December 14, 2014

The Third Sunday of Advent

The Festival of Advent Lessons and Carols

Myers Park Baptist Church

Charlotte, North Carolina
THE WORSHIP OF GOD
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
THE FESTIVAL OF ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS
14 DECEMBER 2014 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
There comes a time in December when, even your best efforts to the contrary, you cannot keep the sensations of Christmas at bay. The clang of Salvation Army Santas and their bells, the incessant tinny recordings of “Frosty the Snowman” in the mall hallways, and the plastic wreaths with their bows and boughs that somehow still emit a pine fragrance all seem briefly welcome. Maybe it is because our resistance crumbles and all these assaults on our senses remind us of simpler joys.

Frederick Buechner describes it well: “But if you concentrate just for an instant, far off in the deeps of you somewhere you can feel the beating of your heart. For all its madness and lostness, not to mention your own, you can hear the world itself holding its breath.” When that happens, it is time to turn to the old, old stories and remember why the Christmas narrative brings us to life.

Frederick Buechner

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

THE OPENING VOLUNTARY
“Aria”

Jacques Ibert
(1890-1962)

Liselyn Adams, flute

THE WELCOME 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 coffee fellowship 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.

*THE OPENING SENTENCES
(From Psalm 72:18-19)

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel.
People: The Lord alone has done wondrous things.
Leader: Blessed be God’s glorious name forever;
People: may the Lord’s glory fill the whole earth.
All: Amen and Amen.

*THE HYMN IN PROCESSION AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE
“Once in Royal David’s City”

Solo: Once in royal David’s city Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby In a manger for a bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.
Tara McGee, soloist

Choir only:
He came down to earth from heaven Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable, And his cradle was a stall;
With the poor, and mean, and lowly, Lived on earth our Saviour holy.
Congregation (singing):
For he is our childhood pattern, Day by day like us he grew,
He was little, weak and helpless, Tears and smiles like us he knew;
And he feeleth for our sadness, And he shareth in our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him, Through his own redeeming love,
For that child so dear and gentle Is our Lord in heaven above;
And he leads his children on To the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable, With the oxen standing by,
We shall see him, but in heaven, Set at God's right hand on high;
When like stars his children crowned All in white shall wait around.

*THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF JOY*
Tom, Andi, Charles and Shepherd Ricks
Leader: We light the third candle of Advent as the Candle of Joy where we share the prophet's vision of the day when the wilderness and dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom and the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing. Everlasting joy shall be upon their heads . . . and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

(Lighting the Candle of Joy.)

People: (singing)
O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

*THE BIDDING PRAYER*
Today, as we await the great festival of Christmas,
let us prepare ourselves so that we may be shown its true meaning.
Let us hear in lessons from Scripture, how the prophets of Israel foretold that God would visit and redeem the waiting people.
Let us rejoice in our carols and hymns, that the good purpose of God is being fulfilled.
Let us celebrate the promise that Christ will bring to all people and the righteousness that will abide within God’s eternal kingdom.
But first, let us pray for the world that God so loves,
for those who have not heard the good news of God;
for those who walk in darkness; and for the church in this place and everywhere,
that it may in pure joy lift up the light and love of God. Amen.

THE ANTHEM
"Light One Candle for Waiting”
Light one candle for waiting
as we look for the coming of Jesus.
Light two candles for watching
as we look for the coming of Jesus.
Light three candles for hoping
as we look for the coming of Jesus.
Light four candles for welcoming
the Christ Child, born for all.

Anna-Catherine Fowler, handchimes; Emily Urbanek, piano

The Kinder and Carol Choirs
Michael Bedford
(b. 1949)

THE FIRST LESSON
Genesis 3:6, 8-13
A dam and Eve in the garden.
Leader: The Word of God.
People: Thanks be to God.
Evan Johnson, reader

* During the hymn introduction, 3 and 4 year olds and TK/Kindergarten will leave with their teachers, and may be picked up in their classrooms after worship. First through fourth graders will remain in worship.
*The Hymn

“Let all mortal flesh keep silence”

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded, For with blessing in H is hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, O’er full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture - In the body and the blood -
He will give to all the faithful H is own self for heavenly food.

