



*A church dedicated to the glory of God
in the service of humanity through worship,
congregational care, Christian education
and the stewardship of life.*

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT;
MORAVIAN LOVE FEAST
30 November 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

Before Martin Luther nailed his ninety-five theses upon the Wittenberg Door in Germany, a group of reformers, called Moravians, were proclaiming a gospel of simple love, hope and faith in Jesus Christ. The Moravian Church was founded in 1457 in what is now the Czech Republic, making it the oldest continuously existing Protestant church in the world today. A leader in making the gospel available to all, the Moravian Church founded the first American school for women, Salem College, in 1772.

Moravians celebrate the Love Feast throughout the year. It is a devout service of solemn dignity which uses music as the central element to carry the message and to knit the congregation together. The sharing of a simple meal during the service is intended to foster the love and connectedness of the community. In 1956 beeswax candles were given as gifts to the children participating in Christmas services as a reminder of the Savior's gift of himself.

Maria Long

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

"Sleepers, Wake!"

*J. S. 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. We offer childcare during worship for children ages birth - age four. Please see an usher who will assist your family. 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 PROCESSION AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE
"Blest be the God of Israel"

Number 66
Merle's Tune

*THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF HOPE

Eric Whiteside and Rachel Hewitt

Leader: We light the first candle of Advent as the candle of Hope,
in memory and in thanksgiving for prophets old and new.
They lift our eyes to the coming of the kingdom of God
which heals and sets things right.
(Lighting the Candle of Hope.)

People: (singing)
O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lowly exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

+ *During the interlude, 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 fifth graders will remain in worship today.*

THE MEANING OF THE ADVENT LOVE FEAST

THE SERVING OF THE LOVE FEAST

Please wait for the blessing to be said before eating

Congregational Singing
Veni Emmanuel

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven’s peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Dayspring, 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!

“For Ages Women Hoped and Prayed”

Carol

For ages women hoped and prayed to bear th’ Anointed One,
Both Israel’s Savior and the world’s the new day’s shining Sun.
Did they not know? Did they not guess what pain would then be theirs?
If God’s Anointed graced their home in answer to their prayers?

Young Mary did not think to hope for miracles of birth.
And God chose her to be the one to make Christ’s home on earth.
So Mary sang her heartfelt praise of God who sets things straight;
The mighty fall, the weak are raised, the hungry fill their plate.

Our hearts rejoice as Mary’s song becomes our hymn of praise.
For Christ has come, Emmanuel! To claim our years and days.
Both present now and coming still, accomplished fact and dream,
We join the song that Mary sings, and earthly heavenly theme.

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”
O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary;
And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to all on earth.

“What Child is This”
What child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?
Refrain
Refrain:
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel!

Why lies he in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear, for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
Refrain
So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come, peasant, King, to own him;
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone him.
Refrain

St. Louis

Greensleeves

THE BLESSING

Come, Lord Jesus, our Guest to be
And bless these gifts bestowed by Thee.
Bless our dear ones everywhere
And keep them in Thy loving care. Amen.

Lauren Wood

THE MUSIC FOR THE LOVE FEAST

“What Sweeter Music”
What Sweeter music can we bring than a carol
for to sing the birth of this our heavenly king?
Awake the voice! Awake the string!
Dark and dull night, fly hence away,
and give the honor to this day that sees December turned to May.
Why does the chilling winter’s morn smile, like a field beset with corn? Or smell like a meadow newly shorn thus
on the sudden?
Come and see the cause, why things thus fragrant be:
’Tis he is born, whose quickening birth gives life and lustre, public mirth, to heaven and the under-earth.
We see him come, and know him ours, who, with his sunshine and his showers, turns the patient ground to
flowers.
The darling of the world is come, and fit it is, we find a room to welcome him.
The nobler part of all the house here, is the heart, which we will give him; and bequeath this holly, and this ivy
wreath, to do him honor;
who’s our king, and Lord of all this reveling.

The Motet Singers
John Rutter
(b. 1945)

(Robert Herrick, 1591-1574)

THE COLLECTION OF THE CUPS

THE HYMN

“Angels, From The Realms of Glory”
Angels, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o’er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation’s story,
Now proclaim Messiah’s birth:
Come and worship, Come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!

Congregational Singing
Regent Square

Shepherds, in the field abiding,
Watching o’er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
Yonder shines the infant Light:
Come and worship, Come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!

