

Welcome to UPPC!

If this is your first visit, we are so glad you are here. In fact, we believe God brought you here today! Take a few minutes to read this bulletin to find out about some of the ministries going on at the church - getting involved is the best way to meet people and connect. We'd also love to have you stop by the Welcome Center (just outside the Sanctuary doors) after service. There is someone available to answer questions about the church as well as let you know more about ministries and opportunities available for you and your family.

We hope this morning is meaningful and rejuvenating for you!

THIS WEEK

OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY - THURSDAY | 8AM-4:30PM
FRIDAY | 8AM-12:30PM

TODAY 12.22

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 & 11AM

Early Childhood 9:30 & 11AM | 4mo-2yrs | Nursery • 3's-K | Room 113

Elementary 9:30 & 11AM | Grades 1-4 | The Lodge

Solid Ground 9:30AM | Grades 5-12 | Youth Room

Solid Ground 11AM | Grades 5-7 | Youth Room

CONNEXIONS 9:30-10:30AM | Fellowship Hall

SPARK CHRISTMAS PARTY 7-9PM | The Wayside

MONDAY 12.23

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 6AM | Room 121

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE (Family w/ candlelight) 6PM | Sanctuary

TUESDAY 12.24

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE (Family) 11AM | Sanctuary

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE (Traditional w/ candlelight) 7PM | Sanctuary

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE (Traditional w/ candlelight) 9PM | Sanctuary

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE (Acoustic w/ candlelight) 11PM | Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY 12.25

UPPC CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS

THURSDAY 12.26

UPPC CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS

FRIDAY 12.27

UPPC BUILDING & OFFICE CLOSED

ORDER OF SERVICE

*please stand if you are able

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

GATHERING MUSIC | *La Creche* | Felix-Alexandre Guilmant
Art Peterson, Organ

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP | Rev. Mike Moffitt

*GREETING ONE ANOTHER

*HYMN OF PRAISE | *Oh Come, All Ye Faithful*

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE | Micah 5:1-4 (NIV)
Ed & Amanda Wood and Family

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

MINISTRY OF MUSIC | *Mary, Did You Know?* | arr. Schrader
Men's Ensemble | Rev. Dr. Diana Greene, Minister of Worship

CHRISTMAS ON LOCATION: NAZARETH | Luke 2:6-20 (NIV)
Rev. Aaron Stewart, Senior Pastor

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE | *The First Noel*

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS
Lullaby | William Faulkes

SEALING THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*SENDING HYMN | *Go Tell it on the Mountain*

*THE BLESSING

*POSTLUDE | *Toccatina on Angels We Have Heard on High* | Richard Elliott



December 22, 2019

We are taking a journey all the way to the Holy Land, to the places where the Christmas story occurred. Where the story ends will surprise even the most seasoned of believers in our church. I'm excited for our 4th Sunday of Advent as well as our Christmas Eve worship offerings on Monday and Tuesday! I pray you are encouraged by the special services we have planned.

If you are anything like my family, this will be a full week for you, and we're all trying to stay centered as we prepare for Christmas. I pray you'll find space for time with the Lord and for the ability to be fully present to loved ones gathered near you.

I also pray that God will give us boldness and winsomeness as we invite people to Christmas eve services. "Lord, give us courage to invite!" This past week your UPPC elders came together to pray these very words over the pews in our Sanctuary. We believe everyone who joins us on Christmas Eve is there for a reason. Only God knows each one's story, but we prayed God's spirit would impact every person with the gift that is the Light of Christ!

Here on this 4th Sunday of Advent we visit the hills of Bethlehem to the most unlikely people who were the first to see the Messiah. Let's join them in our journey to the manger.

In the Journey Together,


Pastor Aaron Stewart

UNIVERSITY PLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Aaron Stewart | Senior Pastor
Rev. Mike Moffitt | Associate Pastor

Wifi: UPPC Guest | Password: welcome2

WAYS TO GIVE AT UPPC:

- Giving plates at offering
- Online: UPPC.org "Give"
- UPPC app

ALL CHURCH Info & sign ups at UPPC.org/events

Christmas Flowers

Donate a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one. Use a 'flower donation' envelope (located in the pew) to donate one today. \$20 suggested donation.