The Second Lesson

The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior.

Leader: The Word of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Madeline Zimmer, reader

*The Hymn

“When out of poverty is born”

When out of poverty is born a dream that will not die,
and landless, weary folk find strength to stand with heads held high,
it’s then we learn from those who wait to greet the promised day,
’THe Lord is coming; don’t lose heart. Be blest; prepare the way!’

When people wander far from God, forget to share their bread,
they find their wealth an empty thing, their spirits are not fed.
For only just and tender love the hungry soul will stay.
And so God’s prophets echo still ‘Be blest; prepare the way!’

(Kathryn Galloway)

The Third Lesson

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

Leader: The Word of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Jackson Currin, reader

The Carol

“Emmanuel Will Come”

We wait, we hope, we long for the Messiah!
We wait, we hope, we long for the Lord.
Open the gates to the city, prepare a way for the Lord.
Emmanuel will save us! Emmanuel will come!
Lift up your heart, for the Light will come.
Lift up your heart to the Lord.
Waiting, hoping, longing for the Lord.
Make a path in the wilderness, make a way for the Lord.

The Fourth Lesson

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

People: Thanks be to God.

Jeanine Hasty, reader

*The Hymn

“When out of poverty is born”

When God took flesh and came to earth, the world turned upside down,
and in the strength of woman’s faith the Word of Life was born.
She knew that God would raise the low, it pleased her to obey.
Rejoice with Mary in the call, ‘Be blest; prepare the way!’

(Kathryn Galloway)
THE FIFTH LESSON

People: Thanks be to God.


Scottie Stamper, reader

THE CAROL

“Sweet Was the Song”

Sweet was the song the Virgin sang,
When she to Bethlehem Juda came
And was delivered of a son,
That blessed Jesus hath to name:
Refrain: ‘Lulla, lullaby.’
‘Sweet babe,’ sang she, ‘my son,
And eke a saviour born,
Who hast vouchsafed from on high
To visit us that were forlorn.’ Refrain:
‘Sweet babe,’ sang she,
And rocked him sweetly on her knee.
*eko = also

Fran Morrison, soprano

THE SEXT LESSON

People: Thanks be to God.

The shepherds go to the manger.

Tobie Steele, reader

THE CAROL

“Arise, Your Light Has Come”

Awake, my spirit, awake lute and harp;
I will awake at the dawn of day.
I will confess You, O Lord among the nations.
I will raise a psalm to You,
for Your love is wide as the heavens,
And your truth reaches to the skies!
Wake, awake, for night is flying.
The watchmen on the heights are crying;
Awake, Jerusalem at last.
Midnight hears the welcome voices,
And at the thrilling cry rejoices:
“Come forth, you maidens! Night is past.
The bridegroom comes, awake;
Your lamps with gladness take!” Alleluia!
Prepare yourselves to meet the Lord,
Whose light has stirred the waiting guard.
Zion hears the watchmen singing
And in her heart new joy is springing.
She wakes, she rises from her gloom.
For her Lord comes down all-glorious,

Fran Morrison, soprano

THE SEVENTH LESSON

People: Thanks be to God.

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

Todd Rubenson, reader
**The Carol at the Offering**

**“Christmas Light”**

Follow the wise men this Christmas.
Follow the wise men to see the Christmas Light.
Shepherds are watching and waiting.
Shepherds are waiting to see the Christmas Light.
Light, shining in Bethlehem.
Hope, filling the hearts of all.
Rejoice, the angels are singing, “Deo Gloria!”
Come to the manger and bow down.
Come to the manger and see the Christmas Light.
Gather together to worship.
Gather together, we’ll see the Christmas Light.
Tell the world that Light has come!
Tell the world that Hope has come!
Tell the world, come see the Christmas Light! “Deo Gloria!”
O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to the Christmas Light. “Deo Gloria!”
Hush, the baby is sleeping.
Hush, the baby who is the Christmas Light.
Sleep, O Christmas Light.
Peace on earth, good night.

