

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.

The people and the places within the Christmas story are real. But it's not the stylized, hallmark version of the Christmas story and nativity scenes that we see today. Instead it was so very real, and involved real people, real contexts and real places. It's a story that begins in Jerusalem and moves some 60 miles north to Nazareth before turning south 100 miles to the city of David, Bethlehem. It will conclude with a clash of world powers in the city of Jerusalem.

But the story was never meant to end there. Instead it would move from the Holy Land to the ends of the earth as Christmas is born in the hearts of every people and nation. And so it is that the journey of Christmas comes to our home town, too. May you receive the gift that is Jesus, the Christ!

Merry Christmas!


Pastor Aaron Stewart
Senior Pastor

We Believe
the *Lord*
brought *you*
here tonight!

ORDER OF SERVICE

**Please stand if able*

GATHERING MUSIC | *Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming* | Praetorius/Bock
Art Peterson, Organ

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing | arr. Jeff Cranfill
UPPC Orchestra | Joel Westgaard, Conductor

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP | Rev. Aaron Stewart

*CAROL | *Once in Royal David's City*

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE
7PM: Steve, Lexi, Hazel & Juniper Barnett | 9PM Marilee Hill-Anderson & Joel Anderson

READING 1 | A Prophecy of the Savior's Arrival | Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 | Rev. Mike Moffitt
*CAROL | *Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming*

READING 2 | A Prophecy of the Savior's Peace | Isaiah 11:1-3, 6
7PM Mark Seeley | 9PM Bob Walter
CAROL | *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

READING 3 | The Angel's Grand Announcement | Luke 1:26-38
7PM Lou Ann Crabbe | 9PM Liz Martin

ANTHEM | *Still, Still, Still* | Steve Dunn
UPPC Orchestra | Sarah Ibsen, Soloist | Rev. Dr. Diana Greene, Minister of Worship

READING 4 | The Birth of Jesus | Luke 2:1-7 | Rev. Mike Moffitt
CAROL | *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

READING 5 | The Shepherds Hear the News First | Luke 2:8-20
7PM Luke Stewart | 9PM Samantha Laramie
*CAROL | *Angels We Have Heard on High*

READING 6 | The News Spreads Beyond Israel | Matthew 2:1-11
7PM Sally Barrett | 9PM Cynthia Darland
CAROL | *We Three Kings*

READING 7 | The Light of God for All People | John 1:1-14 | Rev. Mike Moffitt
*CAROL | *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS
Angels from the Realms of Glory | Dan Forrest
Sanctuary Choir | Rev. Dr. Diana Greene, Minister of Worship

CHRISTMAS ON LOCATION: THE LIGHT OF CHRIST
Acts 1:6-8 (NIV) | Rev. Aaron Stewart, Senior Pastor

SHARING THE LIGHT | *Silent Night, Holy Night*

*A CHRISTMAS BLESSING

*POSTLUDE | *Noel* | Louis-Claude D'Aquin

UNIVERSITY PLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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WAYS TO GIVE AT UPPC:

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

CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday, December 24

UNIVERSITY PLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

7 & 9PM | Welcome!



Community at UPPC

Learn more at UPPC.org and on our app!

WELCOME LUNCH
Sunday January 12 | 12:15-2PM
New to UPPC? We'd love to get to know you! Meet the pastors, staff and others looking for community. Lunch is on us! Register at the Welcome Center or online at UPPC.org/events. Childcare is available with registration. Contact Kathy Goertz, 253.564.2522 ext.147 or kgoertz@uppc.org.

FUN FAIR
Saturday February 1 | 11AM-2PM
Mark your calendar! This free event for families with toddlers through 5th grade will be fun for the whole family. Learn about Sunset Christian Preschool & UPPC Kids, meet the staff, and tour preschool classrooms. Everyone will have a good time with bouncy houses, carnival games, face painting and a FREE lunch!

DIVORCE RECOVERY
February 6-March 12 | Thursdays 6:15-9PM
Divorce is hard. The Divorce Recovery experience at UPPC is a place to gain healthy insight and courage to begin to move ahead. While it is difficult when your life and world have been cast into turmoil and chaos, now can be the beginning of a new way of living and hoping! Learn more at UPPC.org/care.



WEDNESDAY NIGHTS FOR KIDS & YOUTH | BEGINNING JANUARY 9
Campfire | Grades 1-4 | 6:30-7:30PM
Campfire is our mid-week program where students meet new friends, play crazy games, learn about Jesus around the campfire and eat s'mores!
Foundation | Grades 5-7 | 6:30-7:30PM
Middle School students are invited to join us on Wednesday nights to play games, have fun and learn what it means to love Jesus. Stay late (until 7:45) for ice cream!
The Rock | Grades 8-9 | 7:30-9PM
Junior highers come together mid-week and learn what it means to love Jesus - in a fun environment with friends and games.
Cornerstone | Grades 10-12 | 7:30-9PM
Cornerstone is a place to hang out with friends, de-stress, and play fun group games. It exists to create space to discover who God is and give students the life tools to build an identity around the true cornerstone: Jesus Christ.

MUSIC & ARTS INSTITUTE
Part of loving the arts and creativity at UPPC means making the arts accessible to everyone. Our Music & Arts Institute provides quality instruction to people of all ages, regardless of financial status. We offer year-round private music instruction to students of all ages and skill levels, summer classes and workshops, and performance opportunities at recitals, master classes, worship services, and community outreach events. Learn more about the Music & Arts Institute at UPPC.org/mai.

Acts 1:6-8 (NIV)

Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

ESSENTIALS
Saturday January 25 | 9AM-1:30PM
There's a place for you at UPPC. Explore what that means at our next Essentials class. You will learn about what it means to belong to the UPPC community by learning more about the mission, theology and ministry of UPPC, as well as be prepared to participate in our Insights class, the follow-up to Essentials. Lunch is provided and childcare is available for ages 4 months and up. Register online at UPPC.org/events or contact Kathy Goertz, kgoertz@uppc.org.



SUPPORT FOR PARENTS OF SPECIAL NEEDS KIDS
We get that parenting a child with special needs has its own unique challenges. That's why we offer the Parent Support Group for those with children of any age living with special needs, different abilities, or sensory issues. We meet for lunch after the second service on the first Sunday of each month.

January 5 | 12:15PM | In January, we will reflect on the holidays with our children - what worked well and what are some things to try differently next year. Register online at UPPC.org/events.

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.