Parent Support Group (PSG)

Sunday January 5 | 12:30-1:45PM | Room 121

PSG is for those with children of any age living with special needs, different abilities, or sensory issues. In January, we will reflect on the holidays with our children - what worked well and what are some things to try differently next year. Lunch and childcare provided with registration at UPPC.org/events.

SCP Employment

Sunset Christian Preschool is hiring! Check out SunsetChristianPreschool.com/employment for more info.

Children's Choir Leaders

Alleluia Singers and the Youth Chorus have doubled in size! We need pianists to accompany the children, and volunteers to help keep the kids organized. If interested, please contact Rev. Dr. Diana Greene, dgreene@uppc.org

Holiday Office Hours

The UPPC building and office will be closed the following days in observance of Christmas and New Years:

Wednesday, December 25 Friday, December 27
 Thursday, December 26 Wednesday, January 1

On December 30-31, the office and building will be open from 8AM-12PM, and closed in the afternoon.

Music & Arts Institute

The Music & Arts Institute is accepting students for the winter term of private and/or group instruction. We offer top notch instruction by professional teachers who care about their students and are community-minded. Check us out at uppc.org/mai.

MINISTRY FUND GIVING

	November Total	July-November Total (Fiscal YTD)
Budget	\$196,800	\$789,250
Actual	<u>\$193,370</u>	<u>\$748,065</u>
Difference	-\$3,430	-\$41,185

Expenses: Ministry Fund expenses are \$2,100 under the projected expense budget for the July–November period.

Christmas Eve Services

December 23 | 6PM

Family-friendly with candlelight

December 24

11AM Family-friendly

7 & 9PM Traditional with candlelight

11PM Acoustic with candlelight



PRAYERS

Jill McMullen, Minister of Care | 253.564.2522 ext. 139, jmcmullen@uppc.org

- If you would like to share a prayer request or praise, please fill out a Prayer Request on the back of a CONNECT card located in a pew; email prayerrequests@uppc.org; or contact Jill McMullen.
- Deacons are available during the week to pray with you. If this is something you'd like, contact Jill McMullen.
- For info on support groups, contact Jill McMullen.

PRAYERS & PRAISES

- John Dunham is recovering well from an unplanned angiogram. Prayers for continued healing.
- Maya Kelly is HOME! Prayers for her to settle in at home and for the whole family to adjust to having nursing care again.
- Ross May had a stroke on December 16 and is making great improvement. Prayers for healing and his wife JoAnn as she supports him.
- Mike Moline is at Orchard Park Rehab dealing with severe edema in his legs. Prayers for healing and for wisdom about future plans.
- Lynn Royston had a stroke during a heart procedure on December 12 and is improving at St. Joe's. Prayers for continued healing and for his wife Fran and daughter Marty (Dean) Kelly as they support him.

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR: Jim Anderson, Ruth Brones, Billie Brown, Virginia Davies, Nick Glenn, Jung Gumsook, Phillip Hjembo, Adam Holmes, Bill Kelley, Maya Kelly, Rich Knoll, Kellyn Kohler, Kevin Kozakowski, Rod Livengood, Jeannie Mann, Kara McDaniels, Nick McKenty, Robin Miller, Mike Moline, Noelle Nelson, Evelyn O'Brien, Bob Parker, Mohammed Qader, Dave Robert, Mitch Sagers, Elizabeth Spitler, Ann Swalander, Pat Van Mason, BJ Wiebusch, Jean Whitney

THOSE BEING TREATED FOR CANCER: Jack Baker, Sally Bolton, Ron Coleman, Matt Cushman, Bob Dippert, Gayle Fowler, Jean Graves, Marty Heaverlo, Paul Jackson, Toby Jackson, Harold Jantz, Pam Judson, Scott Lillibridge, Peter MacDonald, Diane Martin, Marion Massey, Pauline May, Dan McDaniels, Guy McInelly, Chris Olson, Marge Ritchie, Peter Stewart

CONDOLENCES

Our sympathy to Carroll Dickson at the loss of his in-law, Katharyn C. Dennis, who passed away on December 13, 2019.

UPCOMING MEMORIALS:

Ken Lobeda: Saturday, January 4, at 2PM
 Richard DeVine: Friday, January 24, at 11:30AM

AS A
FAMILY
 OF FAITH, WE...

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 outreach, God-given talents and wealth.