**The Eighth Lesson**

St. John enfolds the mystery of the Incarnation.

**Leader:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

Everett Goodwin, reader

*The Hymn and Presentation of Offerings*

The Loose Plate Mission Offering for December supports the work of NC Med Assist.

(NC Med Assist operates a community pharmacy that provides medications, healthcare advocacy and educational support to low-income and uninsured North Carolina residents.)

**“O come, all ye faithful”**

O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, Born the King of Angels:
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Sing choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heav’n above;
Glory to God, all Glory in the highest:
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv’n;
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing:
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

*The Prayer of Dedication*

*The Procession into the World and Closing of the Bible*
THE BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Fanfare on “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”  A lec Wyton
(1921-2007)

* Those who wish may stand.
+ The ushers will seat those who are waiting.

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Leading worship today is The Reverend Dr. Everett C. Goodwin, Interim Senior Minister. The Chancel, Motet, Youth, Chapel, Carol and Kinder Choirs lead worship through music with The Reverend Dr. Jonathan E. Crutchfield, Minister of Music, Dr. Matthew Manwarren, Organist, Frances L. Morrison, Associate Minister of Music, Deborah A. Steiner, Music Associate for Children, and Anna-Catherine Fowler, Carol Choir Director.

The acolytes are Taylor Lawing, Abby Thomas and Kathryn Haenni.

The sound technician is Eric Roberts.
The webcast technician is Van Wilson.

The Deacon of the Week for December 14-20 is Carol Pearsall, cp.carolp@gmail.com, 704.562.3100.
MYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH CHOIRS

THE KINDER CHOIR
Deborah Steiner, Director; Edith Patton, Assistant

Tucker Pearsall

Avery Monfore

Maxim Parker

Alexandra Williams

Malters

PARK BAPTIST CHURCH CHOIRS

THE CAROL CHOIR
Anna-Catherine Fowler, Director; Cindy Green, Assistant

Evie Tom

Addison Hull

Hannah Marie Schubert

Jessie Wilson

THE CHAPEL CHOIR
Frances L. Morrison, Director; Emily Urbanek and Jonathan Crutchfield, Assistants

Hadley Smith

Maxwell Odom

Sandy Skardon

Eleanor Teague

THE YOUTH CHOIR
Frances L. Morrison and Jonathan Crutchfield, Co-Directors

Abby Smith

Mary Steele

Graham Suddeth

Adam Thomas

Abby Thomas

Allison Ward

THE CHANCEL AND MOTET CHOIRS
Jonathan Crutchfield, Director; Frances L. Morrison, Assistant Director; Matthew Manwarren, Accompanist

SOPRANOS
Electra Baugher
Abby Bradner
Jane Brock
Dottie Burnside
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*Cindy Green
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Ron Green
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*Nash Long
*Greg Mayer
*Michael Rukstelis
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*John Totten
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Martha Odom
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Carol Reid
Nancy Rider
*dhijana scott-harmony

Cheryl Smith
*Deb Steiner
Paula Testerman
Beth Walters
Suzie Warmath
Linda Whitesitt
THE CHURCH IN WITNESS AND MISSION

TODAY
December 14: The Third Sunday of Advent; The Festival of Advent Lessons and Carols
8:30 Charlotte Community of Mindfulness Meditation Group, Room 27
9:00 Kinder and Carol Choirs Rehearse, Sanctuary
9:00 Chapel Choir Rehearsal, Room 9 under the Sanctuary
9:15 Youth Choir, Berry Hall
9:30 Preschool Sunday School, Preschool Wing
9:30 God’s Garden, Elementary Wing
9:45 Youth Sunday School, Youth Sunday School Rooms
9:45 Adult Sunday School, Education Building
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
12:15 Children’s Christmas Pageant Family Lunch, Heaton Hall
1:00 Children’s Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal, Heaton Hall
5:00 NO Youth Choir
6:00 Youth Christmas Parties

Family Promise This Week, December 14-18 - If you would like to help provide “Welcome Baskets” for our families, contact Cindy Clemens, clemens@charlottenc.gov.

