

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.

The Promise of Christmas



SERVICE INFORMATION

The Promise: Radical Grace
Isaiah 54:7-10
Rev. Mike Moffitt, Associate Pastor
Rev. Aaron Stewart, Senior Pastor

9:30AM CLASSIC SERVICE

**Please stand if able*

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Diana Greene, Minister of Worship; UPPC Men's Ensemble; Chancel Bells; Instrumental Ensemble; Art Peterson, Organist

Prelude: *Handbell Worship Celebration*

Welcome & Call to Worship

***Hymn of Praise:** *Angels We Have Heard On High*

Candle of Joy: The Koweh Family

Ministry of Music:

Whisper, Whisper | Jay Althouse | Phil Nygaard and Larry Clark, Soloists
Follow That Star | Emily Cocker | Jim Maxwell, Soloist

Prayer for the Children & Greet One Another

Message

***Hymn of Response:** *Hark The Herald Angels Sing*

Rooted Testimonies

Ministry of Music: *Child of God* | Emily Cocker

God's Tithes & Our Offerings

Prayers of the People

***Sending Hymn:** *Joy To The World*

The Blessing

Postlude: *Noël Suisse*

11AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

Worship Leaders: Loren & Melinda Tucker, Lisa Priestley and Jessica Reid

Candle of Joy: Crossroads (UPPC Young Adults) Espy Riverman, Dayton Thomas, Aaron Bennett, and Brianne Slaughter

Christmas Day | Chris Tomlin & We The Kingdom

Hark The Herald / O Come Let Us Adore Him | Christy Nockels

Here Comes Heaven | Elevation Worship

King Of Kings | Hillsong Worship

Rev. Aaron Stewart | Senior Pastor

Rev. Mike Moffitt | Associate Pastor

Wifi: UPPC Guest | Password: welcome2

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WAYS TO GIVE AT UPPC:

- Baskets in lobby
- Online: UPPC.org/give



UNIVERSITY PLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 17, 2023

CONNECT

in person - online - get the app!

The Promise Playlist

Worship Anywhere on Spotify

Enjoy your favorite Christmas songs on the go! Follow The Wayside on Spotify, look for *The Promise* playlist and worship all week long.

Year End Giving

Thank you for your generosity!

Reminder that donations for 2023 must be postmarked or delivered to UPPC by December 31. Holiday office hours: Closed on December 26 and 9am-12pm, December 27-29. Giving statements are always available online and will also be sent out in January 2024.

FLOURISHING

January 7 - March 24 | 5:30-7:30pm

Explore God's vision for human flourishing, the challenges that hinder flourishing within our local community, and how God is inviting us to bring healing, hope, and transformation for others. Hear from guest speakers, examine your own gifts and context, and reflect upon how God has uniquely prepared you to help others flourish. Includes dinner! Childcare available with registration at UPPC.org/events.

ALPHA

January 7 - March 24 | 5:30-7:30pm

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 for eleven weeks this winter. More at UPPC.org/events!



Christmas Eve at UPPC

December 24

Invite friends, family and neighbors to join us at one of three Christmas Eve services this year.

At 11am we will share in a retelling of the Christmas story that will delight all ages. Then, at 4 and 6pm we will sing carols by candlelight and experience Jesus' light together. Both services will be filled with wonderful music and worship.

Come and embrace the spirit of love, joy, peace, and hope as we gather together to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ and God's Promise to us.

The Wayside Gift Cards

Available now!

Stop by The Wayside today to pickup gift cards in any denomination for friends, neighbors, hosts and delivery drivers! Let's share this beautiful space with community and welcome new opportunities for fellowship!

THE WAYSIDE



Sunday-Thursday 8:30am-1pm

Stop by The Wayside on your way to work, after kid dropoff, or for a meetup with friends. Enjoy great coffee in an uplifting, comfortable atmosphere. Free wifi!

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, email 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.

- Gretchen Boyt is recovering from heart surgery to make some changes in her pacemaker. Prayers for a good recovery and noticeable changes.
- Carolyn Rzesutek is having hip replacement surgery on December 26 after successfully recovering from her back surgery. Prayers for successful surgery and continued overall healing.
- Prayers for all the families and volunteers who have participated in Community Christmas this year. May they experience true joy this Christmas.

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR

Steve Berntson, Michael Bishop, John Brooks, Billie Brown, Betty Ellsworth, Lew Ernst, Art Forbes, Janet Fry, Ralph and Gloria Hjembo, Pat Kling, Sharon Knoll, Mark Koch, Kellyn Kohler, Sue LaFraugh, Buck Mann, James Matthaei, 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 Loois, Susan Perong, Sarah Rauen, Mario Silva, Ralph Storey, Fred Turshman, Louana Tyson

CONDOLENCES

Our sympathy to Jim and Janet Fry at the loss of their son, Steven Fry, on December 3, 2023.



Blue Christmas Worship Service

December 21 @ 7pm
at UPPC
or UPPC.org/live

*Christmas can be hard.
Find hope and peace.*

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.