

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you gave your only Son
to die for the sin of the world:
We confess that we often fail to hold firmly
to the message of resurrection.
We have not responded to your love with our whole hearts;
we too often fall victim to despair and fear;
we are indifferent to the cries of the poor
and calls for peace;
we, who should praise you every day, are strangely silent.
Take away the sting of death
and put within us your victory for life.
In Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

...In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.

Anthem

Beautiful One (8:30) Tim Hughes, arr. Luke Gambill
"Alleluia" from *Exsultate, jubilate* (9:45, 11:00) W.A. Mozart

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

† Hymn of Preparation No. 420 (stanza 1)

Breathe on Me, Breath of God TRENTHAM

† Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Silent Meditation

Choral Call to Prayer

Spirit of the Living God
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Prayers of the People

After each petition, we enter into the prayer together with these words:
Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Praise His Holy Name (8:30) Keith Hampton
My Eternal King (9:45, 11:00) Jane Marshall
My God, I love Thee;
not because I hope for heav'n thereby,
Nor yet because who love Thee not must die eternally.
Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me upon the cross embrace;
For me didst nails and spear, and manifold disgrace.

Why, then why, O blessed Jesus should I not love Thee well?
Not for the hope of winning heav'n, or of escaping hell;
Not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward;
But as Thyself hast loved me, O everloving Lord!
E'en so I love Thee, and will love, and in Thy praise will sing;
Solely because Thou art my God, and my Eternal King.

† Doxology LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

† Prayer of Dedication

† Thanksgiving

*Today we celebrate the ministry of our World Outreach Committee,
which offers leadership to our global mission programs allowing our
congregation to be in relationship with our brothers and sisters
around the world.*

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

† Hymn No. 57

O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing AZMON

† Litany of Farewell (9:45, 11:00)

Leader: Lord, you have called your servant Kevin to a new place, a
new community, and new tasks.
People: We are sad to see him go, but as he has been your gift to
us, so now he leaves to be your gift to others. Strengthen
him for the new ministry to which you have called him.
Leader: We acknowledge that it was your Holy Spirit who brought
us together and has been present with us in our tears and
our laughter, our work and our worship.
People: Fill him now with the power of your Spirit, that he may
grow in your grace and in the knowledge of your love,
so that he may be a blessing to many.
Leader: We pray for the community to which he goes, that they will
love Kevin, support him, learn from him, and encourage
him.
People: We pray for our own community, that you will keep us
faithful to the vision that Kevin has shared with us.
Leader: With grateful hearts, we commend him to your care as he
begins this new journey in his life.
All: We pray that Kevin may go in peace, supported by our
love and prayers. May he go in joy, with the assurance
that the bonds of our love in Christ cannot be broken.
Amen.

† Benediction

† Benediction Response

Go Now In Peace (8:30) Don Besig

Lift High the Cross (9:45, 11:00) CRUCIFER

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore His sacred name.
Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign.
The hosts of God in unity combine.
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore His sacred name.

† Closing Voluntary

"The Rejoicing" from *Suite in G* Charles Callahan

† Stand as you are able

WORSHIP LEADERS

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PREACHER

Rev. Kevin Wright, Minister of Missions

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LITURGISTS

Rev. Barbara Barden, Minister of Education

Dr. James C. Howell, Senior Minister

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LAY READERS

Rick Gurunian (8:30), Bill Tobias (9:45), John Harmeling (11:00)

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MUSICIANS

James R. Jones, Director of Music and Organist

Allyson Ware, Youth Choir Director (8:30)

Natalie Secrest, accompanist (8:30)

Youth Choir (8:30)

Susanna Booth and Alex Griffith, soloists (8:30)

Dr. Catherine Hicks, guest organist (9:45, 11:00)

Chancel Choir (9:45, 11:00)

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CRUCIFERS

Lauren Powell (8:30), Drew Paden (9:45), Brent Thompson (11:00)

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ACOLYTES

Lily Rhook O'Connor and Jacob Shuman (8:30)

Ansley Cowan and David Cowan (9:45)

Evan Thompson and Micah Burris (11:00)

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BIBLE CARRIERS

Porter Kennedy (8:30), Caitlyn Waters (9:45), Skyler Burris(11:00)

GOOD MORNING

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God and in
memory of *Mr. and Mrs. John Borer, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Moon and Mr. and
Mrs. James Russell* by *Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Spitzhoff*, who were married in
the Sanctuary on Saturday, April 14.

