

# WE BELIEVE THE LORD BROUGHT YOU HERE!

Welcome to UPPC! We are so glad you are here, and we would love to meet you. Visit the Welcome Center near the front doors to learn more about the ministry of UPPC, our community and opportunities to connect.

We hope your time with us today creates a meaningful encounter with Jesus.

## ROOTED IN RELATIONSHIP

“Does your church have small groups?”

The answer is “yes!” Of course, many people in the UPPC community develop friendships over time and grow in life and faith together in groups smaller than Sunday morning worship services.

Additionally, UPPC offers an intentional small group introduction called Rooted. Rooted is not a class – it’s a group. Rooted groups meet for ten weeks to learn and practice seven rhythms of discipleship. They learn through daily reading and journaling, with a weekly meet-up to share and learn from each other. Rooted groups also have special experiences: the Prayer Experience, Serve Experience, and a time at the end to share how God has been working in their lives. Rooted is facilitated by peers who have previously been in Rooted groups, and the whole program is supported by UPPC’s Discipleship Team.

Karin was in a Rooted group last spring and shared: “I had fallen into passive Christianity. The weekly Rooted gatherings and the time spent daily in the Rooted writings energized me to recommit myself to being an active participant in my faith.”

Amanda has just finished Rooted this Fall and wrote: “I was looking for a group in which I would have an opportunity to meet people in the church and have more than a passing conversation. I found these things -- and more -- in the Rooted experience. I am grateful for those that I met in the group, not just familiar faces, but knowing their story. I was thankful that the program prompted me to think about a particular topic each week. Though I have had a long history and much respect for UPPC, I had not felt personally connected to the people and the purpose, until now.”

Adult Discipleship Opportunities begin Sundays, January 7 – March 24, 5:30-7:30pm. Learn more at [UPPC.org/events](https://UPPC.org/events)



## SERVICE INFORMATION

The Promise: A New Song  
Isaiah 9:2-3  
Rev. Aaron Stewart, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Mike Moffitt, Associate Pastor

### THE PROMISE OF CHRISTMAS

**Prelude:** *Instrumental Christmas Medley* | by Loren Tucker

**Little Drummer Boy** | For King and Country  
JB McMullen, Soloist

**Ring The Bells / O Come O Come Emmanuel** | Bradley Knight

#### Welcome & Call to Worship

**Christmas Worship Medley** | Cliff Duren  
Lauren Molinaro, Soloist & Narration

**Candle of Peace:** The Bishop Family

**Christmas Hymn** | Robert Sterling  
Jessica Reid & Allie Butler, Soloists

#### Reflection

**The Promise** | David Hamilton  
Emmiline Koweh, Soloist; Josh & Gretchen Boyt, Narration

**Light Of The World (Sing Hallelujah)** | Cliff Duren  
Melinda Tucker & Lisa Priestley, Soloists

#### Offering & Community Life

**Christmas Medley** | Bradley Knight

**This Is Our Joy** | Cliff Duren  
Ethan Muniu, Soloist

#### The Blessing

**Postlude:** *Christmas Medley Reprise* | Bradley Knight

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Diana Greene, Minister of Worship; Loren & Melinda Tucker, Directors of Contemporary Worship; UPPC Orchestra, Chancel Choir, Contemporary Choir, Singers & Band, Youth Chorus and Alleluia Singers

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WAYS TO GIVE AT UPPC:

- Baskets in lobby
- Online: [UPPC.org/give](https://UPPC.org/give)

Wifi: UPPC Guest | Password: welcome2

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## UNIVERSITY PLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 10, 2023

### The Promise of Christmas

# CONNECT

 in person - online - get the app!

## Friendship in The Wayside (55+)

Thursday, January 18 | 11:15am -1:00pm

Bring a friend for a light lunch and to catch up with others! The Wayside café will be open and purchases will support UPPC youth ministries. It's a great time of fellowship! Contact Jill McMullen with questions. [jmcmullen@uppc.org](mailto:jmcmullen@uppc.org) | 253.564-2522 ext139

## Meet The Pastors

January 21 | 12:15pm | Family Worship Room

New to UPPC? We'd love to get to know you! Meet the pastors, staff and others looking for community. Coffee is on us! Questions? Contact Kathy Goertz. [kgoertz@uppc.org](mailto:kgoertz@uppc.org) | 253.564.2522 ext147

## ALPHA at UPPC

Begins January 7

Get acquainted with the landscape of Christianity at Alpha - People need a space to ask the big questions of life in a place where they will be accepted and belong. Alpha is that place. Enjoy dinner, and explore meaning, faith, and the basics of Christianity among new friends. Childcare available with registration. [UPPC.org/events](http://UPPC.org/events)

## Divorce Recovery

Thursdays | February 15 - March 28

Divorce Recovery at UPPC is a safe place to share your thoughts, feelings and emotions and to begin the process of healing through faith, hope and love. More information at [UPPC.org/events](http://UPPC.org/events).

## Fun Fair

SAVE THE DATE | February 3, 2024

Join us for this free community event for families with kids 5th grade and younger. Games, crafts, lunch and lots of FUN. See you there!



