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

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Rice Bowl

14 July 2019
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.

Silent Meditation

“After death something new begins, over which all powers of the world of death have no more might.”

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer

“Reports convey information. Stories create experience. Reports transfer knowledge. Stories transport the reader, crossing the boundaries of time, space, and imagination. The report points us there. The story puts us there.”

— Roy Peter Clark

“The only trouble is that in the spiritual life there are no tricks and no shortcuts. Those who imagine that they can discover spiritual gimmicks and put them to work for themselves usually ignore God’s will and grace.”

— Thomas Merton

Ringing of the Angelus Bell

Prelude

“Un Prière”

Charles-Valentin Alkan (1813-1888)

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.

*Opening Sentences

Leader: Needing guidance, we gather in our shared search for wisdom.
People: With hope we await the divine voice that will fill our hearts with understanding.
Leader: Acknowledging weakness, we gather out of our common need for strength.
People: With confidence we look for holy empowerment that will endure the challenges of our time.
Leader: Trusting in love, we gather as heirs of eternal light and redemption.
People: With joy we worship the Creator whose Spirit calls us into the heart of Christ.

*Procession and Opening of the Bible

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

ST. DENIO (JOANNA)

*Prayer of Invocation

*Please rise in body or in spirit.
Vacation Bible School Anthem

“Love One Another (Lullaby Mix)”

The VBS Children

Yancy

Refrain: Love, love, love one another and be kind, be kind to each other.
Love, love, love one another and be kind, be kind to each other.

Jesus told us to love Him and to love everyone.
Jesus told us to love Him and to love everyone;
so let your light shine. Refrain.

Jesus told us to love Him and to love everyone.
Jesus told us to love Him and to love everyone.
So let your light shine. Refrain.

You can say hello and shake a hand,
share your toys and help a friend.
All with a great big smile and two thumbs up.
When there’s a job to do you can get it all done.

from the album
“Little Praise Party: Happy Day Everyday”

Anna-Catherine Fowler, guitar

THE PEOPLE CONFESS AND RECEIVE FORGIVENESS

The Kyrie Eleison

Invitation to Silent Confession

Prayer of Confession

God, we confess that our faith isn’t always steady.
In the midst of weariness, wickedness, and waywardness,
we often lose sight of the wholehearted hope that lies within your wisdom.
We admit that we need your strength to endure the hardships.
In the midst of chaos and calamity,
we struggle to grasp your unending love that has carried us thus far.
Pour out your wisdom and love upon us, O God.
Reignite our hope in you so that we may renew our strength.
Let your love be fuel and fertilizer for our faith
so that we may bear an abundance of fruit with our hands and hearts
for the sake of a more loving and just world. Amen.

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

GLORIA (Taizé)

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*Passing of the Peace*

Preschool children will leave with their teachers and may be picked up in Room 107 after Sermon TalkBack. Children in grades 1 - 5 are invited for a time of Children's Worship. Please meet Jennifer Jennings 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.

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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.

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED AND HEARD

The Epistle Lesson - Colossians 1:1-14 (NRSV adapted) Dana Mitchell

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God. In our prayers for you we always thank God, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God’s will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from God’s glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to God, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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.
“Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom”  
Come and seek the ways of Wisdom,  
she who danced when earth was new.  
Follow closely what she teaches,  
for her words are right and true.  
Wisdom clears the path to justice,  
showing us what love must do.

Listen to the voice of Wisdom,  
crying in the marketplace.  
Hear the Word made flesh among us,  
full of glory, truth, and grace.  
When the world takes root and ripens,  
peace and righteousness embrace.

Sister Wisdom, come assist us;  
nurture all who seek rebirth.  
Spirit-guide and close companion  
bring to light our sacred worth.  
Free us to become your people,  
holy friends of God and earth.

Sermon  
“Finding Wisdom to Endure”  
Rev. W. Benjamin Boswell

Time for Silent Reflection

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS TO GOD’S WORD

Church at Prayer  
Rev. Leigh Anne Hagerman

The Lord’s Prayer

Our God, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Offertory

Mobile giving is available – see page 8.

