

## 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 12.29

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 & 11AM

Early Childhood 9:30 & 11AM | 4mo-4yrs | Nursery

Family Worship Today - no Sunday School

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

### MONDAY 12.30

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 6AM | Room 121

### WEDNESDAY 1.1

UPPC CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF NEW YEARS

### THURSDAY 1.2

THURSDAY MORNING PRAYER 9-10AM | Family Worship Room

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

### SATURDAY 1.4

KEN LOBEDA MEMORIAL 1PM | Sanctuary

## ORDER OF SERVICE

\*please stand if you are able

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

GATHERING MUSIC | *Allegro* | George Frederic Handel  
Art Peterson, Organ

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP | Rev. Mike Moffitt

\*GREETING ONE ANOTHER

\*HYMN OF PRAISE | *As With Gladness Men of Old*

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING | Psalm 87 (NIV) | Sarah Ibsen

MINISTRY OF MUSIC | *We Three Kings* | Hopkins, Jr. arr Keveren  
Lisa Ingraham, Violin | Art Peterson, Piano

**CHRISTMAS ON LOCATION:** Journey of the Magi | Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV)  
Rob Clark, Minister of Youth & Children

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE | *We Three Kings*

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS  
*Andante* | John Stainer

### 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 | *Joy to the World*

\*THE BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE | *March of the Wise Men* | Elmer Samuel Hosmer



December 29, 2019

Wow, what a week we've had as a church! Well over 2,000 people have come through our doors for the past seven services. Thank you to everyone who helped our guests experience the love of Jesus this Christmas season!

We've been doing Christmas "on location" throughout our advent series — attempting to get a glimpse of the reality of this story and better understand how the people within the story experienced the arrival of Jesus. What we've found in this journey together is just how radical and unexpected the events surrounding the incarnation were.

Today, the radical nature of God's revelation continues in perhaps the most unexpected way yet. We all grew up with images of the "Three Wise Men," or, "The Three Kings," or, "The Three Magi." But, have we ever stopped to consider how different these three titles are? Whichever of those three titles we grew up using, it probably shaped the way we perceived these three men and in turn, shaped the way we interpreted the narrative. This morning, we'll visit the Magi on location, and in doing so, find that this story is much more scandalous than many of us may have known. The story of the Magi speaks directly to God's heart for pursuing and including those on the outside.

I'm excited to be with you today!



Rob Clark

Minister of Youth & Children

## 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](http://UPPC.org/events)

## 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](http://UPPC.org/events).

## SCP Employment

Sunset Christian Preschool is hiring! Check out [SunsetChristianPreschool.com/](http://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](mailto:dgreene@uppc.org)

## Holiday Office Hours

The UPPC building and office will be closed Wednesday, January 1 in observance of Christmas and New Years. 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](http://uppc.org/mai).

## End-of-Year Giving

Thank you for your partnership and generous support of the ministries at UPPC. All gifts to UPPC are tax-deductible. For your gift to qualify for your 2019 taxes, it needs to be postmarked by December 31, reach the church office no later than 12noon December 31, or be given using our website, [UPPC.org/giving](http://UPPC.org/giving), or our app by midnight of December 31. If you have questions about your specific giving records, please contact Kristen Laramie at [klaramie@uppc.org](mailto:klaramie@uppc.org), or call her at the church at 253.564.2522 ext. 163.

## 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.



## YOUTH MISSION FUNDRAISER

Help our high school students raise money for Mexico Mission 2020!  
 Bring the whole family - a portion of your bill will benefit Mission 2020 when you show them this card or mention the UPPC Youth Mission Fundraiser.

Wednesday January 8 | all day  
**Moctezuma's Mexican Restaurant**  
 4102 S 56th Street | Tacoma, WA 98409



## 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 & PRAISES

- Diane Banks has a reoccurrence of cancer. She is facing chemo soon. Prayers for strength and for the treatment to work.

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, Ross May, Kara McDaniels, Nick McKenty, Robin Miller, Mike Moline, Noelle Nelson, Evelyn O'Brien, Bob Parker, Mohammed Qader, Dave Robert, Lynn Royston, 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

## CELEBRATING NEW LIFE

William Alexander Glaze, son of Grace Allen, was born on December 16, 2019. His proud family includes grandparents Jeff and SuLee Allen and aunts Bella and Lily Allen.

## UPCOMING MEMORIALS:

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

# THE WAYSIDE



Sun-Thurs 8:30AM-1PM  
 Stop by mid-week! Grab your morning coffee, meet up with friends, or try us out as a place to work (yup, we have free wifi!)

# 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.