## The Promise

Join us Sundays in December

A promise is an assurance that a certain thing will come to pass. People make promises they can't always keep but God is different. When He makes a promise, we can be confident that He will fulfill it. The Bible is full of God's promises, including the promise of a Savior. This Christmas we will celebrate that Jesus came as the Messiah, the One who would save the people from their sins. Jesus fulfilled all the prophecies spoken of Him through the ages, and in Jesus, we see a beautiful picture of the fullness of God.

## Blue Christmas

Wednesday December 21 | 7pm | Sanctuary and [UPPC.org/live](http://UPPC.org/live)

Christmas is a magnifier. It can make the good in life seem really good, and the difficult things more challenging. Feelings of loneliness and isolation are especially intense this time of year and if you've lost a loved one, Christmas can be a really hard time. We also know there is hope and peace beyond our circumstances. Join us for a service designed to acknowledge our grief and loss, and focus on the promise of hope. Attend in person or via livestream.

## UPPC Community Christmas

Donate TODAY in the lobby

We need your support! Families Unlimited Network has seen a large increase in the number of families seeking food assistance this year, which means we have a record high number of families we will serve through Community Christmas. The average cost to support a family of 4 is \$110. Your monetary donations this week will help us assist families in our community at Christmas! Donate today at [UPPC.org/give](http://UPPC.org/give) and select "Community Christmas" from the drop-down menu.

# PRAYERS

Jill McMullen, Minister of Care | 253.564.2522 ext 139 | [jmcmullen@uppc.org](mailto:jmcmullen@uppc.org)

If you would like to share a prayer request or praise, email [prayerrequests@uppc.org](mailto:prayerrequests@uppc.org).

If you would like info on support groups, or for a deacon to pray with you during the week, contact Jill McMullen.

- Prayers for the continued conflict between Israel and Hamas: may the shalom of Almighty God, the love of Jesus Christ, and the presence of the Holy Spirit bring forth justice and peace in this troubled land.

## CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR

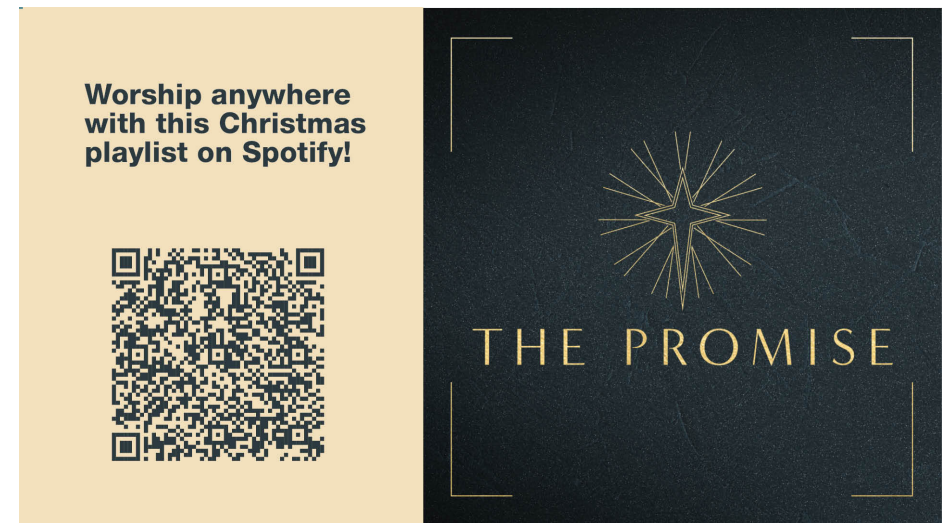
Taekme Benedict, Steve Berntson, Michael Bishop, John Brooks, Billie Brown, Betty Ellsworth, Llew Ernst, Art Forbes, Janet Fry, Ralph and Gloria Hjembo, Pat Kling, Sharon Knoll, Mark Koch, Kellyn Kohler, Sue LaFraugh, Buck Mann, James Matthaiei, Kara McDaniels, Nick McKenty, Robin Miller, Don Moffitt, Noelle Nelson, Shari Painter, Kris Rantalla, Bobby Reed, Dave Robert, Shirley Romanovich, Carolyn Rzesutek, Ben Sanbeck, Emil Schlenker, Bobbi Sloan, Ginny Siegle, Susan Scott, Ed Srsn, Dick Stender, John Sutton, Doug Wing

## THOSE BEING TREATED FOR CANCER

Mark Baldrige, Kristy Burnette, Margo Campbell, Jane Chantler, Gerry Cravens, Matt Cushman, Bob Dippert, Tiana Graves, Bob Gunderson, Kathy Hamilton, Kathy Horst-Smith, Julie Judy, Brittini Kelleher, Mary Loovis, Susan Perong, Sarah Rauen, Mario Silva, Ralph Storey, Fred Turshman, Louana Tyson

## UPCOMING MEMORIAL

Bob Peterson: Friday, December 15 at 11am



## DO LIFE TOGETHER

We comfort and care for each other, both here and around the world.

## MAKE ROOM

We value sacred space - our gatherings are a place of Holy Spirit moments and great healing.

## LOVE KIDS

We honor children and youth - through spiritual growth and general nurture - as a foundation for all we do.

## CREATE

We encourage music and the arts to enhance our worship and celebrate God's goodness with others.

## EMBRACE MESSINESS

We are guided by the Bible, embracing both spiritual truth and God's grace, as we share life's journey in all its messiness and all its glory, together.

## SHARE

We share our abundant blessings generously - through service and mission, God-given talents and wealth.