WELCOME, VISITORS Ushers, clergy, staff and church members are glad to
answer any questions you might have about the life of the church. You are
encouraged to drop by the Welcome Center in the lobby of the Parish Life
Building Sundays from 8:30 a.m. to noon to pick up information about our
congregation, plus a simple gift. Have questions during the week about the
church? Call 704-376-8584. Or visit www.mpumc.org anytime.

WELCOME, CHILDREN Bright blue bags with activities for children are at the Sanctuary and Jubilee Hall entrances. Thank you for returning them to the door after worship.

LEARN ABOUT THE CHURCH Do you want to learn more about United Methodism and Myers Park United Methodist Church? The monthly Newcomer Orientation will be at 9:45 a.m. today in Francis Chapel, located just off the lobby of the Parish Life Building. Details: Rev. Shane Page at 704-295-4823 or shane@mpumc.org.

SUNDAY CHECK-IN FOR CHILDREN There's an easy, automated check-in system now for parents dropping off their little one for child care on Sunday. Parents can use the computers in The Children's Circle preschool area and print out a name tag that includes each child's classroom. The system includes security tags for parents and children. During the start of the new system, we'll begin with children in preschool classes and younger. To volunteer to help with check-in, reach Kristen McCulley at Kristen@mpumc.org.

CHILD CARE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN Child care for special needs children age 12 and under is offered each Sunday for the 11:00 a.m. service in Room 164 in The Children's Circle preschool area. You don't need reservations. Details: Kristen McCulley at Kristen@mpumc.org.

WANT TO PROVIDE ALTAR FLOWERS? Those wanting to provide altar flowers in memory or honor of a loved one can contact Rebecca Kerley at 704-295-4812 or rebecca@mpumc.org. Available dates: July 8 and September 9, 23 and 30.

HELP TO HEAR The Sanctuary has a hearing loop system. If you have a hearing aid with a program for the telephone, switch your aid to the telecoil, or T setting. If your aid does not have a telephone program, contact your provider and ask them to set a program for M&T, which will turn on the telecoil and microphone. Questions? Reach Ron Clontz at 704-295-4845 or rclontz@mpumc.org.

MAKE ROOM, PLEASE You are encouraged to move toward the middle of the Sanctuary pews to help ushers accommodate our late-arriving friends and neighbors.

HOLY COMMUNION EACH SUNDAY You can celebrate Holy Communion each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the small chapel behind the Sanctuary except when it is celebrated in worship services.

RIDE THE SUNDAY SHUTTLE Don't worry about having to find a parking spot. The Sunday shuttle bus service runs from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. between the church and Myers Park Traditional at 2132 Radcliffe Avenue off Selwyn Avenue. Signs mark pick-up and drop-off spots. Ridership totaled a record 235 on Easter Sunday morning!

CLASS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS YOUTH The Trailblazers class for children and youth with special needs meets at 4:30 p.m. each Sunday in Room 107 of the Parish Life Building, offering a lovely hour of learning and fellowship. New participants are especially welcome, as are parents. To learn more, reach Rev. Shane Page at 704-295-4823 or shane@mpumc.org.

YOUTH MINISTRIES Youth in grades 6-12 meet each Sunday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Building for supper and a program. All youth are welcome. The meal is \$5. No reservations are needed. Tonight: The start of a four-part series on *Who Jesus Is And What It Truly Means To Follow Him*. For more on Youth Ministries, reach Lauren Taylor at 704-295-4832 or lauren@mpumc.org or Bryant Johnson at 704-295-4834 or bryant@mpumc.org.