Gifts of loose cash in July will benefit Friendship Trays, which prepares and delivers meals to elderly, handicapped and convalescing individuals through the Charlotte-area Meals on Wheels” program.

Anthem

“In Thee, O Lord”  
The Chancel Choir  
Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

In Thee, O Lord, have I put my trust.  
Bow down Thine ear unto me, make haste to deliver me.  
Be Thou also my guide, O Lord.  
Draw me out of the net the wicked have thrown to ensnare me, for Thou art my God.  
Into Thine hands I commend my spirit.  
In Thee, O Lord, have I put my trust, for Thou hast redeemed me.  
O Lord, Thou God of truth.
Rice Bowl

If you wish to help alleviate hunger in the world through the Rice Bowl Offering, come forward and place your contribution in the basket at the Chancel steps. The Rice Bowl Offering is designated for Hunger Relief: Loaves and Fishes (local) and Stop Hunger Now (international).

*Presentation of Gifts

As the Deacons move down the center aisle, the congregation is asked to stand. This presentation to God enacts our self-offering and gratitude to God.

*The Doxology

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

*Prayer of Dedication

THE COMMUNITY IS SENT INTO THE WORLD FOR MINISTRY

*Procession into the World and Closing of the Bible

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

Benediction

Rev. W. Benjamin Boswell

Postlude

“Rigaudon”

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. Leigh Anne Hagerman, Church Administrator, Mia M. McClain, Associate Minister, Austin Maynor, Pastoral Intern, and Dana Mitchell, member of the congregation.

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

Today’s opening sentences were written by Austin Maynor, Pastoral Intern.

The acolytes are Amelia Grace Reeves, Ian Hull and Addison Hull.

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

Flowers on the altar are given by a group of women of the Church to the glory of God in loving memory of Sam Warner and as a continuing tribute to the wonderful past and present women of Myers Park Baptist Church who have contributed so much to make this a special place. Before Sam died, he lovingly created beautiful altar flower arrangements for several years in their honor.
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
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.

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**WEEKLY NEWS**

**MYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH**

**SUNDAY**

**JULY 21 2019**

**SUMMER WORSHIP**

10:00a Worship | 11:00a Sermon TalkBack
Rev. W. Benjamin Boswell Preaching

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Sunday, July 21, 2019
The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost | Rev. W. Benjamin Boswell Preaching
"Bringing It All Together" | Colossians 1:15-28

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**FEATURES**

**IDENTITY CRISIS**

**EXAMINING OUR IDENTITY**

Awakening Shalom Podcast Series: Identity Crisis
Who are we? How are we communicating who we are? What does it mean to be Baptist? Do denominations even matter anymore? What's in a name?

**Bob Thomason has this to say about the Identity Crisis Podcast series:**
"Our latest Forever Forward Strategic Plan committed us to an in-depth, formal Church identity and name review process. That process is nearing completion and soon the Congregation may be asked to consider a name change. No doubt you have heard about this in Worship, during TalkBack, and in the newsletter. But the most extensive discussion of this important issue has been "Identity Crisis" on our Church’s Awakening Shalom podcast. Rev. Ben Boswell and Mia McClain have thoroughly explored the broad background issues of church identity and naming. This background is critical for every Church member to understand as we contemplate our own identity and name.

If you are not a fan of podcasts or are not comfortable with the technology, there is good news. The last episode of the four-part series is a great summary of the relevant topics and you can easily access it on your computer either through iTunes or the Church website."
Town Hall Meetings
The Board of Deacons would like to hear your thoughts about the proposed governance structure changes that were presented at the Congregational Meeting on June 2. Three one-hour Town Hall meetings will be offered and will be led by Marcy McClanahan. Childcare will be provided. We encourage you to sign up to attend through myMPBC.