Wonderful Wednesday
Wonderful Wednesday is this week: Dinner Reservations must be received by noon on Monday, December 15. Registration is available online at www.mpbconline.org or 704.334.7232 x56 or runderwood@mpbconline.org. Dinner boxes will be provided by Jason’s Deli as follows: Adults - Turkey and cheese sandwich on wheat, a pickle and chips $6; Kids (12 and under) - kid-size turkey sandwich on wheat with a tangerine, pickle, chips and an apple juice box $3; Family maximum (immediate family only) $21. When making your reservation, please specify if you would like a vegetarian meal and we will order one for you. Dessert will be provided after the Children’s Christmas Pageant by our LGBT Fellowship in Heaton Hall Foyer.

Children’s Christmas Pageant: “No Room at the Holiday Inn” - Join us at 6:45 in Heaton Hall (note new location) for this heartwarming, family-friendly event. A dessert reception will be provided by our LGBT Fellowship Group in Heaton Hall Foyer following the pageant. Childcare will be available for children ages birth through four in Room 105. There will be NO children’s choir rehearsals that evening.

Faith Formation
Advent Meditations - Journey with us this season of Advent as we welcome the mystery of the Christ child into our lives. Daily meditations, written by MPBC members and staff, along with art by Jan Richardson (www.janrichardsonimages.com), will lead us deeper into our own spiritual journeys this season. Printed booklets are available at the welcome table in Heaton Hall Foyer, the Narthex of the Sanctuary, and the reception area of the Church offices. Meditations are also posted online at www.mpbconline.org in the form of a blog. When you journey with us online, you can post comments and share the meditations with your own social media accounts (be sure to tag us on Twitter @MPBaptist, #Advent and Facebook “Myers Park Baptist Church!”)

Anticipating Connections: We are busy creating special small group opportunities for you next February through April. Isn’t it fun to see what favorite groups are returning and what new ideas pop up? Winter/Spring Connections will go live online and in print by Monday, January 12. Register then to create a connection for yourself at MPBC.
FINANCIAL RESOURCES

LET’S BE “ALL IN” FOR 2015 STEWARDSHIP - PLEASE PLEDGE TODAY! Thanks very much to all our members who have made their financial commitment to MPBC for 2015. Halfway through December, we have happily received more than 400 pledges, representing more than 80% of the total funds pledged last year; even so, close to 400 of our active member households have not yet pledged. Unfortunately, this level of participation will not support our 2015 budget needs. Our goal is to be a congregation in which every member affirms some level of financial support for our shared community of faith. If you are waiting to make your pledge – or if pledging has not been a part of your life in the Church – please consider how you can participate in this sacred act of Christian worship. You can make your pledge today by:

• Pledging online at: https://mpbconline.org/make-a-pledge/
• Calling our Church Administrator, Barry Metzger, at 704.334.7232 x16.
• Emailing Barry at bmetzger@mpbconline.org. Please include your name and total 2015 pledge amount.
• Completing your pledge card and drop it off in the Church office anytime.

OUTREACH

ROOM IN THE INN (RITI) began last week and continues every Saturday through the end of March. We open our doors and provide shelter for our neighbors who are homeless. We need your help. Please volunteer to: be an overnight host, provide a meal or drive the church van. You may sign up on our website, www.mpbconline.org or on the bulletin board in Heaton Hall Foyer. WE ARE IN NEED OF HOSTS! Please consider sharing an evening with our neighbors.

8TH ANNUAL OATMEAL AND CANNED GOODS DRIVE is going on now through January 15, 2015. We are collecting all types of canned goods and non-perishables, as well as 5-lbs or larger of: oatmeal, flour, grits, and sugar (white or brown). Drop off locations are The Cornwell Center and Heaton Hall Foyer. Monetary donations can be made payable to MPBC (please note “Oatmeal Drive 2014/15” on the memo line) and send to Barry Metzger at Myers Park Baptist Church, 1900 Queens Road, Charlotte, 28207. Contributions are tax deductible. For more information, contact Bob Bishop, 980.613.2573 or bobbishopuk@gmail.com. Our goal this year is 100,000 lbs.; so far, we've collected 42,725 lbs.