SAY GOOD-BYE TO KEVIN

Join us at a reception today at noon in Jubilee Hall to offer Minister of Missions Kevin Wright prayers, blessings and gratitude as he leaves for Foundry United Methodist Church in Washington, D.C. Refreshments will be served. A love offering is being taken for Kevin. Checks can be made out to the church with *Love Offering* in the memo line and put in the Sunday offering plate, brought to the front desk in the lobby of the Parish Life Building, mailed to 1501 Queens Road, Charlotte, NC 28207 or brought to the table at the entrance to Jubilee Hall.

YOUNG ADULTS NEWS All ages 20 to 35 are invited to new book study, on *Toxic Charity* by Robert Lupton, starting at 7:00 p.m. this evening in Room 104 of the Parish Life Building New and current Young Adults Ministry participants from age 20 to 35 are welcome. Each person who attends tonight will receive a free book. No pre-reading is required. The study will continue Sunday evenings for seven weeks. Details: Ryan Blalock at 704-295-4821 or ryanb@mpumc.org.

THIS WEEK

GENERAL CONFERENCE PREVIEW

Dr. Howell at 7:00 p.m. tomorrow, in Francis Chapel will preview the 2012 General Conference. The United Methodist's top legislative body will meet April 24 to May 4 in Tampa, Fla. Dr. Howell is among 988 delegates who will set church policy and direction. Monday evening, he will survey the issues, familiarize people with the process and explain what's at stake. Church member Mark Edwards will also share that evening about the state of the denomination and conference budgets.

WORKOUT 180 Ready to exercise? The next *Workout 180* class for all ages and fitness levels starts Monday, April 16. Classes are from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Monday and Friday in Room 054 across from the Youth Building Gym. The 16-week session is \$100, or prorated. Details: Dana Cooklish at 615-957-8276 or danacooklish@yahoo.com.

TRY YOGA A new (and gentle) eight-week class is Mondays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Room 031 in the basement of the Snyder Building. No registration is needed. Cost is \$60. Bring a mat. Not sure? The first class is free. Cost/details: Bob Boll at yogabob@me.com.

GET FIT Physical therapist Suzi Rosen leads a popular fitness class Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Life Building basement, aimed at age 55 and over. Cost/details: srosen@carolina.rr.com.

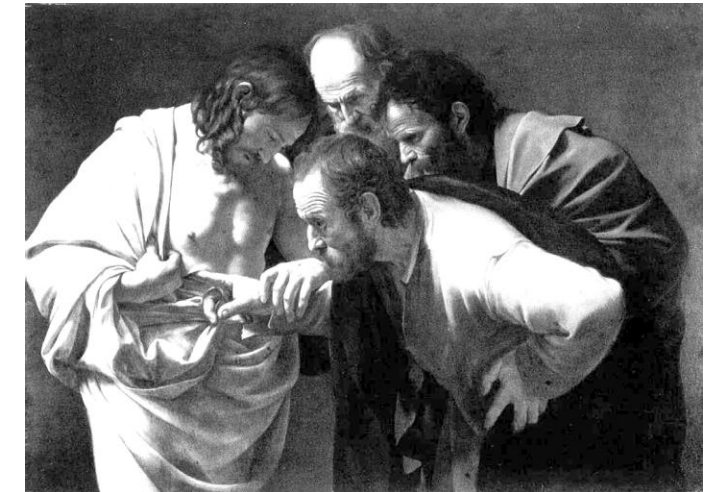
SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m. – Sanctuary Worship
8:45 a.m. – Church in the Round – Jubilee Hall
9:30 a.m. – Communion – Sanctuary Chapel
9:45 a.m. – Sanctuary Worship
9:45 a.m. – Sunday School
11:00 a.m. – Sanctuary Worship

Myers Park United Methodist Church Mission Statement:
We are the body of Christ, growing in faith and serving others.

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The Incredulity of Saint Thomas, Caravaggio, 1601-02

A Service of Christian Worship
April 15, 2012 **8:30, 9:45 and 11:00 a.m.**

Second Sunday of Easter

WE GATHER

Welcome

Please pass the hospitality pads at this time.