- Wednesday, July 24 | 11:30a - 1:00p with light lunch $5
- Saturday, August 17 | 10:00a
- Wednesday, September 21 | 7:00p

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

Make Sure You Have Your MPBC Shirt
Did you know that we have specially designed MPBC t-shirts for everyone to wear at various events like the PRIDE Parade, RAIN AIDS Walk, and MLK Holiday Parade (and of course any day you like)? You can purchase yours for $15 in the Church Office by contacting Caroline Manning (cmanning@myesparkbaptist.org | 704-334-7232 x 115).

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

Week 2 | July 17 | 6:00p | Chapters 3 and 4
Let there be... | A conversation on the creative diversity of the divine and our empowering role in creation.

Self-Help Credit Union Grand Opening Event
Thursday, July 18 | 11:00a - 1:00p
Join us to celebrate the grand opening of the Charlotte branch of Self-Help Credit Union. We have entered into a 3-year partnership with Self-Help, a mission-driven credit union committed to expanding ownership and economic opportunities for all. With our $100,000 investment, Self-Help C.U. will be able to continue supporting small businesses – specifically nonprofits – and helping families buy their first car, first home, or reduce high-cost debt. Rev. Ben Boswell and Mia McClain will present the check and give a few remarks around 11:30a. Please visit 1065 Providence Rd to make a deposit and help make a difference in the greater Charlotte community. Visit: www.self-help.org.

LOOKING AHEAD

MYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH
SUMMER WORSHIP
10:00a Worship | 11:00a Sermon TalkBack
Rev. Dr. Bill Leonard Preaching
SUNDAYS, JULY 28 & AUGUST 4

Sunday, July 28
The Seventh Sunday of Pentecost | Rev. Dr. Bill Leonard Preaching
"Prayer and Protest: A Minority Witness"
Summer at Myers Park Baptist would not be complete without a visit from our beloved professor Dr. Bill Leonard. He will preach back-to-back Sundays and lead TalkBack on both occasions.

Sunday, August 4
The Eighth Sunday of Pentecost | Jazz Worship in the Round | Rev. Dr. Bill Leonard Preaching
"Double-Edged Grace: Up Close (and At a Distance)"

Awakening to Environmental Injustice
Awakening to Environmental Injustice | Launching September 22

Reconciling with the earth, Reconciling with each other, Reconciling with God

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

We are a 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.

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

Jesus in the 21st Century will welcome
Catherine Keller, PhD | October 11-13

We are excited to welcome this year’s J21 Scholar, Catherine Keller, PhD, during the Awakening to Environmental Injustice series. Dr. Keller is the Professor of Constructive Theology at the Theological School of Drew University, with concentrations in ecological justice and feminist thought. She is author of On the Mystery: Discerning God in Process (we are reading and discussing this together in our Virtual Book Group - see above for more information) and Political Theology of the Earth: Our Planetary Emergency and the Struggle for a New Public, just to name a few. This will be a weekend you will not want to miss, full of engaging events such as a live podcast recording with Dr. Keller and Tripp Fuller from Homebrewed Christianity. Tell a friend and come on out!

Awakening Now! Featuring "Little Miss Flint"
Saturday, November 2 | Noon - 3:00p

Join us this fall for our first ever intergenerational Awakening Forum, featuring Amariyanna "Mari" Copeny, popularly known as "Little Miss Flint." In early 2016, the then 8-year-old from Flint, Michigan wrote a letter to President Obama, describing the unending plight of her community, 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.

Fall Faith Formation for Our Children

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

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

Intergenerational Family Retreat
February 28 - March 1
We will be heading to the mountains for a weekend of sabbath and fellowship at Montreat Conference Center. We are excited to announce that our retreat leader will be Rev. Dana Trent, author of Saffron Cross, For Sabbath’s Sake, Dessert First, and One Breath at a Time. Mark the dates Friday, February 28 - Sunday, March 1 on your calendars and stay tuned - many details to come!

COMMUNITY SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

Meditation With the Pastor
Wednesdays | 11:30a - Noon | Library
Rev. Ben Boswell will guide a weekly meditation on Wednesdays throughout the summer. This dedicated time begins with a word, poem, or insight pertaining to mindfulness, followed by peace, quiet, calm, clarity, and quite possibly a transformed life. Inhale, Exhale. Our lives rest in the balance of these simple actions. Come catch your breath with us.