THE WORD OF GOD

The Reverend Ms. Maria W. Long

THE MEDITATION

“The Ponderings of the Heart”

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS TO GOD’S WORD

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE OFFERING

*The Loose Plate Missions Offering for Advent 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.)*

THE ANTHEM

“Somebody Build a Manger”

Somebody build a manger, down in Bethlehem, because an angel told me the King is on his way. (b. 1956)
Someone fill the lanterns. Someone light the way.
Someone find a stable where Emmanuel can stay.
Someone make him welcome, someone ring a bell.
Spread the tidings, share the joy!
Somebody go and tell everybody!
Somebody build a manger, down in Bethlehem, because an angel told me the King is on his way.
Somebody clean the stable, down in Bethlehem, because an angel told me the King is on his way.
Somebody light a lantern, down in Bethlehem, because an angel told me the King is on his way.
Someone set the table, someone spread the news.
Somebody find a pillow for the Prince of Peace to use.
Someone make him welcome, someone ring a bell.
Hear the tidings, spread the joy!
Somebody go and tell everybody!
Somebody spread the good news! Down in Bethlehem, because an angel told me that the King is on his way.

The Motet Singers
Joel Raney

*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

O Glorious God, to you we bring
All that we are as offering;
Spirit of hope, within us dwell;
Come, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Amen.

Old Hundredth

(text: Paula Meador Testerman)

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Megan Merritt

THE HYMN

(See page 7 in the order of worship.)

“Morning Star, O cheering sight!”

Hagen

Conor Dougherty, Tara McGee, Emma Monfore and Eleanor Teague

THE REFLECTION ON THE CANDLELIGHT

THE COMMUNITY DEPARTS FOR MINISTRY

*THE PROCESSION INTO THE WORLD AND CLOSING OF THE BIBLE

(See page 8 in the order of worship.)

“Christ the Lord, the Lord most glorious”

Christ the Lord

THE BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

Rowan Hinson

THE POSTLUDE

“Voluntary on *Veni Emmanuel*”

Robert J. Powell
(b. 1934)

* Those who wish may stand.

+ The ushers will seat those who are waiting.

Following worship, you are invited to coffee fellowship in Heaton Hall Foyer.

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and to answer any questions you may have about our church.*

ADVENT MEDITATION BOOKLETS are available in the Narthex of the Sanctuary,
at the Welcome Table in Heaton Hall Foyer and at the reception desk in the church office.

The meditations are contributed by members and friends of the MPBC community.

Daily meditations also will be posted to the MPBC Facebook page. Meditations are also posted online at www.mpbconline.org, in the form of a blog. If 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”)! Let voices from your faith community call you deeper into the spirit of Advent as we await the coming of Christ.

Leading worship today with The Reverend Ms. Maria W. Long, Member of the Congregation,
is The Reverend Ms. Robin Paterson Coira, Executive Minister.

The Motet Singers lead worship through music with
The Reverend Dr. Jonathan E. Crutchfield, Minister of Music,
and Dr. Matthew Manwarren, Assistant Organist.

The acolytes are Ryan Merritt, Wyndham Merrill and Megan Merritt.

The sound technician is Eric Roberts. The webcast technician is Rich Wheeler.

The Deacon of the Week for November 30-December 6 is
Nancy Culp, necbus@yahoo.com, 704.222.6902.

Advent Schedule 2014

Sunday, November 30 – Advent I

Moravian Love Feast

11:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary

Sunday, December 7 – Advent II

- Worship, *11:00 am in the Sanctuary*
- Carols in the Round
6:30 pm in Heaton Hall

Sunday, December 14 – Advent III

Service of Lessons and Carols

11:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 17

Wonderful Wednesday Family Dinner

5:45 pm in Heaton Hall

*(Reservations 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 Reception provided by the LGBT Fellowship
Group*

Sunday, December 21 – Advent IV

Worship, *11:00 am in the Sanctuary*

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 "drop in" in the Sanctuary

Morning Star, O Cheering Sight

HAGEN 7.7.3.3.7

Johann Scheffler, 1624-1677

Bennet Harvey, Jr., Tr., 1829-1894

F. F. Hagen, 1818-1907

Solo

1. Morn - ing Star, O cheer - ing sight! Ere Thou
 2. Morn - ing Star, Thy glo - ry bright Far ex -
 3. Thy glad beams, Thou Morn - ing star Cheer the
 4. Morn - ing Star, my soul's true Light, Tar - ry

Congregation

cam'st how dark earth's night! Morn - ing Star, O cheer - ing
 cels the sun's clear light: Morn - ing Star, Thy glo - ry
 na - tions near and far. Thy glad beams, Thou Morn - ing
 not, dis - pel my night; Morn - ing Star, my soul's true

Solo

sight! Ere Thou cam'st how dark earth's night! Je - sus
 bright Far ex - cels the sun's clear light. Je - sus
 star, Cheer the na - tions near and far; Thee we
 Light, Tar - ry not, dis - pel my night; Je - sus

Congregation

Solo

Congregation

mine, In me shine; In me shine, Je - sus mine; Fill my
 be, Con - stant - ly, Con - stant - ly, Je - sus be More than
 own, Lord a - lone, Lord a - lone, Thee we own Our great
 mine, In me shine; In me shine, Je - sus mine; Fill my

heart with light di - vine.
 thou - sand suns to me.
 Sav - ior, God's dear Son.
 heart with light di - vine.