Chiming of the Holy Trinity

Opening Voluntary

Variations on DIADEMATA arr. Jerry Westenkuehler

† **Call to Worship** from Psalms 16 and 150

Our hearts are glad, and our souls rejoice;
our bodies dwell secure.

**You show us the path of life
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

† **Processional Hymn No. 327** DIADEMATA
Crown Him With Many Crowns

† **The Creed No. 881** The Apostles' Creed

† **Gloria Patri No. 71** GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

SINGLE POINTE TUESDAY The Single Pointe group for singles age 40 and over will meet for a dinner program at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, in Room 106 of the Parish Life Building. Rev. Bill Roth will speak on *Tools For Overcoming Anxiety*. Dinner is \$7. RSVP by noon April 16 to 704-376-5520 (ext. 5900) or cmull@mpumc.org.

ADULTS PLUS! TO SAVOR BARBECUE Everyone age 55 and over is welcome to the monthly meeting of Adults Plus!, the next one at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 18, in Room 104 of the Parish Life Building. Barbecue cook/expert and author Dan Huntley – aka Dan The Pigman – will present the program, then serve a barbecue lunch for \$5 in Jubilee Hall. For reservations by noon April 16, call 704-376-5520 (ext. 5200) or e-mail cmull@mpumc.org.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR The Children's Choir for K-5 meets at 5:00 p.m. each Wednesday in the rehearsal hall in the Snyder Building. All children are welcome. Details: Allyson Ware at 704-295-4810 or aware@mpumc.org.

H.O.T. WEDNESDAY, HOLY COMMUNION H.O.T. Wednesday offers a meal and fellowship from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in Jubilee Hall. This week's menu: Taco Night – Chicken strips, seasoned beef, taco shells, lettuce, cheese, sour cream, salsa, Spanish rice, black beans, desserts and ice cream. Weekly menus and prices are at www.mpumc.org. For reservations by noon each Tuesday, call 704-376-5520 (ext. 5600) or e-mail jsmith@mpumc.org. A brief Holy Communion service is at 5:15 p.m. in Francis Chapel each Wednesday that H.O.T. Wednesday meets.

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD The Administrative Board will meet on Thursday, April 19, in Room 108 of the Parish Life Building – dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting at 7. Church members are welcome to come and ask questions and follow along as lay leaders conduct the business of the church. Details: Executive Director JoAnn Horstman at 704-295-4844 or jhorstman@mpumc.org.

COMING SOON

JUBILEE PLUS! You are encouraged to fill out and return your *Jubilee Plus!* Estimate of Giving card supporting world and local outreach and scholarships for Christian education in 2012. *Jubilee Plus!* was moved from the autumn stewardship campaign to springtime to focus more attention on it. An Estimate of Giving card and brochure were mailed to homes. A video by church member Albert Dulin celebrating the effort is at www.mpumc.org. Pledges can also be made online at www.mpumc.org. Details: Executive Director JoAnn Horstman at 704-295-4844 or jhorstman@mpumc.org.

SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY The annual Senior Recognition Sunday, when high school seniors who belong to the Church are honored, will be at the 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary service Sunday, April 22.

YOUTH MUSICAL Come and enjoy middle and high school youth of the Church perform the musical, *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 22, in Jubilee Hall, an hour of fun for families. Church member Jamey Varnadore is directing. Lisa Blanton is doing the choreography. A love offering will be taken for the *St. Luke's Fund*, which helps church members in financial need. Checks can be made out to the church with *St. Luke's Fund* in the memo line.

SPRING CARNIVAL You (and especially your children and grandchildren) are invited to enjoy the Children's Circle Spring Carnival from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 28, in the Parish Life Building parking lot, with games, rides, ponies, a silent auction, Chick-fil-A and more. The event supports preschool enrichment materials, capital equipment needs and Freedom School. To volunteer to help with the carnival or donate auction items (a service such as cooking, gardening, babysitting, tennis and golf lessons or a merchandise item), reach Kursten Callahan at 704-877-1626 or kmacheel@mac.com. Church youth and confirmation class volunteers will earn service hours for their contribution.

