEMINAR
SEXUAL AWARENESS AND FAMILY EMPOWERMENT
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

How did you learn about body image? Who told you the facts about life? Where was the church in all of this?

On September 27 and 28, we will host the SAFE Seminar, a workshop for parents, grandparents, educators, non-parents, all of us who are on this journey of faith together. The workshop is led by LeAnn Gardner, an ordained minister, a mom, a social worker, and a professional therapist. To get a sense of what you can expect, watch the short video where LeAnn shares how SAFE came about and why she is so passionate about the topic on our website.
Registration is now available through myMPBC.

Intergenerational Family Retreat
February 28 - March 1, 2020
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.

In his recent sermon "Don't Worry, Get Ready," Rev. Ben Boswell shared how meditation is being used across many groups including the military. Meditation is an essential spiritual practice for all ages. It lends itself well to intergenerational use - from children to older adults - because each can benefit from listening for God in order to cope with modern-day stress. Meditation can be adapted for anyone, from toddlers to nonagenarians. Much like sabbath, children often "teach" adults how to be present in their practice. They instinctually show a wise, imaginative willingness to try something without having to get it "right." Adults need this reminder: Meditation is a practice—not an exercise in perfection.

- Excerpt from One Breath at Time: A Skeptic's Guide to Christian Meditation

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

Hang Out with the Pastor
Tuesday, September 3 | 5:00p | The Common Market
South End
Enjoy the Labor Day holiday on Monday, then join us for our monthly hang out on Tuesday, September 3. We will return to the first Monday of each month in October 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.

Meditation With the Pastor
Wednesdays | 11:30a - Noon | Room 250
Rev. Ben Boswell guides a weekly meditation on Wednesdays. 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.

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 August 26 will be "Worship." 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).
Stephen Ministry Is Here For You
Are you feeling stressed, lonely or depressed? Do you need support? We are here to help. Contact Rev. Joe Aldrich.

SUNDAYS

Final Sermon TalkBack of the Summer
Sunday, September 1 | Heaton Hall
Mia McClain will field questions about her sermon immediately following worship. So, join the conversation!

Summer Sunday Morning Yoga
On Sunday mornings, a Yoga 1, 2 class will be offered at 9:00a in the Cornell 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.

Children's Summer Worship
Children begin worship with the congregation and leave after the Passing of the Peace. Children's Ministry leaders will accompany children to Room 3 in the Sanctuary Basement to sing songs, to learn about the Bible, and to interact with the text in new, enlightening ways. To learn more or to sign up to volunteer, please contact Rev. Carrie Veal (cveal@myersparkbaptist.org | 704.334.7232 x 118).

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.
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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