Christ the Lord, the Lord Most Glorious

CHRIST THE LORD 8.7.8.7

John Miller, 1756-1790

Edward W. Leinbach, 1823-1901



1. Christ the Lord, the Lord most glo - rious, Now is born; O
2. Praise the Lord, for on us shin - eth Christ, the Sun of
3. Praise the Lord, Whose sav - ing splen - dor Shines in - to the
4. Praise the Lord, God our Sal - va - tion, Praise Him who re -



shout a - loud! We by Him are made vic - to - rious;
Right - eous - ness; He to us in love in - clin - eth,
dark - est night; O what prais - es shall we ren - der
trieved our loss; Sing, with awe and love's sen - sa - tion,



Praise your Sav - ior, hail your God!
Cheers our souls with par - d'ning grace.
For this ne - ver - ceas - ing Light.
Hal - le - lu - jah, God with us.

THE CHURCH IN WITNESS AND MISSION

TODAY

NOVEMBER 30: THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT; MORAVIAN LOVE FEAST; THE REVEREND MS. MARIA W.

LONG PREACHING

- 8:30 Charlotte Community of Mindfulness Meditation Group (also 10:15-11:00am), Room 27
- 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 Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 11:00 Worship in the Sanctuary
- 12:00 Coffee Fellowship, Heaton Hall Foyer
- 12:00 Guest Welcome, Welcome Table in Heaton Hall Foyer
- 3:30 Hymn Sing, Parlor
- 5:00 Youth Choir Rehearsal, Berry Hall
- 6:00 Youth Supper and Fellowship, Youth Hall and Cornwell Gym (ends at 8:00)

INFORMAL HYMN SING - Join us this afternoon from 3:30-5:00pm in the Parlor off Heaton Hall Foyer, to sing the hymns we love and to enjoy sharing our Church's songs together.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY

OUR NEXT WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY WILL BE DECEMBER 17:

- 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 in Heaton Hall Foyer following the pageant.

COMMUNITY LIFE

SPORTS FANS GROUP DINNER - Wednesday, December 3 at 6:15pm in Heaton Hall. All are invited to this fun evening with speaker, and fellow church member, Ryan McGee. Ryan is a Senior Writer for *ESPN The Magazine* and he covers SEC football and NASCAR. The cost of \$10 includes dinner and the program. For reservations, contact Tobie Steele (tksteele@carolina.rr.com or 704.365.3816) or Rick Bahnsen (rbahnsen@bellsouth.net or 704.752.7871).

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. If 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")!

ENROLL IN DISCIPLESHIP CLASS AND SELECT A MENTOR BY DECEMBER 1 - All 8th graders are invited to join! Discipleship Class will begin Sunday, January 11 and conclude Sunday, March 29. In this class our youth go through a discernment process for baptism to join the Church. To enroll, please email Chris Hughes at chughes@mpbconline.org (by December 1) with the youth's name and the name of their mentor. If you would like to know more about choosing a mentor, feel free to contact Chris for more information.

CONNECTIONS PROPOSALS NEEDED - Do you have an idea for a fun group activity? Want to host a potluck? Do you have a 4-6 week small group activity you'd like to create? Connections is asking for proposals to be submitted by December 5. Just go to the church website homepage, www.mpbconline.org, and click on the link to Connections Proposals.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT - Saturday, December 6, 4:30-8:00pm. Parents, are you in need of a night out? If you answered yes, the Ministry of Faith Formation is providing you with the opportunity. For a small fee of \$15 -\$45 (depending on the number of children registered), you may take the evening off knowing that your child(ren) (ages 8 weeks-5th grade) are not only being cared for, but are having a fantastic time with friends at their Church. Register by December 1 at <https://mpbconline.org/event/parents-night-out/>.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

PLEASE PLEDGE YOUR SUPPORT FOR MPBC FOR 2015 NOW! We shared a joyful morning of worship and a hearty Thanks-For-Giving meal on Commitment Sunday, as many members brought forth their financial commitments for our 2015 budget. On the Monday morning after Commitment Sunday, we had pledges totaling about 72% of last year's pledge total. That's good progress, but we still have a way to go to fund a 2015 budget that will enable us to pay our staff, create exciting new programs and worship opportunities, maintain our beautiful buildings and campus, and attract a dynamic new senior minister. If you still need to make your pledge, please:

- Pledge online at: <https://mpbconline.org/make-a-pledge/>.
- Call our Church Administrator, Barry Metzger, at 704.334.7232 x16.
- Email Barry at bmetzger@mpbconline.org. Please include your name and total 2015 pledge amount.
- Complete your pledge card and drop it off in the Church office anytime.