WOMEN'S BANQUET APRIL 29 All women are invited to the *Every Woman's Banquet* at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, April 29, in Jubilee Hall. Ruth Wiertzema will talk about her ministry at the Red Bird Missionary Conference in Southeastern Kentucky. Church member and author Catherine Ritch will join her on the piano. The dinner program hosted by United Methodist Women is \$10 payable at the door. Reservations are due by April 23 at 704-376-5520 (ext. 5100).

GIVE AND GET FIT Church member Jason Rhymer will lead a fitness classe for all levels and ages at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, May 5, in the Parish Life Building parking lot. The \$10 donation will support the Youth Pilgrimage of Hope to Kenya June 13-23. Details: Jason Rhymer at 704-661-5301 or Jason@rhymerfitness.com.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Vacation Bible School is 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. June 18-21, with registration now open. VBS is for age four through fifth grade. This year's theme is *Operation Overboard: Dare To Go Deep With God*.

SUMMER FUN DAYS Registration is open for Summer Fun Days, scheduled July 9-13 and 16-20, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for preschool and kindergarten, and 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for elementary-age children. Look for brochures at www.mpumc.org and around the church.

LANDS OF THE BIBLE CRUISE Bishop Larry Goodpaster will lead a *Lands of the Bible Cruise 2012* to Israel, Egypt and other locales, departing November 9 for 13 days. Brochures are on the reading rack across from the front desk in the lobby of the Parish Life Building. Details: Tom Sigmon at 704-532-7167 or trsigmin@carolina.rr.com.

GO. SERVE. LOVE.

FAMILY PROMISE The church next hosts Family Promise April 29 to May 6, offering hospitality, food and weeklong housing to our neighbors in need. New volunteers are needed to serve alongside our veterans for one or more shifts during the week. For more information, and scheduling shifts, visit www.mpumc.org/serve or reach De Cordell at dcordell@nfp.com, Dolly Dudley at dollydudley@earthlink.net or Anne Marie Wicker at anne.wicker@myglobalit.com.

SUPPLIES FOR FREEDOM SCHOOL The church is currently collecting supplies for the Freedom School enrichment program for 100 students in Grades K-8 at Sedgefield Elementary School, starting June 18. These new supplies can go in the collection bin by the front desk in the lobby of the Parish Life Building: Construction paper, markers (washable broad tip), scissors (child's blunt tip), erasers (pink rectangular), pencils, glue sticks, poster board and composition notebooks. Details: Becky Abernethy at 704-295-4826 or babernethy@mpumc.org.

WALK AGAINST HOMELESSNESS Charlotte Family Housing invites all to the *Yellow Brick Road Walk* from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. today starting at Independence Park at 345 Hawthorne Lane. Our church is cosponsoring the event, raising money for and awareness of homeless families. Register online at www.cfhyellowbrickroad.org.

LIVE STREAMING ON SUNDAY Myers Park United Methodist live streams the 11:00 a.m. service each Sunday at www.mpumc.org.

DONATE SMOKE ALARMS Donations of battery-powered, UL-approved smoke alarms and nine-volt batteries are welcome by the front desk in the lobby of the Parish Life Building. The donations honor the Oxriders, church members whose smoke alarm sounded the recent night that fire gutted their home. The alarms and batteries will go to the Charlotte Fire Department, which installs them for those who need help. Details: 704-295-4819 or ken@mpumc.org.

PLANNED GIVING An effort has begun quietly to inspire support for Myers Park United Methodist Church through planned giving – outright gifts, remembering the church in your estate and the like. The Wesley Foundation is the church endowment through which long-term support is made. Those wanting to learn more, schedule a meeting or arrange a speaker for a class or small group can reach Executive Director JoAnn Horstman at 704-295-4844 or jhorstman@mpumc.org.