Cornwell Center Workshop: Back Pain No More!
Wednesday, July 24 | 6:00 - 7:00p
Do you suffer with back pain? Would you like to find a way to feel better? Postural alignment expert Brent Williams from Iron Oak Fitness will teach you simple exercises to help keep you pain free. The class is free and no registration is required.

Stay Engaged This Summer - Join Us At The Ballgame!
Friday, July 26 | Start Time is 7:00p
This is a fun opportunity to get together and enjoy a night out supporting the Charlotte Knights. Tickets are $19 each and include a $2 gift card for food or beverage. Please RSVP through
myMPBC or by contacting Caroline Manning (cmanning@myersparkbaptist.org | 704.334.7232 x 115). Tickets can be picked up in the Church office.

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

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

**Rituals and Relationships**
School, work, sports, vacations, and more - our lives are full, and we are constantly moving. Taking time to talk can become challenging. Rituals and Relationships is designed to help families make space for this important time together. The topic for the week of July 15 will be "service - part 2." This session of Rituals and Relationships will be emailed to you, posted on the Children's Ministry Facebook Page, and the Children's Ministry website page. For more information, please contact Rev. Carrie Veal (cveal@myersparkbaptist.org | 704.334.7232 x 118).

**Summer Youth Gatherings**
This summer, we have fun opportunities to get together. MPBC youth are going to the Whitewater Center on August 13. Please check your inbox for an email from Allen Davis with details about this gathering and others. If you have any questions, please email him at adavis@myersparkbaptist.org.

**Hang Out with the Pastor**
**Monday, August 5 | 5:00p | The Common Market South End**
We get together on the first Monday of each month at 5:00p at The Common Market in South End at 235 W. Tremont Avenue. All are invited to this casual time of fellowship! Bring the family, bring your appetite, or just come and hang out. There is something for everyone. We hope to see you there.
**Stephen Ministry Is Here For You**
Are you feeling stressed, lonely or depressed? Do you need support? We are here to help. Contact Rev. Ben Boswell.

**SUNDAYS**

**Sermon TalkBack is Also Online!**
We continue our tradition of Sermon TalkBack following worship. We are excited to also offer online TalkBack. Rev. Ben Boswell will field questions from both those present in Heaton Hall and those who will be able to tune in online and send in their questions through the MPBC Facebook page. Our goal is to provide TalkBack to everyone who wishes to participate, even if they can’t be onsite. So, join the conversations this summer!

**Summer Sunday Morning Yoga**
On Sunday mornings, a Yoga 1, 2 class will be offered at 9:00a in the Cornwall Center’s Group Exercise Studio. This gentler, slower paced practice makes it more accessible for people of all sizes, ages, and fitness levels. It assists with stress management and restoration of the mind, body, and soul while creating an atmosphere of safety and comfort that fosters self-esteem and body awareness. Childcare is available in Room 107.

**Summer Choir - All Are Welcome!**
Summer is a great time for anyone who would like to give choir a try without making a commitment and for any who would love to sing throughout the year but are unable to do so to join us! Questions? Contact Matt Caine (mcaine@myesparkbaptist.org | 704.334.7232 x 158).
Our final summer rehearsal will be Thursday, August 8 from 7:00 - 8:00p in Berry Hall. For Sunday Worship we rehearse at 9:00a and service begins at 10:00a in the Sanctuary. *Please note that the choir will not sing on Sunday, August 4.*

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

**SCHEDULE**

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

Please remember the following members of our congregation (as of Tuesday, July 9, 2019.)

CMC- MAIN

- David English

DISCHARGED FROM A MEDICAL FACILITY

- Marion Wood

We rely on friends and relatives to keep us posted on hospitalizations, births and deaths. If you know of any member not listed, please contact Carol Cedar (704.334.7232 x 100 | ccedar@myersparkbaptist.org).
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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