PROPERTY AND GROUNDS

THE MEMORY GARDEN is being planted outside the conference room window. This garden joins with the office entrance garden planted last fall, and wraps around the building, featuring a stone walk and benches. Many people, Sunday school classes, and committees have contributed to this garden in honor or in memory of friends. If you would like to know more about the garden, please contact Cathryn Rivers at 704.334.7063.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

MUSIC TOGETHER® REGISTRATION FOR WINTER SESSION is now open for all interested families. Classes are available on Monday or Wednesday, 4:00-4:45pm. Winter Session begins on Monday, January 5 and Wednesday, January 7 and lasts for eight weeks. You can register and pay online at https://mpbconline.org/music-together/.

CHANCEL CHOIR WILL PERFORM THE RUTTER GLORIA during worship on Sunday, December 21. The Chancel Choir along with the Carolina Brass and percussionists from Greensboro, plus organ, will present this much loved work as part of the worship service. See the article about the Gloria in the December newsletter.

TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE - Everyone is invited to join us the third Sunday of each month as we sing through the various song forms that comprise the chants of the Taizé community in France. Our next Taizé Prayer Service is Sunday, December 21, in the Chapel (on the Selwyn Avenue side of the Sanctuary) from 6:45-7:30pm. We are open to all and closed to none.

THE CORNWELL CENTER

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS ART EXHIBIT, SALE AND SANTA’S WORKSHOP - Come by through January 3 to enjoy this community exhibition and art sale located in the Cornwell Center Gallery. And, in Santa’s Workshop in the Art Studio, there is still time to create that handmade gift! Art classes for adults and children are underway Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings with Greg Scott. Check the Art Studio page at www.cornwellcenter.org for details.

HOLIDAY SPORTS CAMP - Monday-Wednesday, December 29-31 from 8:30-11:30am. This co-ed camp is for ages 3-5. Registration is required, www.cornwellcenter.org or 704.927.0774.
ADOPTED TO THE QUORUM OF THE MISSION: THE REPORTING PARISH OF THE MISSION:


december 21: the fourth sunday of advent; the rutter gloria; the reverend dr. everett

Goodwin Preaching

8:30 Charlotte Community of Mindfulness Meditation Group (also 10:15-11:00am), Room 27
9:30 God’s Garden, Elementary Wing
9:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
9:45 Youth Sunday School, Youth Sunday School Rooms
9:45 Adult Sunday School, Education Building
10:00 Preschool Birthday Party for Jesus, Shalom Hall
11:00 Worship in the Sanctuary; Rutter Gloria performed by the Chancel Choir, brass, percussion and organ
12:00 Coffee Fellowship, Heaton Hall Foyer
12:00 Guest Welcome, Welcome Table in Heaton Hall Foyer
5:00 No Youth Choir
6:00 No Youth Supper or Fellowship
6:45 Taizé Prayer Service, Chapel

Advent Schedule 2014

Sunday, December 14 - Advent III

Service of Lessons and Carols
11:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 17

Wonderful Wednesday Dinner
5:45 pm in Heaton Hall
(Reservation by noon on 12/15 by phone x56 or email runderwood@mpbconline.org)

Children’s Christmas Pageant
6:45 pm in Heaton Hall (note new location)
Dessert provided by the LGBT Fellowship Group.
Childcare will be provided for four year-olds and younger.

Sunday, December 21 - Advent IV

Worship, 11:00 am in the Sanctuary
Rutter’s “Gloria” performed by the Chancel Choir, brass, percussion and organ
Taizé Prayer Service, 6:45 pm in the Chapel

Wednesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

• Family-Friendly Worship
  4:00 pm in the Sanctuary
• The Music of Christmas by Flute, Violin and Organ
  5:30 pm in the Sanctuary
• Candlelight Worship with Communion
  6:00 pm in the Sanctuary
• Nativity Tableau Service with Communion
  7:15 - 8:00 pm in the Sanctuary
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.

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