OUTREACH

LAKEWOOD ANGEL TREE - Would you like to be an angel for a child in need this Christmas? If so, please visit the Angel Tree for the children of Lakewood neighborhood located in the Cornwell Center Lobby. You can select a tag for a boy or girl, newborn through 18 years old. Please remember to sign out your choice at the Cornwell Center Welcome Desk. We ask that you return your unwrapped gift (\$50 max.) with the selected tag to The Cornwell Center by 5:00pm on Thursday, December 4. Please contact Chini Nichols at 704.651.5620 for more information.

ROOM IN THE INN (RITI) BEGINS DECEMBER 6 and continues every Saturday through the end of March. We will once again 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.

FAMILY PROMISE DECEMBER 14-18 - Volunteers needed to help host and serve a meal at the Family Promise Elizabeth House. Overnight hosts have their OWN room, with separate bathroom; dinner providers are needed for Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday. Please find room in your busy holiday schedule to serve our families in transition. You can sign up on the Church website, www.mpbconline.org/shelter-programs/ or email Cindy Clemens, cclemens@charlottenc.gov. If you would like to help provide "Welcome Baskets" for these families, contact Cindy Clemens.

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.

PROPERTY AND GROUNDS

PLANS FOR A MEMORY GARDEN outside the conference room window have been drawn and are displayed on an easel in Heaton Hall Foyer. This garden will join with the office entrance garden planted last fall, and wrap 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/>.

CAROLS IN THE ROUND - Christmas comes early to Charlotte with our annual "Carols in the Round" by The Motet Singers. Please plan to join us on Sunday, December 7 at 6:30pm in Heaton Hall for an hour of beautiful Christmas carols sung by candlelight. Familiar Christmas hymns will be sung by everyone as we usher in the joy of the season. Bring your friends and family to this free concert.

LESSONS AND CAROLS - On Sunday, December 14 at 11:00am we celebrate Advent through our annual Service of Lessons and Carols. Bible stories leading to the birth of Jesus will be read by lay readers; anthems will be sung by all our choirs; and the congregation will sing Christmas carols. It is a beautiful and moving worship service. Bring family and friends with you.

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC HAS MANY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES TO OFFER. Each position enables our worship services to run smoothly and beautifully. Here are some current openings we hope you will seriously consider:

- COMMUNION SERVANT LEADERSHIP GROUP needs volunteers to help with Communion. Training will be provided. Please contact Jeanette Cox at 980.875.9190 or jlcox@aol.com for more details or to volunteer.
- ACOLYTES SERVANT LEADERSHIP GROUP is seeking to enlist and train all 6th graders who wish to become acolytes. Please contact Susan Trammell at 704.442.7313 or srtramme@gmail.com for details or to volunteer.
- USHERS are needed. Ushers provide the first personal contact, welcoming anyone attending a service in the sanctuary and overseeing the logistical needs for a meaningful spiritual experience. Ushering is an excellent first job if you are a new member. Training is provided. Please contact Charles Dickerson at 704.367.0916 or dickersoncharles@bellsouth.net to volunteer.

THE CORNWELL CENTER

HOLIDAY CLOSING - The Cornwell Center will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 27, but will be open regular hours on Friday, November 28.

SANTA IS COMING TO THE CORNWELL CENTER on Wednesday, December 10 from 3:30-5:30pm. It's never too early to plan for this! While you are there, visit Santa's Workshop in the Art Studio to create the perfect gift or holiday decoration. Professional photos with Santa are \$10.

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS ART EXHIBIT AND SALE AND SANTA'S WORKSHOP - Come by December 8-January 3 to enjoy this community exhibition and art sale 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. Details on the Art Studio page at www.cornwellcenter.org.

HOLIDAY SPORTS CAMP - Mondays and Wednesdays, 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.

LOOKING AHEAD

DECEMBER 7: THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT; RICE BOWL; THE REVEREND DR. EVERETT C. GOODWIN PREACHING

- 8:30 Charlotte Community of Mindfulness Meditation Group (also 10:15-11:00am), Room 27
- 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
- 10:15 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 Rehearsal, Berry Hall
- 6:00 Youth Supper and Fellowship, Youth Hall and Cornwell Gym (ends at 8:00)
- 6:30 Carols in the Round, Heaton Hall

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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