

## 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 12.1

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

CREATING CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS 12:15-2PM | Gym

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP 12:30-1:45PM | Room 121

### MONDAY 12.2

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 6AM | Room 121

### TUESDAY 12.3

SPARK 7-8:30PM | The Wayside

### WEDNESDAY 12.4

BIBLE STUDY FOR ALL 10AM | Rm 121 | Gwenn Robertson, 253.564.0608

TRUE MEN 6:30-7:30PM | Fellowship Hall

THE WELL 6:30-7:30PM | The Wayside

CAMPFIRE (Grades 1-4) | 6:30-7:30PM | The Lodge

FOUNDATION (Grades 5-7) | 6:30-7:30PM | Youth Room

THE ROCK (Grades 8-9) | 7:30-9PM | The Lodge

CORNERSTONE (Grades 10-12) | 7:30-9PM | Youth Room

### THURSDAY 12.5

THURSDAY MORNING PRAYER 9-10AM | Family Worship Room

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 9:30-11AM | Fellowship Hall

BIBLE STUDY FOR ALL 7PM | Rm 121 | Gwenn Robertson, 253.564.0608

## ORDER OF SERVICE \*please stand if you are able

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

GATHERING MUSIC | *All Glory Be to God oOn High* | Georg Boehm  
Art Peterson, Organ

*People Look East* | arr. Caracciolo/Loftis  
Chancel Brass | Keith Loftis, Director of Worship Operations

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP  
Jill McMullen, Minister of Care and Connect & Welcome

\*HYMN OF PRAISE | *People, Look East*

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE | Isaiah 40:1-5, 9 (NIV)  
Randi Downs, Rhiannan and Rainbow

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS  
*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* | arr. Dan Forrest | Nancy Keay, Piano  
Sanctuary Choir | UPPC Brass | Rev. Dr. Diana Greene, Minister of Worship

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHRISTMAS ON LOCATION: *Emptiness, Silence, Waiting* | Luke 1:5-25 (NIV)  
Rev. Mike Moffitt, Associate Pastor

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE | *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

### SEALING THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION | *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

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 | *Lift up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

\*THE BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE | *A Joyous Acclamation* | Lani Smith

## TODAY IS COMMUNION SUNDAY

COMMUNION IS DISMISSED BY ROWS: All who call Jesus Christ their Lord and Savior are welcome. Take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup. A gluten-free station is available on the front left. If you are in need of prayer for yourself or someone else, or would like to be anointed with oil, Deacons are available to pray with you in the back of the Sanctuary during Communion.

## 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



## CHRISTMAS ON LOCATION

December 1, 2019

Merry Christm—..... Well, not yet. Christmas is coming soon, but this week marks the beginning of the season called Advent. Advent basically means "Get ready, something is coming!" And today we know who it is: the Christ child. But every year during Advent we enter back into the experience of waiting and longing for God's "chosen one" — the Messiah — to finally bring peace and stability to the land.

This year we are going to have "Christmas on Location." In October Pastor Aaron visited the Holy Land, and among the many things he experienced was the stark reality of the actual places where the events leading to Christmas happened. Accompanied by stories, photos, and maps, we are going on a journey together this December to discover that what has become holiday sentiment for many of us actually happened at a real time, to real people, in real places.

This week we'll hear about a real couple: Zechariah and Elizabeth. Before there was a sky full of angels singing or the sound of the Christ child cooing in the manger, Zechariah and Elizabeth had endured years of emptiness, followed by a shocking experience of silence, and a season of waiting. It started where they would have expected — in the temple in Jerusalem. Little did they know how unexpected the rest of the Christmas story would be.

In the journey together,

Pastor Mike Moffitt



# ALL CHURCH

Info & sign ups at [UPPC.org/events](http://UPPC.org/events)

## Parent Support Group

Today | 12:30-1:45PM | Room 121

Parent Support Group is for those with children of any age living with special needs, different abilities, or sensory issues. Our December topic is "supporting siblings in special needs families."

## Community Christmas

Saturday December 14 | UPPC

Community Christmas supports local families (including 300 kids!) in our community, but we need your help to make it happen. Here's what you can do:

- Give a Christmas gift: pick a tag off the tree in the lobby (directions on tag), or donate money for a gift
- Volunteer: sign up at [UPPC.org/events](http://UPPC.org/events) to help on the 14th

## The Sounds of Christmas

Sunday December 15 | 9:30 & 11AM Services

Join us for a family worship experience featuring UPPC choirs, orchestra, and children that moves us from the Holy Land to the ends of the earth as Christmas is born in the hearts of every people and nation.

## Angel Tree Gift Deliveries

December 15-24

Be an agent of hope by delivering Christmas presents to children on behalf of their incarcerated parent. Christmas presents selected by the parent are bought and wrapped in advance. We need volunteers to deliver these gifts to families and children before Christmas. All deliveries will be made in the Tacoma or Lakewood area. Volunteer by contacting Bob Freeborn: [raf0444@comcast.net](mailto:raf0444@comcast.net), (253) 566-1651.

## Please Join Us for Christmas Eve Services

**Monday, December 23 | 6PM | Sanctuary**

Unable to make it on the true Christmas Eve? Join us for a family-friendly candlelight service on the eve of Christmas Eve.

**Tuesday, December 24 | Sanctuary**

**11am** (family-oriented) | **7&9PM** (traditional) | **11pm** (acoustic)

Join us for our annual Christmas Eve services. Evening services include candlelight.

## Faith Commitment Cards

Thank you to everyone who contributed a 2020 Faith Commitment Card. We are so blessed by the generosity of our church, and we look forward to continuing ministry with you to our church, our community, and the world in the coming year. If you have not yet filled one out, they are available in the pew pockets. Place it in the offering or submit it to the church office, or fill one out online at [UPPC.org/give](http://UPPC.org/give).



## WINTER SEASONAL GROUPS

Learn more & sign up today | Lobby



## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DECEMBER 14



## HOLY LAND TRIP 2021 Informational Meeting

Sunday December 15 | 12:15PM | Fellowship Hall

## 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, please fill out a Prayer Request on the back of a CONNECT card located in a pew; email [prayerrequests@uppc.org](mailto: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

- Jim Anderson moved back to Rainier Rehab on Monday. Prayers for his continued healing.

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

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

## CONDOLENCES

Our sympathy to Jeanette Scott at the loss of her sister, Donna, who passed away on November 19, 2019 in Denver.

Our sympathy to Sue Walen at the loss of her brother, Bob Mitchell, who passed away on November 18, 2019.

Our sympathy to Doug Wing at the loss of his wife, Gloria, who passed away on November 22, 2019. Her memorial will be Saturday, December 7 at 2PM.

## SESSION NOTES NOVEMBER 19, 2019

Session approved the establishment of two new Session-designated funds, one for Operational Reserves and one for Opening Doors, to be funded initially by the proceeds from the sale of the duplexes.

Session approved the following designations recommended by the Finance Team for special Thanksgiving and Christmas offerings:

- Thanksgiving Offering – to be given to Families Unlimited Network
- Christmas Offering – to be shared between the Ministry Fund and the Deacon Fund (can be 50/50 or some other split)

Pastor Aaron taught on Adaptive Leadership in Diversity.

# 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.